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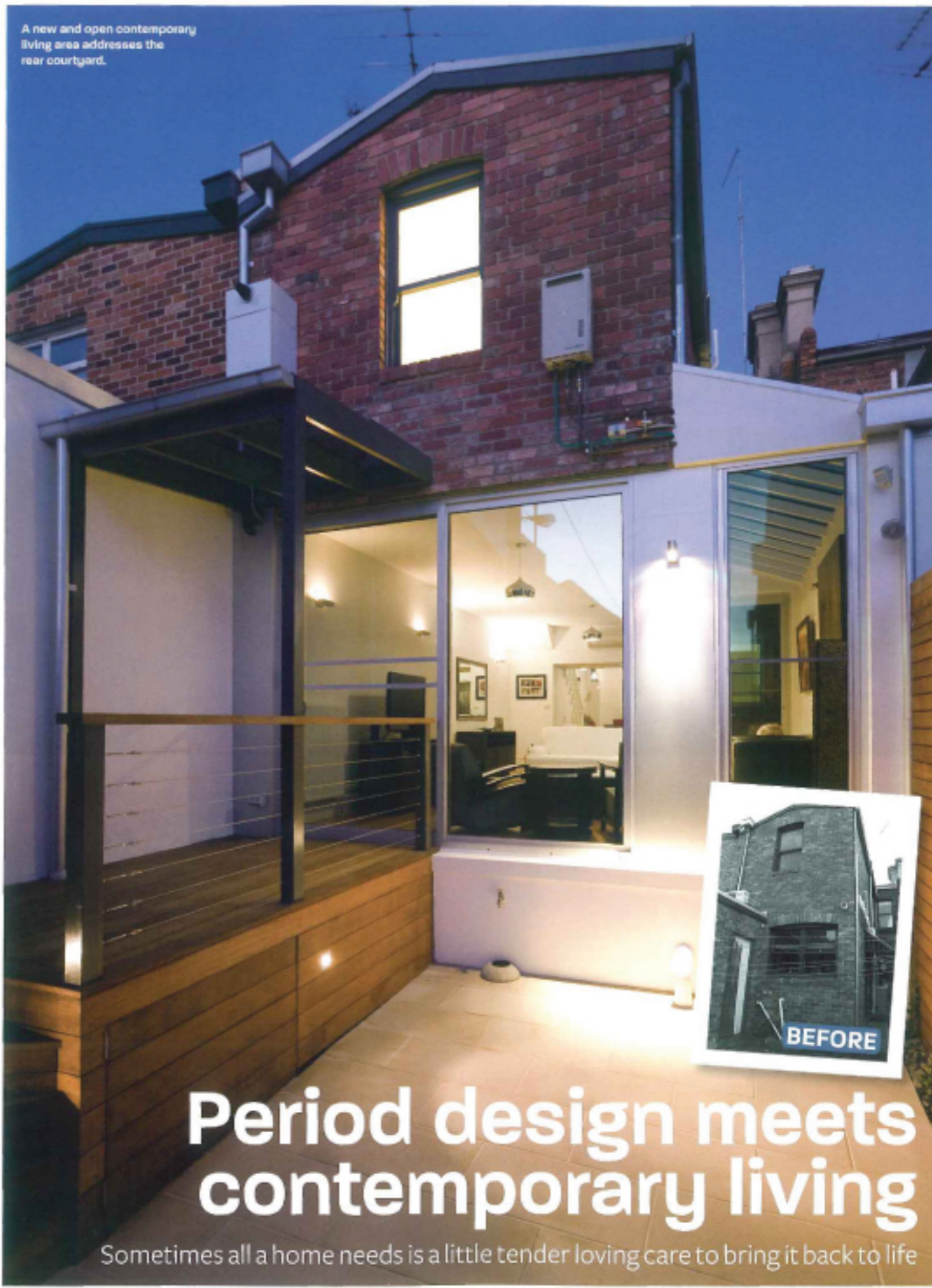
A double vanity is a much-needed update to the bathroom.



The walls to the bath/shower were reconfigured. Alterations were necessary to the layouts of the bath, toilet and shower.

Project particulars

Project was designed by:  
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 Design:  
 Dining: Tiles: Pietra Todi supplied  
 Kitchen: 08819 2990  
 Casual dining: All walls: Sprayed,  
 10kg Bristle quarter-strength, ceilings  
 10kg Bristle one-eighth-strength  
 Painting by Dave Elks and  
 Kinnier, Yamba  
 Tel: 0419 873 491  
 Top: Bianco Romano granite  
 Tel: 08623 8774  
 Cabinetry: Dark tulip and birch  
 Installation and fitting: Nouvelle Kitchens  
 Tel: 08494 8299  
 Kitchen fixtures + bathroom fittings  
 Installed by WC Bath + Shower  
 Tel: 09789 1500  
 Windows and external doors  
 Installed by charcoal grey aluminium  
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A new and open contemporary living area addresses the rear courtyard.

