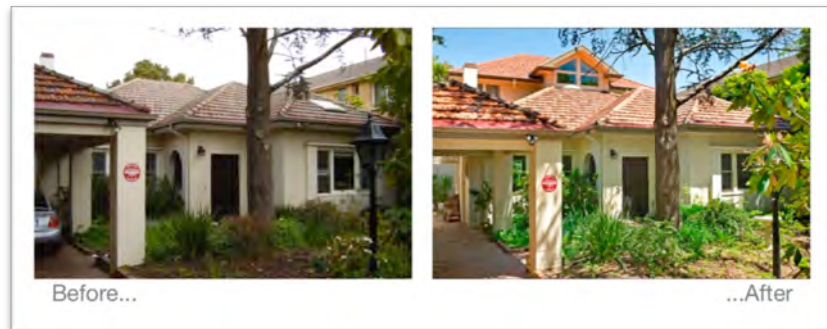


ARCHITECTS ADD VALUE

The cheapest way to build rarely produces the most valuable asset for the Owner or Client. Architects help their clients to get the most out of their budget by providing creative solutions to practical problems. They are trained to think in three dimensions and to communicate those ideas to their clients. Working with an architect allows you to explore many design options throughout the design process - from the overall master planning right through to the finer construction details.

Technological applications like 3D CAD models and photorendered images produced by your architect allow you to completely visualise the building long before the builder starts work on site. After all, the most cost-effective time to make and test design changes is on paper or screen, not when the builder is on site with hammer and nails in hand!



Using newly available technology, Metroworks Architects can now even offer you a 3D printed model of your new home or renovation. A physical model is not only a great visualisation aid, but also becomes a fantastic conversation starter around the dinner table!

Rather than being "another one, just like the other one", a good design produced by an architect can increase the value of your building. Well-designed buildings fit comfortably into their surroundings and work efficiently without the need for tricks and gadgets. Your architect will know how to plan for sustainable environmental performance and can advise you on how best to site the building so that it works with the environment in which it is placed - taking advantage of the sun, providing shade and making the most of rain-water collection and natural cross-flow ventilation - all elements that reduce the overall running cost of a building through its lifetime.

The following is quoted directly from a media release "Architects Add At Least 10% Value to New Homes & Renovations" prepared by Archicentre Victorian State Manager, David Hallett dated 14 December 2009:

Renovations and homes designed by Architects can add at least ten per cent value to the property as home buyers look for special features according to Archicentre, the building advisory service of the Australian Institute of Architects.

David Hallett, Victorian State Manager of Archicentre said the individual and special character of a home or renovation which has been designed by an architect to the lifestyle requirements of the owners clearly stands out from mass produced home designs.

"This does not only apply to millionaires mansions, but also to more affordable homes where home buyers have purchased a renovators delight.

Mr Hallett said not only does the architect, with seven years design training and experience, provide the home owner with an opportunity for a unique design, but also the opportunity to save money on tendering, contract management and final handover inspections.

Mr. Hallett said that ... "The engagement of an Architect means that home owners and renovators receive professional advice and are made aware of appropriate regulations and processes which in the long term can save people considerable amounts of money and legal problems."