

# There are patios and then there are alfresco areas

## Three most popular features...

We like to think of your alfresco area as an extra room in your home, a place you can use all year round, whether it be for some 'me time' relaxing with a good book, family gatherings or entertaining friends.

And it's those added features that really make your alfresco feel like home, rather than a space tacked onto the edge of your home.

So, what are the most popular features?

### 1. Traditional brick fireplace

We have talked about heating your alfresco previously, and perhaps that's because it allows you to use your alfresco during those cooler months.

One of the most popular additions to an alfresco room is a traditional brick fireplace. A traditional brick fireplace is a beautiful centerpiece to an alfresco area and creates a unique ambience that ducted or other heating options just can't replicate.

That's probably why it's the most popular feature we see added to alfresco rooms.



### 2. Insulated panels

Being at the mercy of the weather is something people tend to associate with patio or outdoor dining. While you may not be able to completely control the weather, you can minimise its impact by installing insulated panels.

Insulated panels are excellent moderators of extreme temperature changes, so make your alfresco living space more liveable all year around.

Another popular feature of insulated panels is that they offer the option of having downlights installed, so you have lighting whenever you want.



### 3. Mood lighting and fans

If entertaining is your thing, then creating an alfresco area with the right mood and comfort level is important. There are a range of lighting options that can create different moods for your alfresco.

Pump up the lighting for a party with friends. Or if calm and quite is more your thing, then simply change the settings.

Fans also help with a party atmosphere in those warmer months, creating air movement so your guests stay cool and in the party mood.



If you are considering adding an alfresco to your home and need inspiration and help about what to include feel free to contact our alfresco specialist for further advice.



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