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keeping it in the

FAMILY

The client grew up in this terrace house so the challenge for the architects was to bring it back to life years later to revive fond childhood memories

**Left**

The removal of internal walls has created a light and open space.

Below

The traditional façade leads into a distinctly modern interior.



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This dilapidated two-storey, two-bedroom terrace in inner-city Sydney had a history which simply had to be preserved. It was presented to architects Archengine as predominantly original, with a late-1960s bathroom extension on the first floor. The owner's memories of living here, and a wish to maintain his family's history in the home, spurred on the renovation.

"The client actually grew up in the house, so we had to be very mindful of respecting the existing building, which had come to be a memory vessel of a large portion of his life," says architect Justin Quinlan of Archengine.

The compact terrace house had been in the family for generations so it was important to retain several features of sentimental attachment to the owners. This included

relocating an existing maple tree 1.5 metres from its original position to accommodate a covered rear deck — a costly but necessary exercise.

As is the case with the majority of terrace houses, the original residence was quite dark, so the main focus of the design was achieving natural light and ventilation in all rooms. "Having lived in the house for a short time myself prior to the renovation, my primary motive was to maximise light and ventilation to all spaces, without sacrificing the main elements of the existing scheme that gave it its character and identity," says Justin.



Ceiling height has been fully maximised to create balance and spaciousness in this typically narrow terrace.

the client's brief

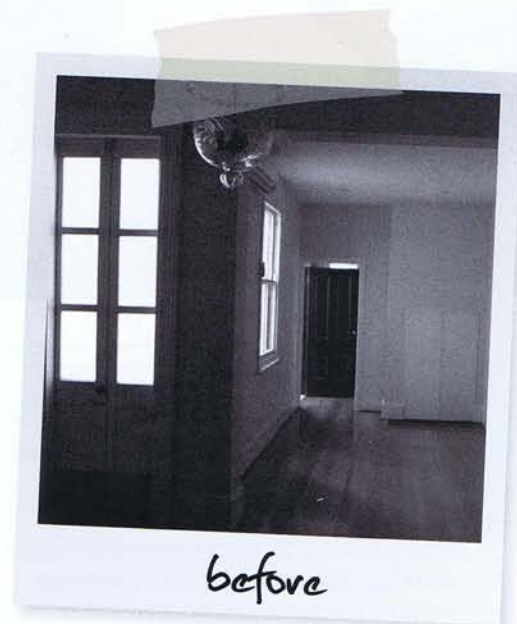
- Extension of the rear of the house to the full width of the site
- Contemporary aesthetic to the rear of the house with the incorporation of a traditional aesthetic to the street façade
- New fixtures and finishes throughout

Work on the narrow site involved demolition of the terrace's entire rear section and removal of all internal walls and staircase to the ground floor and all fixtures and finishes to the first floor.

The existing terrace was then renovated and extended to provide a new kitchen, informal living area and deck to the rear, new ground-floor powder room with shower, separate laundry, refurbished formal dining and living room to the front. Then, moving up, a first-floor master bedroom, office and bathroom, and attic bedroom with dormer to the rear.

The residence is situated in an area dominated by terrace houses so the front street façade has been kept traditional, but as you progress through the home to the rear, it's surprisingly contemporary — such as the open-plan living, dining and kitchen, all designed to make best use of limited space.

"Local council wouldn't let us build out at the rear on the upper storey, so all the rest of the spaces had to work a lot harder, and at 3.8 metres wide the challenge is always to make the spaces feel as large as possible," says managing director Justin Quinlan. "We achieved the latter through





A clean minimalist palette was chosen for the interior.



The bathroom centres around clean lines and modern features.

varying the proportions of the spaces as you move through the house and maximising height wherever possible.

"We used the fact that council wouldn't let us extend out at the rear to our advantage by making a high lofted space over the kitchen, an area that would usually be compressed under the rear extension. This also enabled us to put in operable clerestory windows for light and ventilation."

