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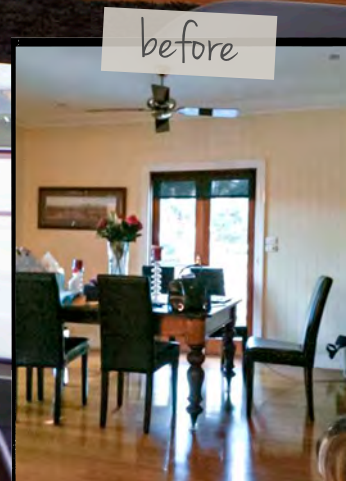
crowd-pleaser

For one Brisbane couple, merging their families meant extending their home, too

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TABLE LAMP, ABODE AND BOD. ARTWORK, SHARON FULLER

Kerryn and Brad revamped their living area with a statement pendant from Lumen 8, an artwork by Sharon Fuller and leather sofas dressed in floral 'Aruba' cushions from Les Salles and graphic Sparkk cushions by Pod Living. >



reno files inside story



Who lives here? Kerryn, a change management consultant, shares the home with Brad, an industrial relations consultant, her children Ellie, 14, and Thomas, 12, and their dog Murphy. Brad's children, Hannah, eight, and twins Sam and Isobelle, seven, are regular visitors.

Location: Brisbane suburbs, Queensland.

Original property: A timber post World War II home, which had been divided into flats before being converted back into one home by the previous owners.

Time frame: Six months.

Why this house? "I liked the proximity to the city – as almost all of my clients are there – and the fact the house sits right on a park," says Kerryn. "The kids can safely play and have room to kick a football while I'm watching from the balcony."

Why the reno? "We'd become a merged family and needed extra space," explains Kerryn. Also, the downstairs area had been damaged in the 2009 Brisbane floods.

The works: Kerryn's brother-in-law, architect Shaun Miller, designed 'the Pod' – a striking extension which houses the parents' retreat, with master bedroom, walk-in-robe and ensuite.

Major changes: A new kitchen and outdoor entertaining area were added, along with new decor.

Favourite aspect of the redesign: "We love 'the Pod' and also a little organisational nook off the kitchen that we call 'the headquarters'."



before

exterior

A contemporary extension tagged 'the Pod' sits on the back of the 1940s Queenslander and overlooks the pool. Brad had the idea of adding a 10cm-wide rail atop the glass balustrade. "We're often here supervising the kids in the park or pool and it's just wide enough to rest a cup of coffee or glass of wine upon!" says Kerryn. The exterior walls are painted in Colorbond Monument by Dulux.

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exterior & living

kitchen

master suite

exterior

BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Living (previous page)

Furniture: 'Ice' coffee table, \$219.95, Super Amart; try 'Fitzroy' 2-seater sofa, \$1399, Oz Design Furniture, ozdesignfurniture.com.au.

Lighting: 'Clavius' suspended chrome & silk pendant, \$1554, Lumen 8, lumen-8.com.au.

Wall paint: Wash & Wear 101 Barrier Technology in Lexicon half-strength, \$41.45/1L, Dulux, dulux.com.au.

Exterior

Exterior paint: Weathershield in Colorbond Monument, \$46.45/1L, Dulux, dulux.com.au.

Fence: Glass balustrade with hand rails, \$4000, Edge Concepts, edgeconcepts.net.au.

Dining

Floorboard treatment: Sanding and polishing of existing blackbutt timber floors, from \$28/sqm, Queensland Parquetry, Cork & Timber Floors, qpcf.com.au.

