Reno brings life to dull spaces

John Videnieks

his is a significant transformation of a home that began life as a single-storey bungalow in 1958, had an upgrade to a second storey in the 1990s and a refurbishment a little later.

Owners Kelsey and Sean Hayes were looking to open up the house, make use of space which was restricted to little-used individual rooms, and to link the interior living areas to the outdoor expanses of their 859sqm block.

"Basically what we have done is turn a lot of dead spaces into living spaces," Mr Hayes said.

"We use all the house now. The entire outer shell of the house was stripped back.

"A new roof was built; there is very little evidence of the original left except for a couple of wet areas we haven't touched yet."

A big theatre room has been created, the kitchen modernised, the dining area extended, ceiling levels raised and patio and outdoor areas built in a new design layout.

"What are now French doors were windows which linked to a tiny patio," Mr Hayes said.

"So we've gone outwards and upwards to a 'cathedral' ceiling, 4m high.

"It's all become a bit more alfresco, bringing the landscape in and taking the living out."



The dining area has been extended and the ceilings raised, creating a vibrant space.

"The original patio was a wide walkway," Ms Hayes added. "It wasn't really built for entertaining. We couldn't use it.

"So we have gone outward in all directions and created the deck area."

Marri from the South West is the timber of choice in the deck but karri is used elsewhere and jarrah makes up the railing of the unique pool fencing and internal staircase balustrades, adding a sought-after local finish to the structures

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Another unique feature is the massive concrete barbecue table which was poured in situ because of its size.

It is an integrated piece with a pizza oven at one end, a sink and the hotplate and grill in prime position.





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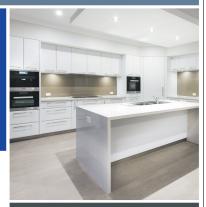


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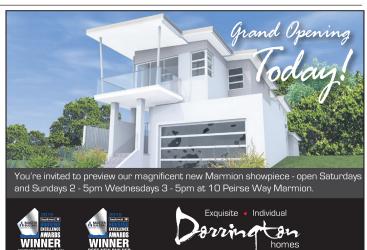
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