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BRADLEY

Bright and breezy

Federation style is a thing of the past for the owners of this new Adamstown Heights home, who wanted a modern change with loads of storage, space and light.

After living in Federation and cottage style homes for quite a number of years Sue and David Kuter decided to break away and head to something a bit more modern.

The couple bought an Adamstown Heights property, demolished the old house on the site, and built the new home they spent two years designing with help from Mark Gordon from The Plan Centre.

Their new home, built by Craig Marriott, is fashionable but with clever design features to make family living less stressful.

The angled roofs of the house make a bold statement right from the street, with the combination of Colorbond and Hardiplank giving interest against the moroka walls.

The front door opens up to a warm wood floor, brushbox, and ample storage keeps the hallways fuss-free.

“The big idea was to have lots and lots of storage because we have three children and I can’t stand clutter,” Sue said.

The three children’s bedrooms are kept close together, all with built-ins, and they have their own bathroom colourfully decorated in warm tones.

Glass tiles flow down the white tiles in the shower, and sparkle in the soap recess in the bath. Behind one of the bathroom cabinet doors is a laundry chute.

The main bedroom has a walk-in robe separating it from the ensuite, which prevents a sleeping shift worker from being woken by noise. White plantation shutters in the main bedroom keep the room elegantly simple.

The ensuite is a shower room, very easy to clean, and the blue glass tiles that the Kuters picked up in Sydney to line the room sparkle like the inside of abalone shells in the light.

As a design feature, the ensuite and the children’s bathroom are extended out beyond the width of the house, to give more space but also this creates an interesting feature on the profile of the home.

Walking into the main living room through the double



CREATIVE DESIGN: Bright colours, strong lines and distinct spaces make this Adamstown Heights home stand out from the crowd. – Pictures by Jamie Wicks

doors, the clerestory windows at the top of the angled ceiling let in natural light and breezes.

Sue said they don’t need to turn lights on in this area during the day and the breeze from the balcony and through the louvres at the front door keeps the home naturally cool.

There are two double sliding doors from the living area out onto the deck, where the Kuters have breakfast and read the morning papers ... and then don’t want to move.

From the deck is a pretty view and being up that high makes it feel like the Kuters are “living in the trees”.

There is no dead space in this home, the Kuters being able to entertain friends and family in the dining area, or deck, and relax on the lounge.

A small orange feature wall is at the end of the kitchen bench, bringing warmth and colour into the large room.

HOT TIP

HOT TIP: Having a beautiful space doesn’t have to mean extra work keeping it that way. Items like glass splashbacks are easy to keep clean and give a sense of style.

The kitchen has been designed with ease in mind, with the dishwasher set high to prevent unnecessary bending, CaesarStone benches, and glass splashback.

Downstairs is the laundry, bathroom, and large media room.

The possibilities of this space are continuing: the Kuters may to add a fifth bedroom, with the room in the laundry for a little kitchenette, should one of the children go to university.