The residence now has an overwhelming sense of light and space, not only because of the windows, but also thanks to the choice of Dulux Antique White USA and Vivid White for the walls and CaesarStone Ice Snow and Oyster for kitchen benchtops to match the light-coloured cabinetry and wall colour. In the new bathroom, the benchtop is also CaesarStone Ice Snow, and the large tiles and cabinetry are white to match the wall colour, further giving the illusion of space, in addition to a clean, fresh palette.

When recalling his favourite part of the renovated space, Justin says, "It is the built-in daybed/dog kennel/garbage room joinery in the backyard. Three functions in one big chair!"

Now the home is ready for future generations to enjoy and make their own memories. **R**

Redesign and extension of the existing dwelling sufficient to provide the following:

GROUND FLOOR

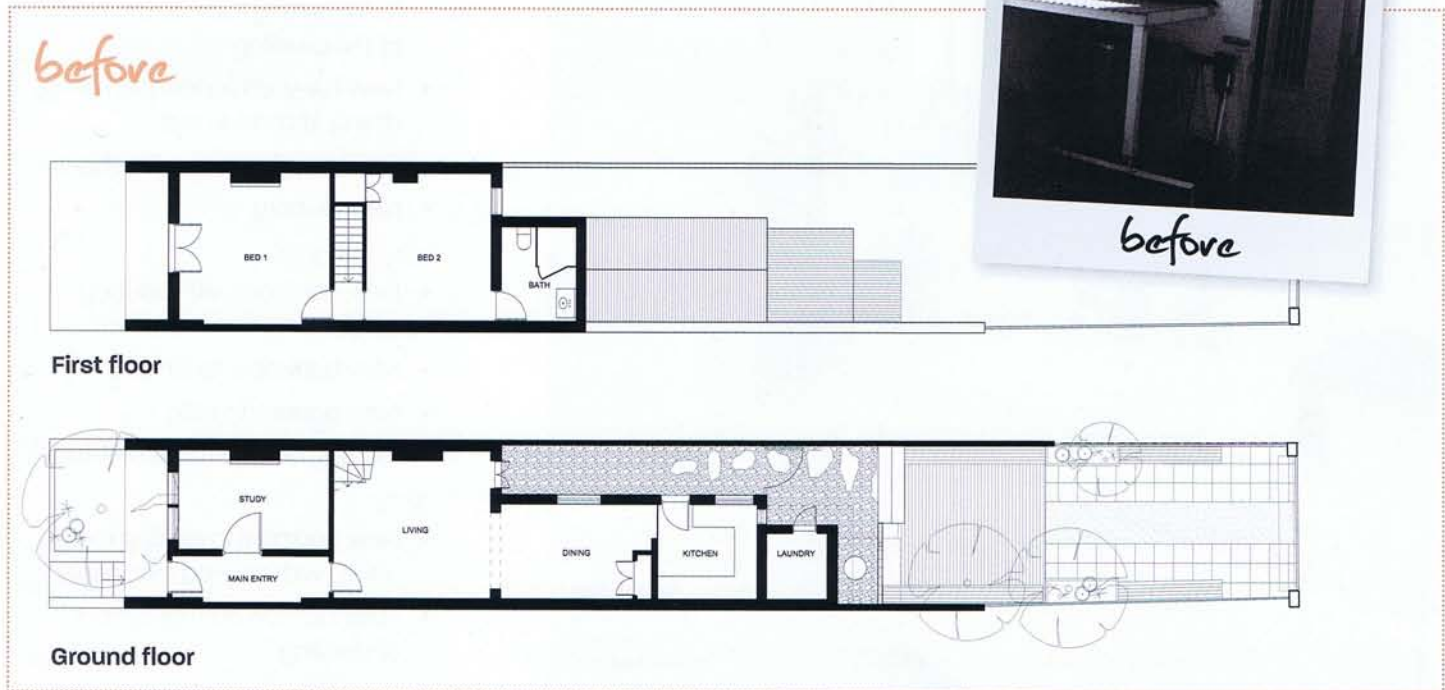
- Reconfigured entry space and formal sitting room to the front of the dwelling
- New full-width open-plan living, dining, kitchen to rear
- New powder room with shower
- New laundry

FIRST FLOOR

- New bedroom with balcony to rear
- New bathroom to landing
- New access to attic
- Existing bedroom to streetfront