Period design meets contemporary living

Sometimes all a home needs is a little tender loving care to bring it back to life



Gone are the small, dark rooms. In their place is a light, open-plan house ideal for contemporary living.



The level of natural light the home has is shown in the interior of the living area.



Low-iron colourback glass splashback in Dulux Cos gives a splash of green to the kitchen.

Prior to being renovated, this Melbourne house was a typical inner-urban period home in poor condition and in need of "tender loving care". It was a series of small, relatively dark rooms and was suffering from structural movement. There was also evidence of borer activity.

The brief for the project, given to architect Anthony Quigley of Architecture Matters, was to create an open-plan house for contemporary living while being respectful to the period elements of the house that were the original attraction to the property.

"The inspiration for the design was principally to create a family home that we could see ourselves living and entertaining in," said Anthony.

Work to the ground floor involved opening up internal walls to create a formal dining area while allowing for the centrally located kitchen to address the informal rear living area and rear courtyard.

In order to maximise the small site, one wall to the living space was pushed out to the boundary, creating more internal floor space and a feature light court.

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Floor tiles in the fresh white bathrooms are fully vitrified porcelain Vita White, while wall tiles are rectified glazed porcelain Silk Doco Bianco and pressed glazed porcelain Roca Matt White.

of the internal light court and the location of the ensuite under the new attic stair.

"As the architects for the renovation, our favourite part of the renovation is the terrific, functional kitchen that addresses the formal dining and casual living areas of the house, allowing the house to be operated from the one location. In addition to this is the ensuite under the stair allowing for the design to totally maximise the space within the house," said Anthony.

The challenges of this project faced by Anthony involved the negotiation of the town planning process, as the site is located within a heritage overlay, plus the constraints of building within a built-up inner-city site.

"What makes this renovation special is the improved natural light to a new and open contemporary living area that addresses both the kitchen and the rear courtyard," said Anthony.



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### Joinery:

GMD Architectural Joinery  
Tel: 03 9357 7870

### Landscaping:

Plantscapes (Ben Lehmann)  
Tel: 0417 238 532

### Flooring

Kitchen/dining/living: 130x20mm select-

grade blackbutt top-nailed

**Bathroom:** Floor tiles 800x800x9mm  
fully vitrified porcelain Vita White by  
Classic Ceramics

Tel: 03 9682 0034

### Walls

**Kitchen/casual dining/dining/living/  
bedroom/stair:** Dulux Lexicon Quarter

**Outdoor:** Rear rendered Dulux White Watson's

**Bathroom wall tiles:** Bath wall —

860x440x10mm rectified glazed  
porcelain Silk Deco Blanco from Earp Bros.

Tel: 03 9328 8598

**Bathroom:** Wall tiles general —

810x310x11mm pressed glazed porcelain  
Roca Matt White from Earp Bros.

Tel: 03 9328 8598

### Kitchen

**Benchtop:** Caesarstone Oyster

**Splashback:** Low-iron colorback glass  
splashback — Dulux Cos

**Cabinetry:** Albedor Industries thermo  
laminated panels (square-edge profile) —  
gloss Galaxy Pearl

**Cabinet kickers:** Laminex laminate brushed  
stainless steel

**Handles:** Medinox MDZ182 pull handles

**Appliances:** Cassair rangehood,  
Baumatic wall oven and gas cooktop,  
Fisher & Paykel dishwasher

**Sanitary fixtures + bathroom fittings**

**Benchtop:** CaesarStone Seattle Sky

**Cabinetry:** Albedor Industries thermo  
laminated panels (square-edge profile) —  
Gloss White

### Lighting

**Living room pendants:** Beacon Lighting

**Dining and bedroom chandeliers:** Freedom

**Kitchen pendant:** Schots Restoration

Emporium

**Wall lights, mirror lights, downlights and  
exterior wall lights:** Richmond Lighting

Tel: 03 9429 4977

### Windows + external doors

**Aluminium doors and windows:** Capral 425  
double-glazed Narrowline Series — natural  
anodised aluminium finish

**Internal door handles:** Lockwood Nocturne

### Outdoor

**Decking:** 130mm merbau decking

**Concrete pavers:** Eco Outdoors

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