

Smith Residence

Cremorne, Australia

David Boyle Architect

Architect David Boyle updated this Federation-style house within a heritage conservation area with the addition of a contemporary single-storey structure and open-plan living area. The project involved the demolition of unsympathetic additions and offered new living spaces at the rear of the house opening directly to the rear yard and to a new eastern courtyard created between the new pavilion and the existing house.









The new pavilion steps up from the existing house to mediate the natural ground levels, and has been sculpted to respond to a mature jacaranda tree in the rear yard. The kitchen opens to both the rear yard and the central covered courtyard space. Bathrooms and skylights have been added within the existing structure and extend the existing hall into an informal sitting room opening east to the central covered deck. The roof of the deck is raised above the pavilion roof to allow northern light into the courtyard and includes a kick back roof parallel to the existing tiled roof to allow western light to be filtered between the

two roof planes. Additionally, the choice of materials provided a contemporary texture compatible with the decorative Federation features of the house.

The project explored the relationship of house and garden to maximise the sense of space and the opportunity for the interplay of an appropriate level of natural light to provide an open yet protected suburban environment.

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