



A contemporary addition to the back of the house takes advantage of the newly landscaped backyard and pool area while the traditional red-brick facade is a tribute to the old.

In with the old and in with the new

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Flawless renovations and extensions have updated the look and functionality of this single-storey loft home without compromising its original character.

The traditional red-brick facade, featuring a tin roof with gabled finial feature and a veranda with turned posts, is a tribute to the old.

The new is what sets it apart, with a contemporary addition to the back of the house that takes advantage of the aspect to the newly landscaped backyard and pool area.

An existing living area addition was removed and replaced with this modern extension, which comprises a third bedroom, study, laundry, powder room, open-plan living/meals/kitchen area and loft, to accommodate a family.



The main feature of the addition is the eight-metre-span glass stacker doors that integrate the open-plan zone with the alfresco area and create one large entertaining area.

To ensure a smooth transition from old to new was seamless, plaster features in the new hallway were painstakingly

matched to existing features.

Entry is via a leadlight door to the wide hallway, with polished floorboards and high ceilings that establish the overwhelming sense of space that continues throughout.

The bedrooms branch off this hallway towards the front, and at the back the study, with a



full-length louvred frosted-glass window to enhance natural light and ventilation, sits next to the stairs to the loft.

Through an oversized pivot door that separates the new family area from the transition point of the renovation are the light-filled open living areas.

One wall in the family room is

taken up by a cleverly designed space-saving storage unit.

A stone waterfall-edge island bench in the streamlined galley kitchen encourages interaction.

Sleek, minimalist decor completes the look here, including white gloss cabinetry, coloured glass splashback and stainless-steel appliances.

The central meals area has a commanding view of the alfresco area, thanks to invisible glass safety panels to the pool.

Australian Renovation Group representative Liza Hutton said: "The client is so happy with their renovation that they have approached us to renovate the existing bathroom and ensuite later in the year."

The home was an entry in the 2011 HIA Perth Housing Awards. For inquiries, phone Australian Renovation Group on 9355 1744.