

Keeping the View

When the choice to extend or move presented itself – the solution was as clear as the spectacular view for these homeowners. Needs change over time. When the children grow up it's time to focus on a new lifestyle.

“The view is so fantastic, and we’ve been here so long, we just didn’t want to move. We decided to extend and remodel instead.”

For the owners, the major considerations for the project were to incorporate internal and external entertainment areas, open up the main living area, and to offer a broad sense of sweeping space throughout. Incorporated into the design of the extension is a sense of ‘flow’ through the house, drawing ones’ gaze to the panoramic view through the ample windows. As you can see, the result is breathtaking.

Perched on the side of a steep hill overlooking a reserve, the project provided some challenges for the Hille’s Home Extensions team. The expansion meant securing several additional metres of floor space on the ground floor and downstairs. The kitchen, family, dining and living areas were remodelled to ‘open up’ the house to the fantastic view and superb natural light. The newly outfitted kitchen has masses of bench space and stylish cupboard drawers feature. The kitchen is now “a spacious and open food preparation area – not isolated from the living and dining areas”. For Franca this is the most satisfying of the project’s results.

The combined dining and living area covers a vast open space of the remodelled and extended ground floor. Finished with a gorgeous dining setting, cosy lounge suite and full size pool table, the area is impressive. Beyond, the broad tiled balcony provides a sunny, relaxing retreat. Polished wooden floors enhance the entire ground floor extension with a dazzling display of the beauty and moods of natural light on timber.

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The original fourth bedroom was converted into a stunning and practical home office. “The kids even bought Dad a new computer and set him up in his new office.” A built-in timber wall cabinet provides some extra storage space, and matching boards have been laid down the hallway through to the original front of the house for aesthetic consistency.

The downstairs retreat was created at the suggestion of the HHE designer. By simply sealing off the garage to the existing decking, the additional room was formed. Complete with concealed custom-made fold down bed – perfect for an extra guest – and finished with a lovely tiled balcony, the downstairs retreat provides a peaceful, private and sunny sitting area that captures the magnificent views.

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Before:

Ground floor – four bedrooms, living room, kitchen, dining, family room, bathroom, laundry, balcony. Under – Garage

After:

Ground floor – three bedrooms, home office/study, living room, kitchen, dining, living, bathroom, laundry, extended tiled balcony. Under – guest room, garage, tiled balcony



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1. Before work commenced 2. Home office / study 3. Guest room / retreat with tiled balcony 4. Remodeled kitchen 5. After, from rear of home 6. Looking out to tiled balcony through open dining and living areas



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