

Island in the sun

A huge bench and an *indoor-outdoor* connection create a *special space*.

DESIGNER Alison Oldfield: “The kitchen acts like the ‘central station’ in the house. Its extended length reinforces the linearity and main circulation path within the home, aligning itself with the timber-lined bulkhead that leads outside to the covered entertaining area. The benchtop appears to flow through to the outdoor kitchen, creating a seamless link from inside to out. A wall of timber veneer joinery encloses appliances and storage. It also hides a greater utility space beyond, including a butler’s pantry. This cabinetry provides a central core to the home, which offers extensive storage and functionality throughout.” *What luxury items did you choose for this kitchen, regardless of budget?* “The stunning seven-metre benchtop and stainless-steel canopy form an integral part of the kitchen, living and dining space, helping to create a flow and balance the palette within it. It sits like a piece of sculpture.”

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Joinery Timber veneer in ‘Oak Rift Swamp’ from George Fethers & Co. Two-pack on island in Dulux ‘Lexicon’ half-strength. **Benchtop** Snow surface from Caesarstone. **Sinks** Franke ‘Kubus’. **Tapware** Gessi 13193BN pullout mixers from Abey. **Ovens** Miele underbench, butler’s oven, steam oven, microwave. **Rangehood** Qasair ‘Elite’ ECH900-IT in custom-designed canopy. **Lighting** Custom LED strip from LPA Lighting. **Flooring** ‘Grigio’ stone from The City Tiler. **Storage solutions** Extensive concealed storage, including special appliance cupboard. Butler’s pantry. For stockists see Address Book.

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