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Transforming a bland, cramped kitchen into a modern and functional space without altering the existing layout was the task faced by the Australian Renovation Group, the company behind this stylish Swanbourne kitchen.

The brief from the owners, who were happy with the overall positioning of the original room, called for a family-friendly kitchen that improved the storage and cooking facilities without overhauling the floor plan, said ARG's Robert Mazzilli.

"Although we refurbished the kitchen in the same position, I enjoyed the challenge of producing a better design whilst

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being constricted by the existing parameters of the space," he said.

"The refurbished kitchen is a light and bright open-plan design that although contemporary, incorporates classic design features."

To achieve the light, bright feel, the design incorporates glass doors and splashbacks,

smaller-sized overhead cupboards and an Ilve canopy range hood that is set away from the overheads, which Mr Mazzilli said centred the overall design while also creating a striking feature.

To maximise storage without sacrificing seating space, the feature double open-ended island bench has an L-shaped breakfast bar that houses a microwave and bar fridge underneath.

An Ilve freestanding oven has plenty of bench space on either side.

There are square recessed door panels and a neutral colour palette consisting of lacquered doors and drawers finished in white Laminex with 40mm Caesarstone 'Ice Snow' benchtops.



The renovated kitchen is modern and functional.