



Zorzi renovation exposes home's 'hidden gem'

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It's hard to believe this funky, modern residence was once a period-style home on a prime Shenton Park block.

In the market for a brand new home, the homeowner first looked to build a display, but was encouraged by the team at Grandwood by Zorzi to take advantage of this lakeside property.

The owner – an international fashion designer – needed a tranquil space to work from home, and a home the kids could grow into.

"Finding the right site with the spectacular views this one has across the lake was almost impossible, so we settled on renovating a period-style home that had good bones," Zorzi Design and Development Manager David Reynolds said.

"The original home was very liveable, but did not suit this owner's lifestyle or taste."

Everything, right down to the materials used, was customised to work with the family's lifestyle.

"The owner travels a lot to Asia and

Europe, and with teenage children, the key was using materials that were low maintenance and hardy, but that still gave a sense of luxury and sophistication," Mr Reynolds said.

To achieve this, Grandwood by Zorzi included honed travertine large-format tiles, lacquered cabinetry, full-height porcelain tiles in all wet areas, stone benchtops throughout and marble feature slabs.

At the start of the process, the team realised it had found a better deal than first thought, with the discovery of an additional floor.

"When we inspected the property prior to purchase we discovered a built-in loft that was never used by the previous owner," Mr Reynolds said.

"This created a third level that was a complete hidden gem and enhanced the renovation dramatically."

The home was built to make the most out of its spectacular park views, with a large, protected alfresco space soaking it all in and a sunken pool to enjoy.

From inside, the open-plan kitchen, meals and family area seamlessly blends with the alfresco through glass sliders which



open the space completely – it's the perfect place for entertaining or to just soak in the fresh air.

The silver travertine also blends the two spaces, running through the main hub out to the pool.

Mr Reynolds described the kitchen as "very slick" with a "clean finish" thanks to its quality materials and adjoining scullery.

Tucked at the rear of the home is a spacious home office with double doors to close it off from the rest of the house, two minor bedrooms, a shared bathroom and powder room and a laundry in the garage.

Frameless glass balustrading and stone steps make for an elegant winding staircase to the second floor where the master suite reigns.

"The master suite is spectacular in terms of it taking up almost all of the upper floor," Mr Reynolds said.

"It overlooks the pool and park and has its own lounge area and a very sophisticated master ensuite."

With its own gas fireplace, oversized walk-in robe and ensuite with freestanding bath and double shower, the master zone is the perfect place to wind down.

The hidden loft is also now a great living space, featuring interesting ceiling lines and comfy carpet.



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