

Federation details match neighbours

■ Deryn Thorpe

Designer Gary Brown created the exterior of this family home to fit in with the Federation-style streetscape but inside it is all about function and form and has a classic modern feel.

Built from a combination of thin, Georgian-style red brick and render with an iron roof, the home created by Manor Home Builders, has three front facing gables with bracket trim and overhang, window hoods and veranda posts that match the detail in adjoining homes.

Mr Brown said that the council requirements made it necessary to set the second storey back from the road so the home blended with the single storey streetscape.

Other challenges to designing a home for the 464sq m block, were its modest 12m-wide frontage and its slope.

Inside, the wide entry has 2.7m ceilings which are raised to 3.3m in the open-plan living areas, and the grey ironbark timber floors have a matt finish.

Interior designer Alessandra Salomone chose classic simple cornices and white skirting boards for the home.

At the front is a grand, double-sized room, accessed by double doors, which has dramatic lighting troughs and the fixtures for a home theatre.

The front study has a semi-commercial Vantage framed window with fan light.

Floor-to-ceiling tiling in the downstairs bathroom includes a black glass mosaic feature wall, a washplane basin and an

obscured glass door that opens to an exposed aggregate pathway linked to the swimming pool.

Steps in the hallway lead to the north-facing living areas at the rear where there are bi-fold doors, side windows taking in garden views and a luxurious kitchen.

Stainless-steel benchtops team with a kitchen island bench of Grigio Autunno marble, walnut veneer cabinets and glass splashbacks.

A door accesses the outdoor kitchen which has glass splashbacks, built-in barbecue and sink. It adjoins an alfresco area which overlooks a garden designed by Blake Willis and pool built by Imperial Pools.

The double garage with storeroom is accessed off a lane. A timber staircase with glass balustrade leads to the top floor where there are four minor bedrooms with robes and a bathroom with powder room.

Walk-in robes are provided for the main suite which has a hotel-like feel with an ensuite open to the bedroom.

A skylight in a raked ceiling vault adds drama and other unusual features include a double-sized washplane sink in a stone-topped vanity.

The home has 296sqm of internal living space, 390sqm in total and can be built from \$754,000.

■ The home at 44 Vincent St, Mt Lawley is open by appointment. Contact Gary Brown, Design and Sales Manager, Manor Homes on 9409 8655 or 0419 835 483.



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