



BATHROOM
design notes

JOINERY Custom cabinetry in Dulux Oriental Bay, Captive

BENCHTOP Quantum Quartz in Alpine White, Central Coast Granite

TAPWARE/SHOWER Nikles twin-rail shower and Milli 'Pure' tapware, Reece

BATH Kado 'Lux Petite' freestanding bath, Reece (opposite)

BASIN Axa 'H10' basin, Reece

FLOORING/WALLS Tiles by Kate

BUILDER Tranquil Projects

SMART CASUAL

Efficient planning takes priority in these relaxed-yet-refined rooms by Sydney interior designer Sally Rhys-Jones.

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JOINERY Custom designed by Rhys-Jones Interior Architecture, made by Captive and finished in Dulux Silkworth

BENCHTOP Quantum Quartz in Alpine White, Central Coast Granite

TAPWARE Brodware 'City Stik' wall mixer sets, Candana

BASIN American Standard 'Heron' basin, Reece

LIGHTING Circa Lighting 'Hulton' double sconce, Laura Kincade

FLOORING Carrara marble tiles, Ammonite Living

BUILDER Blue Label Construction



Sydney-based interior designer Sally Rhys-Jones says that bathrooms and laundries are no longer an afterthought: they're a top priority for today's homeowners. Headlining people's wish lists is always practicality - except for in powder rooms, which are often on show for visitors. Here, good looks are the number-one goal.

For functional laundries, Sally (above) says good spatial planning is vital to maximise storage and bench space for folding and sorting. In these areas, her colour palette veers towards neutrality, but in bathrooms she sees an opportunity to inject gentle colour - perhaps by way of pastel-pink walls or baby-blue joinery. Sally almost always incorporates textural tiles, fabulous sconces, natural stone and, in main bathrooms, a stone-clad bench seat in the shower. For her casual-yet-classic aesthetic, it's all about juxtaposing elements such as Shaker-style joinery and traditional farmhouse sinks with pared-back, shapely tapware and eye-catching marble.

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How would you describe your design aesthetic? Coastal. Relaxed but refined. And contemporary yet classic.

Bathrooms, powder rooms, laundries and mudrooms were once an afterthought in Australian residential design. How has that changed? I feel like these rooms are almost the first thought in people's minds today. These spaces tend to be the first thing people bring up with me when we talk about the changes they want to make to their houses.

What are some of the luxuries you include in these rooms? Always some natural stone, beautiful tapware - and I like an interesting wall light. Handmade tiles also offer a beautiful textural luxury that's hard to go past.

Do you enjoy designing these more intimate and utilitarian spaces? These rooms are my favourite to design, actually. A lot of clients don't realise that, with good planning and design, the more practical spaces in a home can also be some of its most beautiful.

What is top of your clients' lists of must-haves for these rooms? Storage tends to always be high on the wish list for the homeowners I work with.

What are your key considerations when designing these spaces? **Bathroom:** Always layout and scale. Using the homeowner's wish list, we come up with multiple options and then work in the materials and add unique elements to create interest. **Powder room:** Aesthetics are first for me in a powder room - this is a space your guests will see. I want this space to be interesting and beautiful. It's probably one space where, while it still needs to be functional, you don't need to consider practicality as the top priority.

Laundry: It's always function first in the laundry. We try to get in some full-height storage and a decent amount of bench space. **Mudroom:** It's all about focusing on multiple storage options and keeping things really functional while still looking good. Our mudrooms or cabinetry usually includes a spot to sit, ventilated drawers for shoes to be hidden neatly away, and a couple of good-looking hooks for bags and jackets.

Some of these rooms have to work hard in a small space. How do you maximise aesthetics and functionality? I always start with function. While it's my job to make things look beautiful, if they don't function, the space has already failed. I design with finishes in mind, but we always begin with the layouts to make sure they function well.

If your client wants to include one key luxury element in these rooms, what would you advise them to choose? A natural stone element. I love a stone-clad bench seat in a shower. It adds a real sense of luxury.

What is the best reaction you've had from a client to one of your finished rooms? I've had a few clients cry. You probably can't get a better reaction than that.

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BENCHTOP SNB Stone 'Liberty Grey' marble, Central Coast Granite

BATH Moda 'Chloe' freestanding bath, ACS Designer Bathrooms

FIXTURES Brodware 'City Stik' wall set in Satin Chrome and 'City Plus' shower set in Satin Chrome, both Candana

BASIN American Standard 'Heron' basin, Reece

WALLS Off-white zellige tiles, Barefoot Living

BUILDER Boom Build

FLOORING Porcelain tiles, Barefoot Living



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JOINERY Custom cabinetry in Dulux Lexicon Half, designed by Sally Rhys-Jones, built by Streamlined Kitchens

