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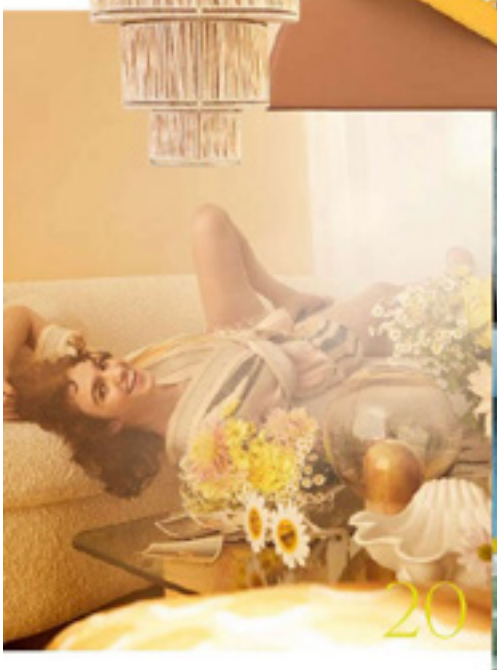

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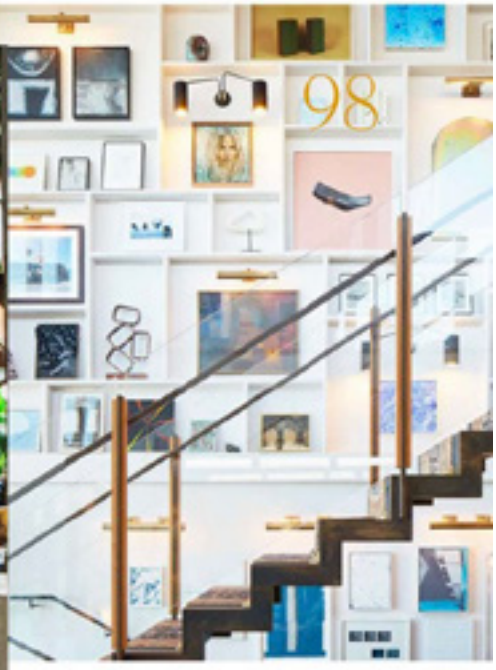

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All is calm Natural materials have such a calming effect, both inside and outside. *To see more of this beautiful home, see p50.*

IT'S BEEN A DIFFICULT START TO THE YEAR, but in true Aussie style, we've banded together to support each other however we can. Here at Bauer Media, the magazines have teamed up to launch a company-wide initiative called *Rebuild Our Towns*, in light of the devastating bushfires. It's a website where each week we will focus on an affected area, highlighting what has happened there and what the community can do to support the regeneration process. It's not necessarily about donations of money, but rather, sending books, educational games and playground equipment to schools, or visiting the shops, tourism and hospitality businesses that are open and in need of our patronage. Head to **Rebuildourtowns.com.au** to find out more, and don't forget to check back weekly.

Conscious of the fact that we all want to be kinder to the environment, this issue we've included a bunch of homes that were created with a gentle approach, whether that be using natural materials, restoring treasured pieces or sourcing furniture and homewares second hand.

Also important, particularly at times like these, is finding happiness in the simple things. Our up-front decorating story (p14) is based on three joyful moments: coffee in bed, eating ice cream and enjoying the beauty of flowers – and why it's OK not to have a perfectly styled home. A bit of mess can be a good thing! However, if being organised is your jam, we have a feature on storage, too (p120).

Wherever you live, I hope you and your loved ones are safe and feeling supported. We're in this together.

Elle Lovelock

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This month I'm looking forward to...

1

Making (OK, buying) sorbet and serving it in the cutest Bormioli Rocco 'Primavera' sundae cups, $64.95 for 6; **Everten.com.au**

Heading outdoors and finding the perfect spot for a picnic with my pals. Arizona beach blanket in Saffron, $89; **Knotty.com.au**

2

3

Strolling around in a fabulous pair of sandals, like these Apteros Elements slides from the Lucy Folk x Ancient Greek Sandals collaboration, $540; **Lucyfolk.com**

Hydrating my summer-worn skin with this Water Infusing Electrolyte Moisturizer, $48; **Paulaschoice.com.au**

4

5

Enjoying lazy weekend breakfasts on my balcony. Capri 3-piece dining set in Yellow, $149; **Loungelovers.com.au**

