

This page The deep brown and white hues of the glossy white benchtops, sienna floorboards and dark chocolate furnishings create a brilliant visual contrast in this room.

# family oasis

A timeless design with a contemporary twist





This page Neumode Design worked to a brief based on their client's request for a contemporary spin on the timeless Georgian manor. The Georgian architectural style, known for its tall framing columns and vertically-paned windows was revamped to include a flat roof and spacious garage, while retaining many other inherently classic characteristics. Opposite page The low-maintenance, high-impact back garden and outdoor entertaining area.

Suiting a young family, a spacious design by Metroworks Architects' Melissa Fleming has thrilled the owners of this fantastic home built by Michael Hill's award-winning firm Neumode Design and Construction.

Extensive communication between the clients and the designer, which continued while the clients were overseas, resulted in an innovative and vibrant design.

"Constant communication and testing of the design ideas were key to getting this project off the ground and giving Michael and Neumode what they needed to produce this beautiful residence," Fleming says.

With a contemporary take on a classic Georgian style, the home has a dramatic entrance with high volumes and an attractive stairwell at the front of the house.

Spacious and light-filled living areas welcome guests to the home, while upstairs, each of the four bedrooms is large and spacious.

One of the main features of the project is the cantilevered staircase, which leads from the main informal living area up to the games room and terrace on the first floor.

"While it does take time and care to design

and manufacture, a staircase like this gives the house a stylish feature. The cantilevering of each stair makes the stair appear to be floating out into the room and produces a stunning visual effect," Michael says.

The ground-floor master suite features a large walk-in robe, leading to a generous ensuite with a double shower cleverly concealed behind a vanity bench.

Formal and informal living areas provide options for family and entertaining. The sleek and functional kitchen is perfectly incorporated into the indoor entertaining areas providing a focus without overwhelming its surroundings.

Bi-folding doors open to a covered outdoor entertaining space that has direct access from the living area and kitchen. This area provides the flexibility of outdoor entertaining while nestling into a beautifully landscaped garden that features a sparkling pool.

The simplicity of the garden belies the meticulous planning and attention to detail that went into its construction. A combination of carpentry, masonry and horticulture has resulted in a magnificent low-maintenance garden.

Mindful of the environment and the issue of water restrictions in Victoria, the designers





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included a solar-powered hot water system and an in-built water tank — a far cry from the original home: a 1930s Californian-style bungalow with outdated and inefficient plumbing.

The latest in communication technology was installed in the home, with the front-door intercom available on each phone within the house. A Smart security camera shows great colour coverage during the day and infrared visibility when it is dark.

The security system is enhanced through integration with the intelligent lighting system, providing stimulated lighting at night when the family is away and full lighting in the case of an intrusion or fire alert.

The intelligent lighting is Clipsal's C-bus, complete with stunning glass Saturn switches and a glass-surround colour C-Touch touchscreen for one-touch control of the lighting scenes and moods throughout the home. †

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Above His-and-her sinks are one of the many modern additions to the master bathroom. Below The cantilever staircase is without a doubt the feature of the open-plan dining room and kitchen with frameless glass and fine timber used to create the stunning final result. Opposite page Bi-fold doors lead out onto the patio, with a cover allowing all-year round alfresco dining.

