

More than just bling

■ **Sally-Ann Jones**

Having looked at about 20 villas in their price range, Peter and Vivian McAvaney were getting a bit tired of traipsing around the metropolitan area.

They had sold their house in Geraldton and were moving to Perth to be near their adult daughter Rebecca and their grand-daughter.

When the couple visited this property during the real estate agent's twilight home open, their daughter said "This is the one!" before they had even

walked through the front door.

"It was all lit up," Mrs McAvaney said. "With lights along the driveway and sparkling inside the house, it looked like fairyland. Peter jokes that I fell in love with the bling but it was much more than that.

"We might have downsized, but really, we've got so much space. I haven't even filled all the cupboards.

"My son, his wife and their boys live in the United States and there's easily enough room here for all of them when they come to visit soon."

Mrs McAvaney said the entrance to the villa did impress her on that first visit, with the attractive textured white tiles in the foyer, the twinkling light above that reflected in the floor tiles, and the clever use of strip lighting.

The theatre room, with its bulkhead ceiling and light trough, had lights that remind her of a disco.

Mr McAvaney said the home's high ceilings, decorative cornices and good-quality bathroom and kitchen fittings and door furniture convinced him it was a good buy.



The main suite, which has a sizeable dressing room and ensuite, are off the entry, separated from the other two bedrooms and bathroom by the central kitchen, meals, family and alfresco area.

A study nook is a clever addition between the heart of the home and the bedroom wing, enabling a computer user to feel part of the family while also enjoying some peace.

Pale, stylish decor is a good background for Mr McAvaney's spectacular photographs of orchids and a patch of Eneabba bush. The photos are printed on canvas and hung on several walls.

Gabby Ferolla, wife of

Promenade Constructions managing director Tom Ferolla, said she had enjoyed being part of the design process for the villa.

"We source everything from local suppliers," she said. "That way we're not only helping to feed our economy, we're also making sure we get good quality, and that it will be easier to get spare parts and replacements and fix any problems that might arise."

■ The home was an entry in the 2014 HIA Perth Housing awards in the townhouse/villa category, \$200,001-\$300,000. For inquiries, phone Promenade Construction on 9349 8004.



The night-time exterior of the Dianella property instantly won the owners over.