Furniture: Try replica Eames dining chairs, \$69 each, Milan Direct, milandirect.com.au; try 'Citro' dining table, from \$599, Domayne, domayne.com.au.

before

dining area

The position of the dining room stayed the same, but the open space, which leads onto the deck, received a cosmetic overhaul. Original blackbutt floorboards were sanded and polished for an instant lift. The dining table was chosen to accommodate a crowd. "It can seat up to 12, which we need as we're a big family and always entertaining," says Kerry. >



"We live between the kitchen and the deck, the doors are always open" ~ Kerry

"I love the white cabinetry teamed with the **black** granite and appliances – the **contrast** creates a sense of drama" ~ Kerryyn





kitchen

Architect Shaun Miller and space planner/designer Sharon Fuller collaborated on the new kitchen, which now sits in place of the original deck. "Shaun is a father of five and Sharon is a mother of triplets – they understand that workability is just as important as aesthetics," says Kerry. "It's an extremely practical kitchen." White 2-pac cabinetry is teamed with dramatic dark elements including polished porcelain floor tiles, granite benchtops and a glossy black fridge and sink.

"The granite sink is actually easier to keep clean than stainless steel – due to the nature of the material all it needs is a simple wipe with a damp cloth," explains Kerry.

BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Kitchen & storage nook

Appliances: Electrolux 'Side by Side' 700L high gloss fridge in Ebony; Miele steam oven and warming drawer; Smeg oven, cooktop and rangehood, \$20,000/package, Brisbane Appliance Sales, brisbaneappliance.com.

Benchtops: 'Indian Mist' granite, from \$900/sqm, Project Stone Australia, projectstone.com.au.

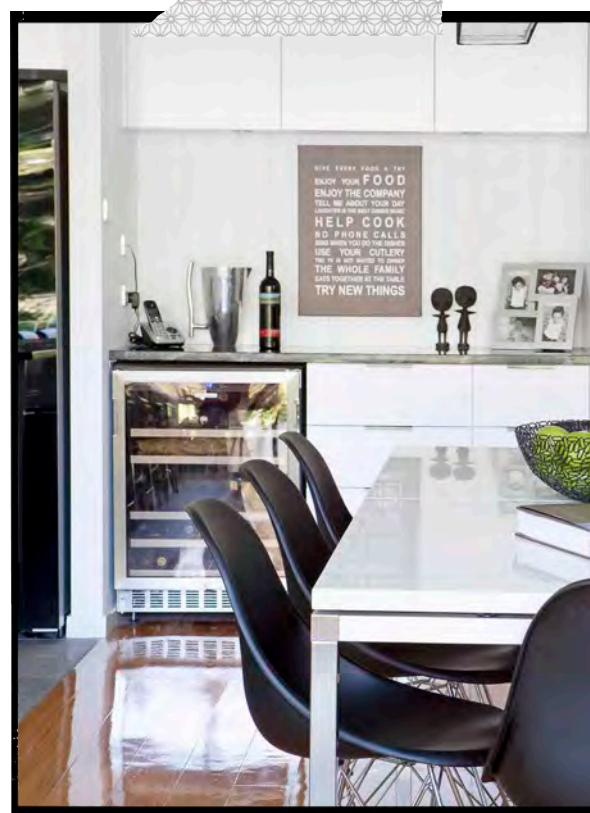
Cabinetry: Custom-built 2-pac cabinetry, \$30,000, Josh Teed Cabinets, 0438 511 464.

Floor tiles: 'Sonara Lappato' polished porcelain floor tiles in Grey, \$50/sqm, Majer Tiles, majertiles.com.au.

Sink & tap: 'Schock' sink in Black, \$1150; try Teknobil 'Oz T7' sink mixer, \$499, both Reece, reece.com.au.

Stools: Replica Tolix stools, \$89 each, Milan Direct, milandirect.com.au.

Wall paint: Wash & Wear 101 Barrier Technology in Lexicon half-strength, \$41.45/L, Dulux, dulux.com.au.



storage nook

Designed and nicknamed the 'headquarters' by Sharon, the storage nook off the kitchen is one of Kerry's favourite features. "If the kids can't find something or I need a pen or change for a coffee – this is the first place we look," she explains. Custom cabinetry houses two filing cabinets, deep drawers and a Vintec wine fridge. >

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renovator's diary

May 2011

The family moves into rental accommodation and the renovation on their home begins; the kitchen, bathrooms and all downstairs internal walls are ripped out. "This all happened on day one – I couldn't believe how fast it was!" recalls Kerryn.

