



Skippy's dream HOME

A high country haven fit for hobby farming

THE GREAT OUTDOORS TAKES ON NEW meaning at Twisted Spoke Gully for no matter what the weather in the High Country, the outdoors can be enjoyed through floor-to-ceiling windows that wrap around this timber home (pictured above under snow).

We featured the property back in issue 2 (Autumn 1998) when Christie Valentine-Anderson gave us a sneak peek at the country sanctuary she and husband, Australian cycling legend Phil 'Skippy' Anderson, shared.

"The master bedroom faces due east to attract each morning's first rays, rendering the alarm clock obsolete," said Christie back then. "The house sits three quarters of the way up the gully to maximise a view of the entire property, while tucking itself far enough away from the road for privacy ... Phil carefully planned these features before breaking ground 13 years ago."

The High Country around Jamieson and Lake Eildon has been the perfect paddock for the Anderson family since Phil retired from professional bike racing in 1994. Together they have hosted annual cycling camps for international and Australian riders and enjoyed triathlon training on a daily basis with a friendly team of fitness-fanatic farmers from neighboring towns.

It was the first prize money Phil earned in his early 20s while riding in Europe that allowed him to buy this country property. And it is with some sadness that the Andersons decided to put their dream home and hobby farm on the market. But now the family numbers three with the recent addition of son Aidan, and they're leaving the Gully for another equally inspiring piece of Victorian countryside.

Those interested in being the second owners of Twisted Spoke Gully should note the luxury features as well as the natural charm.

Set on 100 acres, the home has a main bedroom with en suite, spacious living area with open fireplace, tiled kitchen, second bedroom and a separate bathroom. There is extensive storage in a large laundry and studio cum gym, cum garage.

Guests can be self-contained in the fully furnished apartment which began life as "The Shed" and also boasts a garage and storage area, two stalls and tack room.

Stairs lead from the main house to the guest quarters via an outdoor spa positioned to take in the Gully views. Two dams provide ample water and one is fitted with an electric pump servicing the in-ground sprinkler system for the garden around the main house.

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