

renovation *before & after*

RAISING THE ROOF

ARG has taken a dated, single-storey Kensington home and transformed it into a three-level modern marvel

THE renovation of this Kensington home was far from typical, with the house requiring wheelchair access across three levels. It also had stunning city views which needed to be exploited.

Australian Renovation Group director Stuart Redwood took on the task of turning the dated home into a modern, practical version of its old self.

"The aim is to have friends be able to walk through the house without realising it is an addition – that's what we want to do with all of our jobs," Stuart says.

"Externally, it's important to maintain the character so that the house flows nicely."

The home was a basic, single-storey, two-bedroom, one-bathroom home, and lacked the charm the owners desired.

"They wanted to maximise the views across the city with the addition of a second storey," Stuart says.

The upper level of the home now boasts a spacious master bedroom with an ensuite and walk-in robe. Alongside the master suite is a living and entertaining area.

Aluminium bifold doors grant access to the balcony from both the bedroom and the living area, providing seamless space for entertaining.

The same aluminium style was used for the windows to achieve the modern, clean feel the owners desired.

The sloping block allowed for a second balcony downstairs with views of the garden.

A workshop and storage area below the

entry zone essentially made the renovation go across three levels.

A lift runs through the centre of the home with access from all three levels.

The house also features C-Bus technology. This is similar to smart wiring and allows the owners to turn appliances – such as an airconditioner – on or off from their place of work.

"This is a great option as it means your home is geared for the next wave of technological changes," Stuart says.

Downstairs, there are two more bedrooms, a study, a bathroom and a separate powder room.

The living areas are at the back of the home and have access to the second balcony.

The ultra-modern kitchen oozes style, with a stone benchtop, funky downlights and glass splashbacks.

Stuart says the family-run, boutique-style business allows ARG to help customers with specific needs – as in this home – which required wider doors and showers for wheelchair access.

"Our business is set up as a small family company that aims for service to be number one," Stuart says.

"We work very closely with our clients, listening to their needs to design exactly what they want."

Hayley Bolton

The Kensington home renovated by ARG.

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