

HOME MAKEOVER:

retro revival

Thanks to a sympathetic restoration, this iconic Australian home is reliving its glory days

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pool

Reworking a home designed by influential architect Robin Boyd is no mean feat, but homeowner Simone rose to the challenge, carefully tweaking each space for modern living. Here, new black Bisazza tiles and blue-stone pavers around the pool offer a style hit.



living room Freshly painted walls in Dulux Birch White reveal the home's striking form. A custom-made rug from Artoz Rugs brings colour and personality to the seating area, which hosts a Jordan 'Nook' sofa and a 4M 'Pablo' coffee table. The cork ceiling had degraded to the point where little bugs were living in the cracks, but with an original industrial-grade vacuum and a sealant, it's now as good as new. >



ARTWORK (LEFT) MIRO. (CENTRE) JILL LEWIS

*downstairs
living room*

The fireplace was lifted from the lower level study to the second living area, where the family can gather around the hearth. A 'Prime Time' chair from Great Dane Furniture and 'Glo Ball' pendant lights by Jasper Morrison lend character and modern-retro appeal.

"The spaces are really *well-conceived* for a family - we're never crowded but we're never alone" ~ Simone



*h*itchhiker The U-shaped kitchen sparkles with benchtops in Caesarstone Snow, 2-pac cabinetry and Luceplan 'Supergiu' pendants. A red Baumann Meyer TV is a well-loved focal point. "I've always liked having a television in the kitchen and when I saw this red one, I had to have it!" says Simone. >



THE FIRST TIME Simone set foot in her inner-Melbourne home, it was like stepping into a time warp. Designed in 1966 by esteemed architect Robin Boyd, the house was revolutionary at the time of completion, but by the time Simone and her family of six moved in, it was well past its prime. Flowing over four levels, the structure was sound yet the interiors were tired and dated. "People would walk in and say 'Oh my goodness, it needs so much work,'" recalls Simone. Nevertheless, she could see its potential as a wonderful home to share with her husband and children.

The plan was to restore Boyd's vision and to tweak it to suit the family's schedule-juggling 21st-century lifestyles. "To start with, the house was designed for a family with three kids and we have four," says Simone. "The kitchen, bathrooms and laundry all had to work harder. And we needed a fifth bedroom."

Enter family friend, designer Allison Jessup, with whom Simone collaborated closely to push the possibilities of the house. With reconfigured spaces, lashings of white paint and pops of orange, the home stays true to its past, but is now attuned to the demands of contemporary living. "Family life is ever evolving and what we expect of a home develops over the years," says Allison. "The family didn't quite fit into the house, so we tweaked it."

LIVING AREAS & KITCHEN BUDGET

Appliances: Dishwasher, induction cooktop, oven and warming drawer, all Gaggenau	\$40,000
Benchtop: Caesarstone in Snow	\$5500
Cabinetry: Custom-built 2-pac cabinetry finished in Dulux Birch White half	\$35,000
Fireplace: Including relocation of fireplace and installation of Cheminees Philippe firebox	\$5090
Furniture	\$33,295
Labour	\$63,600
Lighting	\$3935
Paint: Wash & Wear 101 in Birch White half, Dulux	\$3995/L
Television: Baumann Meyer	\$2000

total: **\$188,420***



before

bedroom Clever choices ensure that the long but narrow master bedroom doesn't feel cramped, with a floating side table and suspended Studio Italia bedside pendant adding a sense of space. The original built-in cupboard is supplemented by a new walk-in robe, built at the opposite end of the room.



ensuite

A sweep of Calacatta marble along the vanity visually elongates the compact ensuite, while streamlined basins and tapware work to the same effect. For a touch of glamour, dark mosaic floor tiles ground the space.



MASTER BEDROOM, ENSUITE & STUDY BUDGET

Basin and tapware: Try Ideal Standard 'Concept' semi-recessed basin, Scala square basin mixer, both Reece	\$811
Bedding: 'Ziggy Zag' quilted doona, Oh Mabel	\$594
Bedroom lighting: 'Blown Up' pendant, Studio Italia	\$593
Benchtop: Calacatta marble	\$1500
Carpet: 'Sussex' carpet in Black Magic, Godfrey Hirst.....	\$1900
Ceiling: Including insulation	\$2000
Labour	\$43,000
Paint: Wash & Wear 101 in Birch White half, Dulux	\$39.95/L
Tiles: 'Mosaico' floor tiles, Bisazza.....	\$3000

*total: \$53,398**

* SOME COSTS ARE BASED ON OWNERS' ESTIMATES AND WILL VARY

“For the walls, we wanted white with a bit of *warmth* to it, otherwise the house would be too stark”

~ Allison, designer



study

With a coat of white paint on the walls and shelves, plus a swathe of Godfrey Hirst 'Sussex' carpet, the previously cold study was elevated to bright and open. Although the original fireplace was lifted up to the next level, the exposed beams were covered with insulation and a new ceiling for additional warmth. >



before

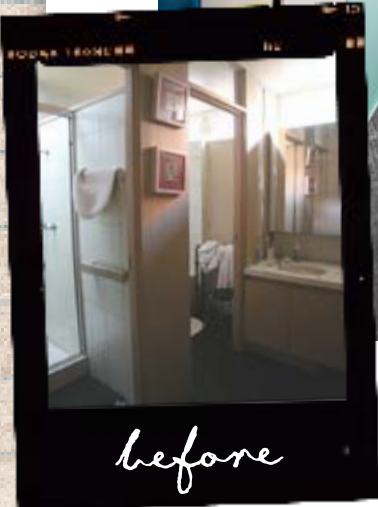


before

laundry Wide sliding doors provide easy access to the sizable laundry, where a new washing machine and dryer from Asko are welcome additions.



golf green Low maintenance and loads of fun, a putting green along the side of the home provides an opportunity for play. For a similar synthetic turf, try Progress; visit progress.com.au/golf.



before

LAUNDRY & MAIN BATHROOM BUDGET

Appliances: 'W6222' washing machine, 'T712C' dryer, both Asko	\$4000
Basins and tapware: Try Ideal Standard 'Concept 550' basins, Scala square hob tapware, both Reece	\$1614
Labour	\$60,000
Tiles: 'Mosaico' floor tiles in Black, wall tiles in Green, all Bisazza	\$5500

*total: \$71,114**

main bathroom

With one bathroom between four kids, it was essential to create a hardworking space. As such, the wet room and toilet are both enclosed behind translucent glass for privacy, making the space easy to share, especially in the morning!

country and
Simone's fondness
for playful oranges
and reds shines with a
custom mosaic table by
artist Simon Normand
and vibrant Tolix
'Chaise A' chairs. The
stairs were redesigned
with deeper treads, so
they can now double
as extra seating. >





OUTDOOR BUDGET

Landscaping: Including plants, demolishing, excavating, water tanks and sprinkler system, Land Projects.....	\$64,000
Outdoor furniture	\$7032
Paving: 'Midnight Cathedral' pavers, Anston Paving.....	\$10,000
Pool: Including cleaning, fixing and replacing tiles and new filtration system....	\$30,000
Putting green	\$3800

*total: \$114,832**

SOURCE BOOK

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facade

The overgrown garden was stripped back to open up the entrance. Contemporary bluestone paving and a dramatic 'Nautilus' sculpture by Simon Normand are the perfect prelude to what lies ahead. Landscape architect Martyn Zdanius re-imagined the garden, combining Boyd's sculptural modernism with Simone's penchant for citrus shades.