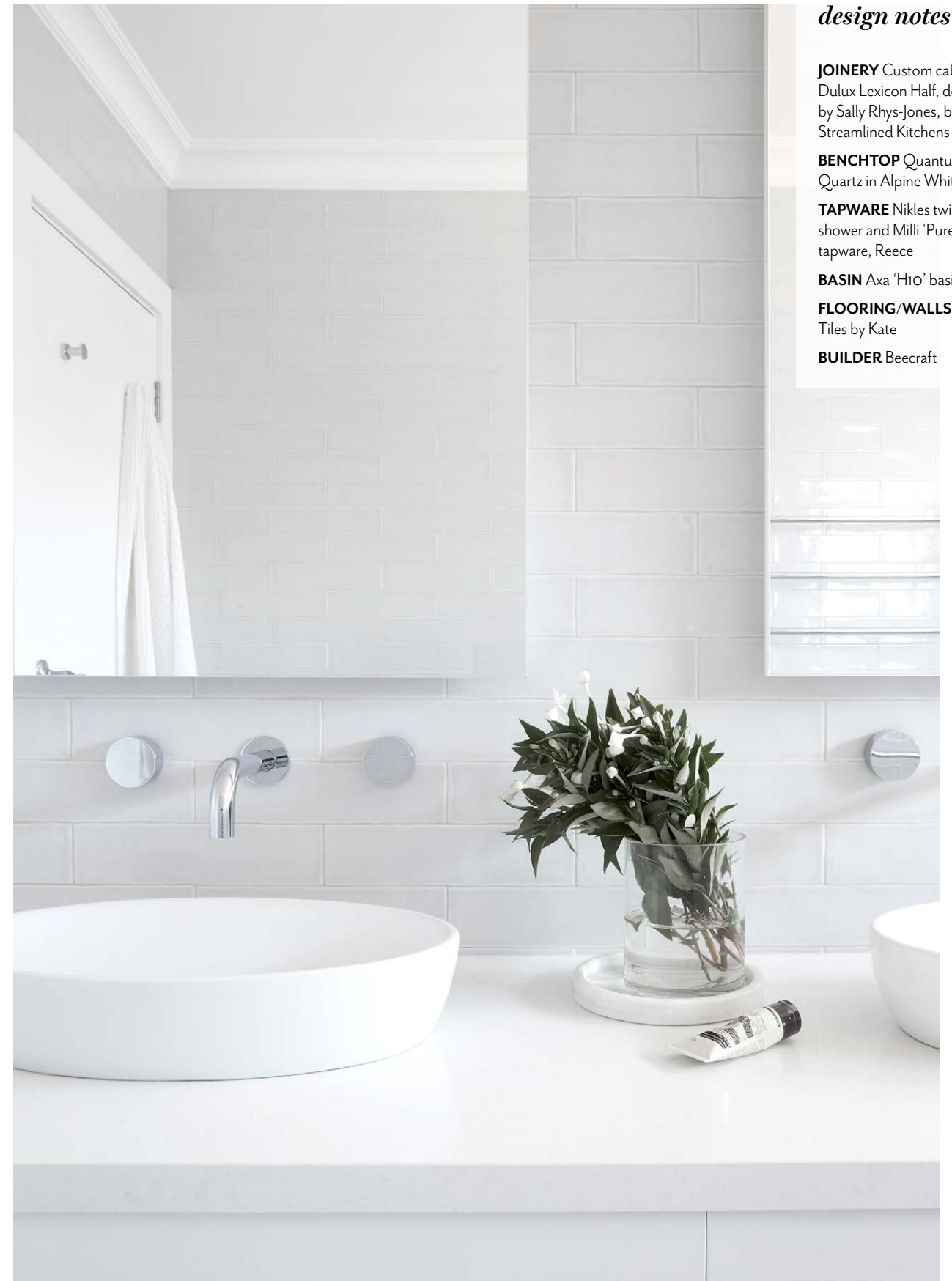
BENCHTOP Quantum Quartz in Alpine White

TAPWARE Nikles twin-rail shower and Milli 'Pure' tapware, Reece

BASIN Axa 'H10' basin, Reece

FLOORING/WALLS Tiles by Kate

BUILDER Beecraft



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POWDER ROOM
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BENCHTOP Alpine White, Quantum Quartz

TAPWARE Brodware 'City Stik' wall set, Candana

BASIN ADP 'Hope' basin, Reece

FLOORING Fibonacci terrazzo tiles, Di Lorenzo

WALLS Porter's Paints Baby Doll

BUILDER Beecraft

POWDER ROOM
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BENCHTOP Carrara marble, Central Coast Granite

BASIN American Standard 'Heron' basin, Reece

TAPWARE Brodware 'City Stik' wall set, Candana

BUILDER Blue Label Construction



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WALLPAPER Schumacher
'Palm Damask' wallpaper
in Sky

TAPWARE Sussex
'Scala' mixer, Reece

BASIN Axa 'Cento 600'
basin, Reece

BUILDER Beecraft

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LAUNDRY
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JOINERY Custom cabinetry
in Dulux Grey Pail, designed
by Rhys-Jones Interior
Architecture, built by
Streamlined Kitchens

BENCHTOP Quantum
Quartz in Alpine White

SINK Shaws 'Butler 600'
sink, Candana

TAPWARE Nobili 'Flag' sink
mixer, Reece

FLOORING Tiles by Kate

BUILDER Beecraft

LAUNDRY
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JOINERY Custom cabinetry in Dulux Lexicon Quarter, Captive

BENCHTOP Quantum Quartz in Alpine White, Central Coast Granite

SPLASHBACK Quantum Six+ in Iceberg Six+ by Quantum Quartz, Central Coast Granite

SINK Shaws 'Butler' sink, Candana

TAPWARE Perrin & Rowe bibcock taps, The English Tapware Company

HANDLES Aged-brass pulls, Mother of Pearl & Sons

FLOORING Jurassic Grey tiles, Barefoot Living



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