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The new-look Wembley home.

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# FROM MEEK TO SLEEK

This Wembley home has almost doubled in size after the owners outlined exactly what they were looking for in the renovation



**W**HEN you have a client who knows exactly what she wants, it's no surprise to find a home renovation done to perfection – right down to the finest detail.

Australian Renovation Group director Stuart Redwood says the additions and changes to this Wembley home have given it a sleek look.

"Our client has very nice taste," Stuart says. "She knew exactly what she wanted and was very detailed. She wanted to have a contemporary look and we had to blend it in with the original Californian bungalow structure."

The project almost doubled the size of the home, adding 150sq m of new space at the rear, as well as enlarging the main bathroom and turning the original kitchen into a new hallway and walk-in robe.

"The new addition has the same ceiling height, exposed rafters, same roof pitch and tiles, but internally it's quite modern and sleek," Stuart says.

Apart from a clean, contemporary interior, the owners also wanted more space where they could dine and entertain their fairly large extended family.

The new back half of the home includes an open-plan kitchen – with CaesarStone benchtops and cabinetry that hides the fridge and other items – in addition to a living and meals area.

The meals area opens to a side courtyard while the living room has sliding stacker doors opening to the new undercover alfresco space with built-in barbecue and cabinets.

"The sliding stacker doors open up and give the owners a larger area for entertaining – these type of doors allow for more open space than the standard sliding doors," Stuart says.

"When they have their extended

family over they can now slide open the stacker doors and the alfresco area becomes another room."

The additions also include a master bedroom, ensuite, his-and-hers walk-in robes, powder room and a long, spacious laundry.

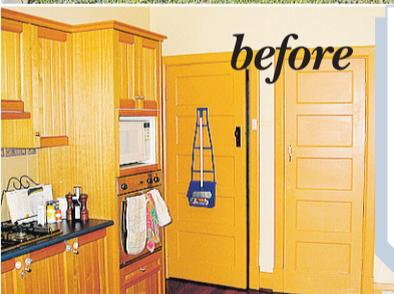
"Matching aluminium bifold doors open from the master bedroom to allow views to the back yard," Stuart says.

Other features include low-voltage lighting throughout, a marble benchtop in the ensuite and new floorboards that have been staggered to match the old for an original look.

"We finished off the house with travertine tiling, beautiful frameless shower screens and shadowline cornices, which are non-standard and fairly hard to do – they are very precise and time-consuming but it gives an architectural look," Stuart says.

A double carport has also been added at the front of the home.

Beth Rivers



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