

# Keeping it in the family

When members of the same family work and live together, getting the balance right can be tricky, but one local family of builders seems to have worked it out.

Father to four daughters Stephen Knight is also the owner and managing director of award-winning Steventons Construction Group, a company gaining a solid reputation as a specialist in the custom design and building of terrace homes.

Mr Knight has already built a home at Lightsview for one daughter, Lisa, a designer who also works in the business and he's now building homes for two other daughters, to be completed in the new year. He can't think of a better place for his girls to live.

"Lightsview is such a great place. It doesn't matter what stage of life you're at – either starting out, a family, or downsizing," he said.

"The whole Lightsview experience is very attractive in terms of location, good design and community."

Lisa Knight is celebrating her first 12 months as a Lightsview resident after moving into her terrace home last December.

She described the process of designing and building her own place as a fantastic experience and one where I learned a lot.

"I live here with my partner," she said.

"We've got an energy efficient terrace with two bedrooms, two living spaces and a double-storey void that lets in a lot of light. A terrace is a great option because it means you can get a lot out of a small block.

"We love it here and have great neighbours. We've got a dog and are just 50m from one of the nearest parks which are being used by people all the time.

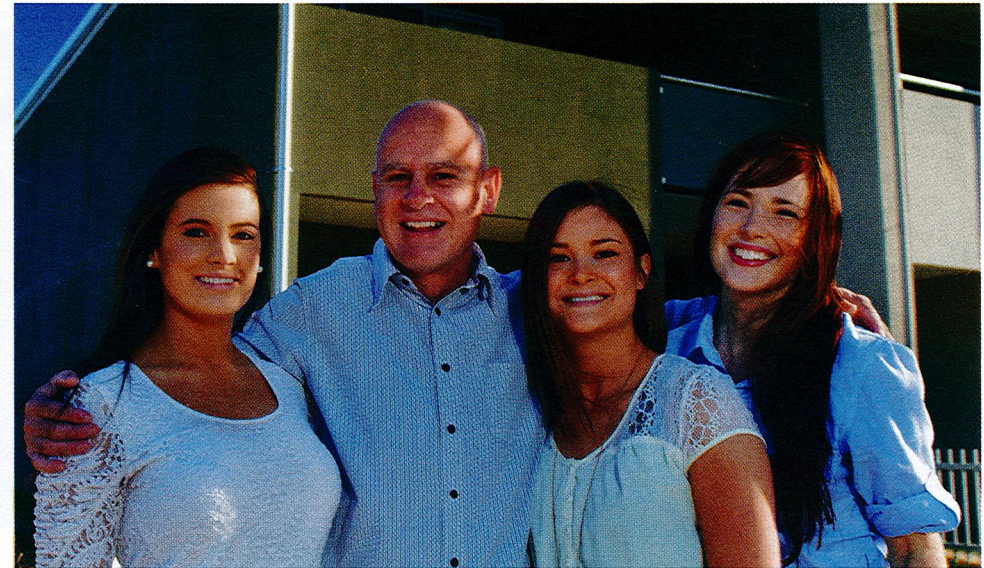
"We can see that the area has really moved ahead in leaps and bounds over the past year and there's a great atmosphere developing all the time.

"Next year two more of my sisters will be moving here into their places which are being built now. It's going to be great."

Ms Knight will soon take a short trip to Japan and says she looks forward to gaining more insight into compact design trends. Meanwhile, proud dad, Mr Knight is also committed to the precinct. He said he was concentrating on custom designed terrace and small lot development in response to market demand.

"We are committed to Lightsview in the long term and we're excited about the options there," he said.

"In 2012 we'll be moving into the lakefront development with more upmarket terrace designs which is something to look forward to."



Lisa Knight relaxing in her terrace home (above) and with her sisters and father, Stephen (top).