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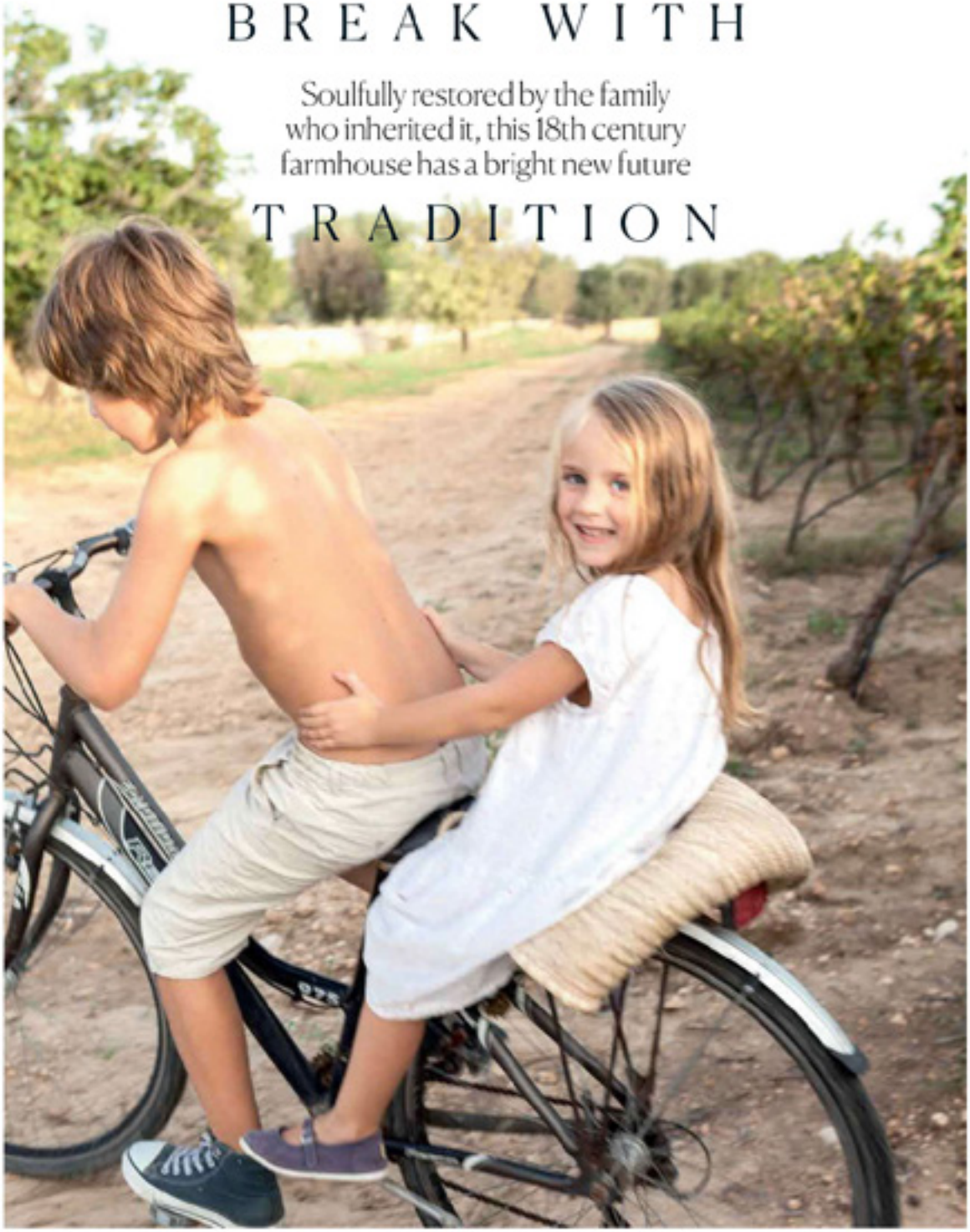
BREAK WITH TRADITION

Soulfully restored by the family who inherited it, this 18th century farmhouse has a bright new future



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Natural highlights Set on 40 hectares of working farmland, Masseria Angiuli Piccolo is a holiday getaway in Puglia, not far from the sea. "This is a magic place," says homeowner and architect Kristine Standnes. Her three children, including Alberto and Ingrid (opposite), "love riding bikes around the property, and yes, they love the swimming pool". →

Facade first The family of five pose for a photo facing the courtyard. "We spent many summers here when our children were babies, now we come every season," Kristine says. **European union** Italian designs including a table by Eugenia Crivelli Visconti and vessels by local artist Enza Fasano are styled with mid-century icons, such as the Eames armchair and small Tulip table in the living area (opposite). Colour and texture are used minimally so the focus stays on the architecture.

who lives here?

Kristine Standnes, an architect and founder of boutique property design studio Albeli, her husband Gianmattia del Genio, a surgeon, their son Alberto, 15, and daughters Elisa, 12, and Ingrid, 8.
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Pitcher perfect Just off the living area is a raised dining room, its stone floor and arched fireplace elegantly restored. Painted ceramics by Enza Fasano and a Saarinen 'Tulip' seat occupy this space when it's not used for dinner parties. **Free spirit** There's plenty of open space for Alberto (opposite) to ride his bike among the vineyards and prickly pear hedges. "The natural surroundings drive you to explore, play sports or swim in the sea," Kristine says. »

Star crossed "Every time I stay, I'm amazed by their beauty," Kristine says of the cross vault ceilings, which were built from tuff, a local sandstone. Many of the home's ceramic wares, including these painted vessels, were designed by her friend Enza Fasano. Next to the kitchen door is a pair of white Panton chairs. OPPOSITE, CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Chick style** Ceramic hens by Enza adorn the living room coffee table. **Close knit** "Current life doesn't leave much free time, so I love to spend it in a genuine way – with family or a good group of friends. That's the main reason we come here," says Kristine (pictured top far right). **Made locally** Their holiday home is just a five minute drive from Grottaglie, a town famous for its pottery. **Colour in the lines** While the farmhouse's exterior and interior walls have been kept bare in keeping with tradition, the French door and window frames are painted in a light duck egg blue, as seen from the courtyard.

