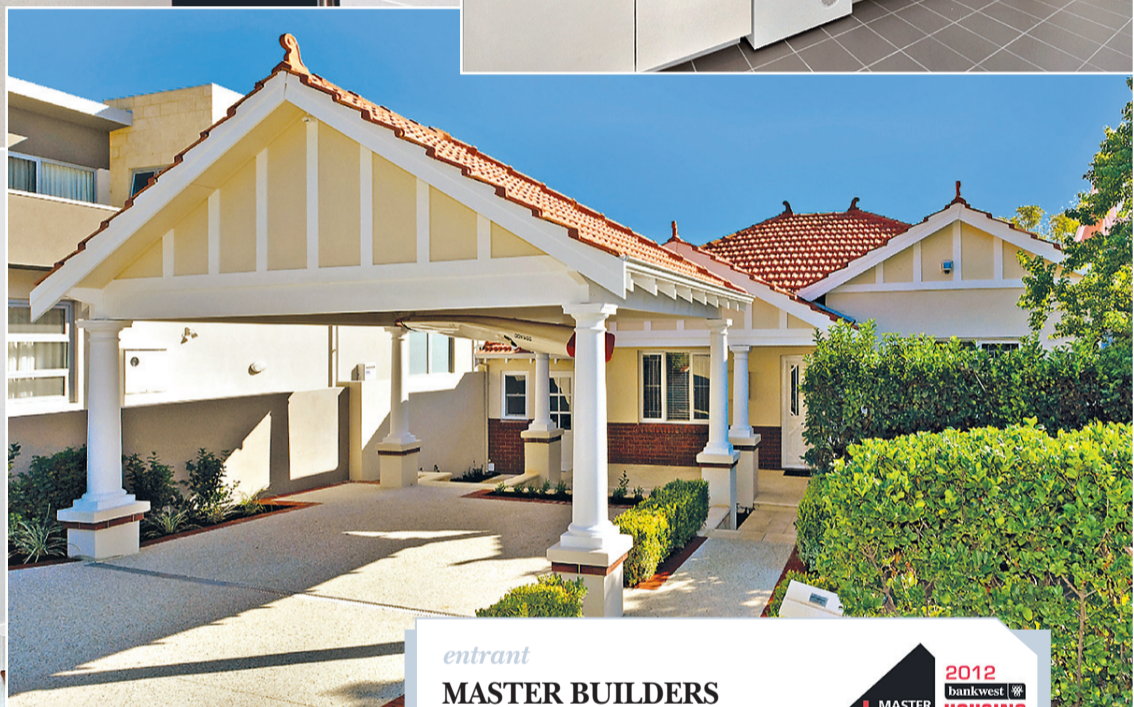




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Alterations and additions

COAST IS CLEAR

The Tascone Design Team joined the Australian Renovation Group to transform this Swanbourne home into an airy and light-filled residence more suited to living by the coast

The renovated
Swanbourne home.

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THE owners of this character Swanbourne residence yearned for a more spacious and brighter home to help them to get even more out of their coastal lifestyle, so they commissioned building designer Mario Tascone, of Tascone Design Team, and the Australian Renovation Group to combine their skills to deliver what was required.

One part of the project involved building an addition to one side of the property containing a new study and laundry, while an existing toilet was converted to an access hallway for these areas.

The house is built on a sloping block and the original laundry was in an undercroft and was cramped and difficult to access.

The new laundry is light and spacious, providing plenty of storage space for the family's wetsuits, surfboards and bicycles that go with their beach lifestyle.

Similarly, the large and airy family study has ample cupboards and pin-up-board space

above a long built-in desk and ensures there's no excuse for unfinished homework.

The second part of the renovation involved stripping out the old kitchen and installing a fresh one in its place.

Liza Hutton, of Australian Renovation Group, says the cabinetry throughout the new laundry, study and kitchen is one of the renovation's strongest features.

She also says the addition of skylights throughout the home was effective in making it feel lighter and more spacious, especially in the kitchen and hallway.

"The clients were keen to make the home a lot brighter," she says.

Additionally, the extensive use of white, with bright splashbacks in coastal colours, creates clean lines in the kitchen and ensures it feels roomy and welcoming.

Another highlight for Liza are the improvements made to the front elevation and the seamless way the addition of a double carport blends with the existing home.

Replacing a pillar and remodelling the front veranda and brickwork were all designed to match the home's Californian bungalow style and flow through to the interior.

"They look as if they've always been there," Liza says.

Australian Renovation Group's focus on continuity between the old and new elements of the house is also evident in the extra tiling that covers the additions to the bathroom.

Liza says the tiles were sourced to provide a match that was as close as possible to the original product and they decided to tile a greater area than originally planned in order to guarantee a seamless join.

"We aimed to tie the new in with the existing to achieve the best possible finish," she says.

The additions and alterations also ensure the family home is "on the right scale" compared with the rest of the street.

Liza says the owners wanted to make sure the house wasn't "swamped" by big neighbouring properties on either side.

Essentially, the project was about retaining the charm of this character home, while renovating it to provide more light, storage and easier access to frequently used areas.

The home now suits its owners' beach lifestyle perfectly, with the additional spaces creating light, bright areas that are open and inviting – ideal for a family living on the coast.

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