

## the metamorphosis

Sitting on the back deck, gazing off to the foothills of Mount Coot-tha, it's easy for **Kerry Heaney** to see why this reworked post-war bungalow is such a winner.

**IT'S A** winner for its retired owners who enjoy a wonderfully relaxed lifestyle in their understated, elegant home and it was a winner for architect Dion Seminara, who received a 2005 Housing Industry Association Renovation and Additions Award for the design.

Complimented by extensive landscaping by Boss Gardenscapes, the **Kenmore** house has been home to the owners for more than 30 years. It was due for a makeover that reorganised spaces, created more storage and added a huge rear deck to update it for family-friendly living. Large shutters make the deck a perfect option in almost any weather and with a barbeque and preparation area cleverly hidden behind a rolling shutter, the area answers all entertaining needs.

The renovation also included a new kitchen with stylish slumped glass splashbacks and a streamlined bathroom. The study was fitted with a desk and shelves, and one bedroom was converted into a walk-in robe. Adding new lighting and wall paint and exposing the existing wooden flooring further updated the look.

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A post-war Cinderella



A brave new front

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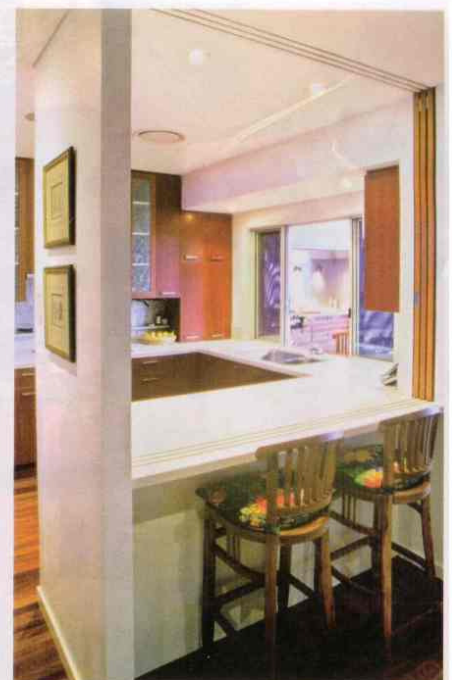
Eco-conscious features included mini-orb cladding, a solar hot water system, a 45,000-litre underground tank and aluminium casement windows to maximise air flow without maintenance.

The gardens flatter the clean lines of the house and reflect the ecological theme, with a good selection of natives complimenting exotic feature trees such as magnolias and gardenias. While the drought has restricted the growth of some plants, the owner is able to maintain moisture levels with the

assistance of the underground tank and greywater.

Night lighting turns the backyard into a wonderland in the evening, highlighting a huge gum that constantly drops leaves yet is well loved by the owners. The water feature provides an attractive focal point, and a gathering point for local birds.

The new garden even inspired a new interest for one of the owners, who now enjoys trimming and pruning between regular maintenance visits from Boss Gardenscapes. The renovation's end result is a house that works well on many levels and will do for many years to come.



There were some internal changes as well