



Working the angles

A childhood home was given a new lease of life with a modern and creative renovation and a subtle nod to its original features, says design architect David Boyle

Q What was most important to the clients in their brief?

A The owners are a young family with two small children. The husband grew up in the house from age two, so it has sentimental family value. They wanted to retain the character of the house – as did the local council, as it is of heritage streetscape significance – remove a poorly constructed extension at the back, and build a modern pavilion at the rear for the new living areas to better address contemporary living and the connection to the outside.

Q The bathroom walls feature many interesting angles and curves. Can you explain the design?

A The space has been treated as a singular carved space. The geometry picks up on the curved elements within the federation house and increased the perception of extra space

as it bends around the corner in the shower area and you cannot see the limits of the edges. The curved shapes also pick up on the curves within the archway of the existing federation house in the hallway. The angled wall opens the hallway to the courtyard space and forms the nexus of the shower in the ensuite. This then bends back on itself creating a pop-out within the courtyard with a solid wall to screen the shower.

Q The mosaic tiles are a striking feature. Why did you use this style?

A The tiles reminded me of the tessellated tiles of the federation era but interpreted in the more contemporary penny-round mosaics in a mix of greys. We used them on the walls and floor to unify the space as a whole and painted the ceiling in a complementary green-grey.

PROJECT DETAILS

DESIGN ARCHITECT: David Boyle

PROJECT ARCHITECT: James Fraser

BUILDER: Ironbark Building Services

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER:

Northern Beaches Consulting Engineers

BATH: White ceramic rectangular bath from Kaldewei with chrome Tonic bath wall mixer from Rogerseller

SHELF: 20mm stone in Oyster from Caesarstone

SHOWER: Chrome Waterslide Round shower rose, chrome Versatile shower arm, Fantini Soho slim hand shower and integral wall union, all from Rogerseller

TILES: Penny Round grey ceramic wall and floor tiles from Bisanna Tiles

TOILET: Catalano Sfera Wall Hung Toilet Suite with soft close seat from Rogerseller

TOWEL RAIL: Snug Complete heated chrome towel rail from Rogerseller

