

# Full Brick

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The Bragg Family



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Ted and Tulin Bragg were not new to the advantages of full brick. They already lived in a full brick home when they bought an old fibro house with a view to replacing it with a two-storey, four-bedroom home.

Touring open houses and display homes only reinforced their decision. “It was interesting to see people knocking on the walls and asking if the home was full brick,” Ted tells us. “We are not the only ones who know the benefits of full brick!”

The Braggs are now more than ever sold on the benefits of full brick, especially inside where the walls are plastered and painted. With two children, Esma, 11, and Davud, 7, the home was designed to separate the children’s and the parent’s areas. “The solid brick walls give better thermal and sound insulation and are not prone to termite infestation,” says Tulin. “They are not as easily damaged as plasterboard.”

Ted agrees, adding that they have reduced external maintenance by choosing Colourbrick, a revolutionary brickwork colour colouring system, exclusive to Austral Bricks. “It gives a rendered look but with a permanent colour, eliminating repainting.”

The Braggs installed ducted heating and cooling but like so many happy full brick owners, they report that it is rarely used. “Even in extreme summer heat we do not use the cooling system during the day but rely on cross-ventilation and the thermal qualities of the brick walls to keep the temperature comfortable,” says Ted. “If the bedrooms get too warm we will run the cooling system for half an hour and it will remain comfortable during the night.”

In winter they run a gas heater in the family area and do not rely on the ducted system until close to bedtime.

The Braggs love the feeling of permanence and security their full brick home gives them. “We believe our full brick home will age much better than other forms of construction. And if we ever decide to sell, it will command a premium price.”

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