



# CHARACTER GALORE

**B**ought from the original owner, this intact 1940's Californian Bungalow with Art Deco features provided the perfect palette for Glenn and Amanda's dream home. The Heritage Overlay meant they were somewhat restricted in what they could achieve with their extension design. Engaging Hille's Home Extensions meant accessing a vast amount of experience and expertise with extending period homes.

Meeting with HHE designer opened the exciting possibility of adding a first floor to their home. Having previously thought it was too expensive, Glenn explains "HHE were able to show by reconsidering this option we were able to keep more backyard and increase our living areas and flexibility for less than what we thought."

Glenn and Amanda wanted a modern feel for the new areas of the home but also to stay sympathetic to the period features in the original part of the home they loved.

On the ground floor, the second bedroom and bathroom were reworked into a walk-in robe and ensuite for the master bedroom. In the remaining space the staircase to the first floor, a powder room and laundry were constructed.

The original centrally located kitchen was removed and the hallway restored leading through to the newly created open plan kitchen, dining and living areas. The resulting open living space means the family spends more quality time together; preparing meals





while doing homework and dining together. The living area opens to the verandah with deck under the main roofline – perfect for entertaining!

Upstairs is the “kid’s zone” – two bedrooms, bathroom and retreat, which will later be a study room for the children. The first floor blends perfectly with the original home- the materials selected staying faithful to the original.

Why HHE? Glenn says **“Having an in-house designer we felt more comfortable on discussions relating to costs, construction and timing.”** And Amanda felt that **“- they listened. Other companies we consulted weren’t really interested in how we wanted to live.”**



▼ **Before:** 3 bedrooms, living, dining, kitchen, bathroom, laundry/ bathroom, porch.

◀ **After:** Ground floor: Master bedroom with build in robe and ensuite, living room, dining room, open plan kitchen/ meals/ family, powder room, laundry, deck. First floor: 2 bedrooms, bathroom, toilet, retreat.