ATTIC

- New bedroom to existing roof cavity with new dormer to rear
- Potential new dormer to front of dwelling



project particulars

This project was designed by

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This project was built by

DOBSONEI
 Tel 02 4872 1074
 Licence Number 113407C

Cost \$450,000

FLOORING

Kitchen/dining/living/stair:

Select-grade 150mm Tasmanian oak hardwood

Bedroom: Cavalier Bremworth Pique Tuscan Brown

Decking: 90mm blackbutt hardwood decking

WALLS

Kitchen/dining/living/bedroom/stair:

Dulux Antique White USA, Dulux Vivid White

Outdoor:

Dulux Bogart, Dulux Spanish Eyes

KITCHEN

Benchmark: CaesarStone Ice Snow, CaesarStone Oyster

Splashback: Graphic Glass

Cabinetry: Satin two-pack polyurethane to match wall colour

Appliances: Fridge, Liebherr; Oven, Miele underbench; Cooktop, Miele induction; Rangehood, Smeg; Dishwasher, Miele integrated; Sink, Franke; Sink mixer, KWC; Zip Hydro Tap, Domestic boiling and chilled compact system; Steam oven, Miele; Warming drawer, Miele; Coffee machine, Miele built in

Wine fridge: Miele

Pull-out pantry: Hettich Dispensa

BATHROOM FITTINGS

Cabinetry: Satin two-pack polyurethane to match wall colour

Benchmark: CaesarStone Ice Snow

Tiles/walls and floor:

Wall: Arte Domus Mutina Avana 100 x 300mm vertically Soldiercoarsed;
 Floor: Bisanna Tiles Crema Perla 600 x 300mm

Toilet: Villeroy & Boch Subway Series

Toilet roll holder: Argent Hub

Basin:

Villeroy & Boch Memento counter-top basin 600mm white

Basin mixer: Grohe Lineare

Shower rose:

Grohe Rainshower modern head, shower head and ceiling arm

Bath/shower diverter mixer:

Grohe Lineare with in-wall diverter body

Bath:

Villeroy & Boch Squaro bath 1700x750mm

Heated towel rail:

Hydrotherm B series 600 x 1000h, hardwired

Towel holder:

Hub towel ring chrome finish

Shower screen:

10mm toughened frameless glass

Floor waste: Square line 100mm diameter

Mirror: Supa Mira 10mm

LIGHTING

Halogens:

Gentech Lighting twist cap single Gyro square; Gentech Lighting twist cap dual Gyro rectangular

Front door external wall-mounted light:

Mondo Luce stainless-steel cylinder wall light

Dining room chandelier:

Mondo Luce Globo Strass

Kitchen island:

Mondo Luce Lillo three-light pendant

Kitchen wall-mounted uplights:

Mondo Luce Wafer

Bathroom vanity wall:

Mondo Luce Follia wall light

Master bedroom: Mondo Luce 24 Pearls

Backyard spotlight: Mondo Luce 12 volt

Backyard external wall-mounted light:

Mondo Luce SG stainless-steel cylinder

Deck uplight:

Mondo Luce in-ground uplighter round

WINDOWS + EXTERNAL DOORS

Glass: 10mm laminated acoustic

Frames: Painted hardwood

OUTDOOR

Roof: Colorbond Klip Lock Woodland Grey

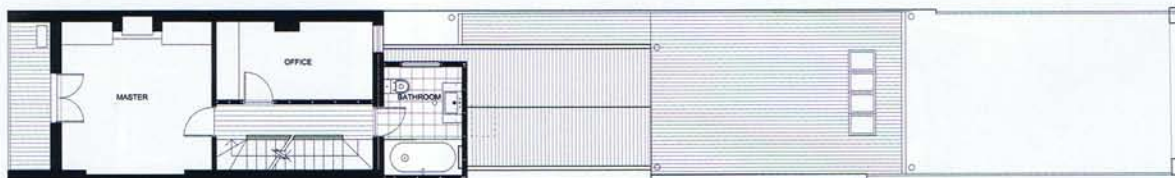
Paving: 400 x 400 filled travertine

Decking: 90mm blackbutt hardwood decking



after

Second floor



First floor



Ground floor