

thinking of renovating?

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There has never been a better time to renovate or extend your home. With the cost of material and labour more competitive, it is a great time to carry out those dream renovations. When we are advising our clients prior to commencing our design work, we review a number of considerations that are crucial to achieving a project that can often exceed our client's expectations.

Reviewing an existing home and how a family uses it is the starting point. With clever redesigning of the existing space and its use can often prove invaluable. In some cases additional space is necessary and careful consideration and planning to a new structure is imperative. Adding new space for the sake of it can often result in under used areas, but with careful design and amalgamating the existing spaces with the extension can produce a welcomed addition to any home. The introduction of more natural and artificial light, redesigning existing spaces, enhancing original details, sympathetic selection of finishes and introducing new design features are the bases for a successful renovation. The following are two examples from a number of projects we have completed showing how a small investment in design expertise can go a long way.

Our clients brief was to create an open plan kitchen and dining area from what was a dark smaller kitchen, larger back porch, toilet and utility room. When we set to work on the drawings we removed all walls and extended the rear with a symmetrical feature soft curve, which added extra circulation space around the new dining area and introduced additional natural light. We reduced the size of the porch and located the utility and toilet to the interior of the house freeing up the external walls to allow more light. Redesigning the spatial plans together with the introduction of a feature curved extension has completely transformed this home.

The island has been located and angled in such a position so it is accessible from all sides of the kitchen making it an invaluable feature. Mixing cream painted units, white oak on the island, duck egg green for the walls, porcelain tiles and a new spatial plan it all came together to create a light, bright and airy space that could be used when the family gathers. The end result gave our clients a new improved space that exceeded their wishes.



The Result: Light filled open plan kitchen and dining space.