3 Apulian-inspired style ideas

1

Lean into a neutral scheme. Choose surfaces and large furniture pieces in natural white and stone hues, then inject colour with smaller decor items.

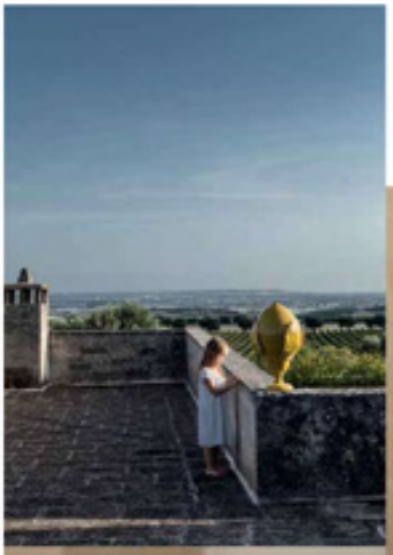
2

Layer textiles with restraint. Bed, bath and table linens and a few cushions will do. If your home has beautiful floors or exposed features, don't cover them up!

3

Handpainted ceramics are synonymous with Apulian culture. Think servingware, amphora vessels and traditional decorative pumi. →

Wonder wall This impressive nook is actually a walled fireplace that has been transformed with a cushioned bench, olive branches and Apulian ceramic pumi by Enza Fasano on the mantlepiece. **Land of plenty** Although the house was vacant for many years, the centuries-old olive groves and grape vines (opposite) were maintained and are still farmed today. The region is also known for its domestic Garganica goats, kept for their milk and cheese. »



style tip You don't need to splurge on a set of statement chairs to give a room style cred. Just one eye-catching design displayed in an unused space will do the trick →

Rest & relaxation The upstairs bedrooms are furnished sparingly, "because the space in itself is so beautiful," Kristine says. "The main thing for me is that the furniture blends in with the surroundings." This room has its own cast iron bath and a Panton chair. **In with the new** A Platner armchair by Knoll echoes the colour of olive branches in another bedroom. Unlike the traditional stone floors downstairs, oak was used upstairs after Kristine realised wood was a practical, lightweight option above the cross vaults. OPPOSITE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT **Sun rise** A large Apulian pumi by Enza Fasano stands sentry on the rooftop, which offers views of the rural landscape as far as the eye can see. **Top textiles** Kristine buys linen bedding from Society Limonta; for cotton sheets she prefers Bellora. **Art of stone** The yellow pumi on the rooftop can be seen from the courtyard. **Vanity wares** Bedrooms with bathtubs are thoughtfully fitted out with sinks, wall hooks and simple shelving units.

La dolce vita The pool was designed by Kristine and took six months to build. It's the perfect new addition to her family's holiday house, which they rent out year round. Traditional dry walls separating this outdoor area from the vineyards were constructed using stones sourced around the property and the recycled teak loungers were designed by Eugenia Crivelli Visconti.

shop it! Let zesty citrus hues pop against a patinated stone palette

1 Platner **armchair** in Lime Crossroad upholstery with Polished Nickel frame, $3491, Knoll. **2** Hayden Youlley 'Paper Series' **entree plates**, $40 each, Elph Store. **3** Mason **pasta bowl**, $16.95, Robert Gordon. **4** Gate Lighting and Living 'Essence' **urn**, $1426.24, House of Isabella. **5** Blackhaus Studios 'Entrance' framed **print**, from $289, Life Interiors. **6** Braid **rug** in Chalk (1.82m), $880, Armadillo&Co. **7** Vitra 'Panton' **chair** in Chartreuse, $520, Space. **8** Raawi 'Strøm' ceramic **jug** in Yellow, $88, Matchesfashion. **9** Pure French linen **napkins** in Charcoal Stripes, $39.95 for 4, I Love Linen. **10** 100% linen **table cloth** in Natural, $110 for small, In Bed. **11** Linus **mirror**, $239, Castlery. **12** Hugo exterior wall **light** in Black, $37.66, Schots Home Emporium. **13** Violet freestanding acrylic **bath**, $1595 for small, Schots Home Emporium. **14** Rattan **bicycle**, $799, Alfresco Emporium. **15** 100% linen **pillowslips** in Stone and Lake, $90 each for 2, In Bed.

Colours and finishes
FROM LEFT Travertine Rocca vein cut honed **tiles**, $195 per sq m, Artedomus. Ruffles linen **shower curtain** in Icy Blue, from $106, Linenshed. Coarse **stone paint** in Bone, $129 for 4L, Porter's Paints. Honestly Artisan **bricks** in Chalk, $99.95 a sq m, PGH Bricks & Pavers.

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