

Design earns accolade

USE OF LIGHT STANDOUT FEATURE

CREATING the perfect space involves using light, space and the best materials according to local architect Dion Seminara.

The Dion Seminara Architecture director was given an honourable mention in the recent International Design Awards for his Hawthorne renovation project and for another project in Indooroopilly.

He said judges in the competition liked the use of light and space in the kitchen, extending to an indoor/outdoor area.

"It's really focused on how light has been used ... for the kitchen," Mr Seminara said.

"It's got doors that hide things ... and the colours and all of those things come together really well."

"We've got an indoor/outdoor space ... most people want decks, but they can't necessarily be used all the time."

He said there had been an increased interest in home renovations since he entered the private architectural market in 1993.

"The problem is there a lot

DION'S TOP TIPS

- Hire an architect who can create and spend the time to create spaces that work for you and your family.

"You need to invest in planning and building design," says Seminara.

- Remember it may take time to get it right.

"There is more time involved in order to generate (something) and think clearly through a project and make something work for a client," says Seminara.

of terrible design out there and a lot of dysfunctional homes that have come full circle to more of its original state," he said.

He said people could save money by employing an architect to design the space and contract the builders.

"We get the complete set of construction drawings and three or four builders price it," he said.

"Sometimes there's \$200,000 difference between the top and bottom builder."

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Hawthorne architect Dion Seminara received an honorable mention in an international renovation competition.

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