June 2011

Framing for 'the Pod' is erected, extending the home out into the backyard. "\$40,000 worth of steel went into this house, all to keep 'the Pod' up!" says Kerryn. New internal walls are framed-up and construction begins on the deck.

July 2011

Work continues on-site, with bi-fold doors installed and all electrical work underway. Kerryn and Brad race around selecting windows, doors, tiles, bathroom appliances, carpet and wallpaper for the new extension.

August 2011

With the windows installed, upstairs is now at lock-up stage. The exterior walls are painted. Framing and roofing begins on the new kitchen. Bathrooms are waterproofed and tiles are laid.

September 2011

The internal walls are painted and the feature lights and air-conditioning are installed.

October 2011

The kitchen cabinetry, granite benchtops and glass balcony balustrade are fitted. The family moves home in late October, in time for the festive season.

"When I come here, I'm in the **grown-ups'** zone – it's very relaxing" ~ Kerryn



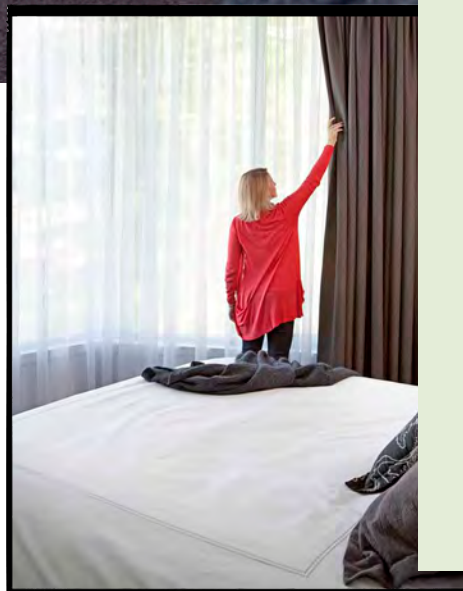
master bedroom

The brand new bedroom is located in 'the Pod', a modern addition that juts out over the yard and is decorated with a dash of glamour. "At times we have five children living in the house, so the idea of the parents' retreat was to reclaim some of our own space," explains Kerryn. Here, storage and style co-exist: a freestanding wall papered in Romo 'Arioso' wallpaper hides a roomy walk-in-wardrobe behind, and the black leather bed boasts deep drawers which Kerryn uses to store linen. A double curtain rail offers the option of both sheer and blackout drapes.

ensuite

The new bathroom (opposite) is spacious and opulent. "I know it's totally indulgent but I'm okay with that," says Kerryn. "We work hard all week and this is where we wind down."

A Victoria & Albert 'Ravello' bath takes centre stage, while an exquisite mix of tiles plays the supporting role. "I'm glad we took the wall tiles up to the ceiling as they really pick up the sparkles and shadows created by the chandelier," says Kerryn. >



BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Master bedroom

Bed and bedside table: 'Kenton' leather bed frame, from \$699/queen; bedside table, from \$249, both Snooze, snooze.com.au.

Curtains: Bespoke double curtains in Warwick Fabrics 'Camilla' sheer fabric and 'Harvest' blockout fabric, \$1730/set, Tahn Scoon Interiors, tahnscoon.com.au.

Wallpaper: Romo 'Arioso' wallpaper in Feather Grey, \$305/10m roll, Tahn Scoon Interiors.

Ensuite

Bath & filler: Victoria & Albert 'Ravello Premium' bath, \$5500; 'Ram Yeva' floor bath mixer with handshower, \$2010, both Reece, reece.com.au.

Cabinetry: Custom-built 2-pac cabinetry, \$2000, Josh Teed Cabinets, 0438 511 464.

Floor tiles: 'Overland Lappato Nero' stone tiles, \$52/sqm, Metro Tiles, metrotiles.com.au.

Lighting: 'Pirouette' chrome & crystal pendant, \$495, Beacon Lighting, beaconlighting.com.au.

Splashback: 'Elegance' porcelain tiles, \$40/tile, The Tile Mob, tilemob.com.au.

Wall tiles: Ceramic rectified tiles in Gloss White, \$25/sqm, Majer Tiles, majertiles.com.au.



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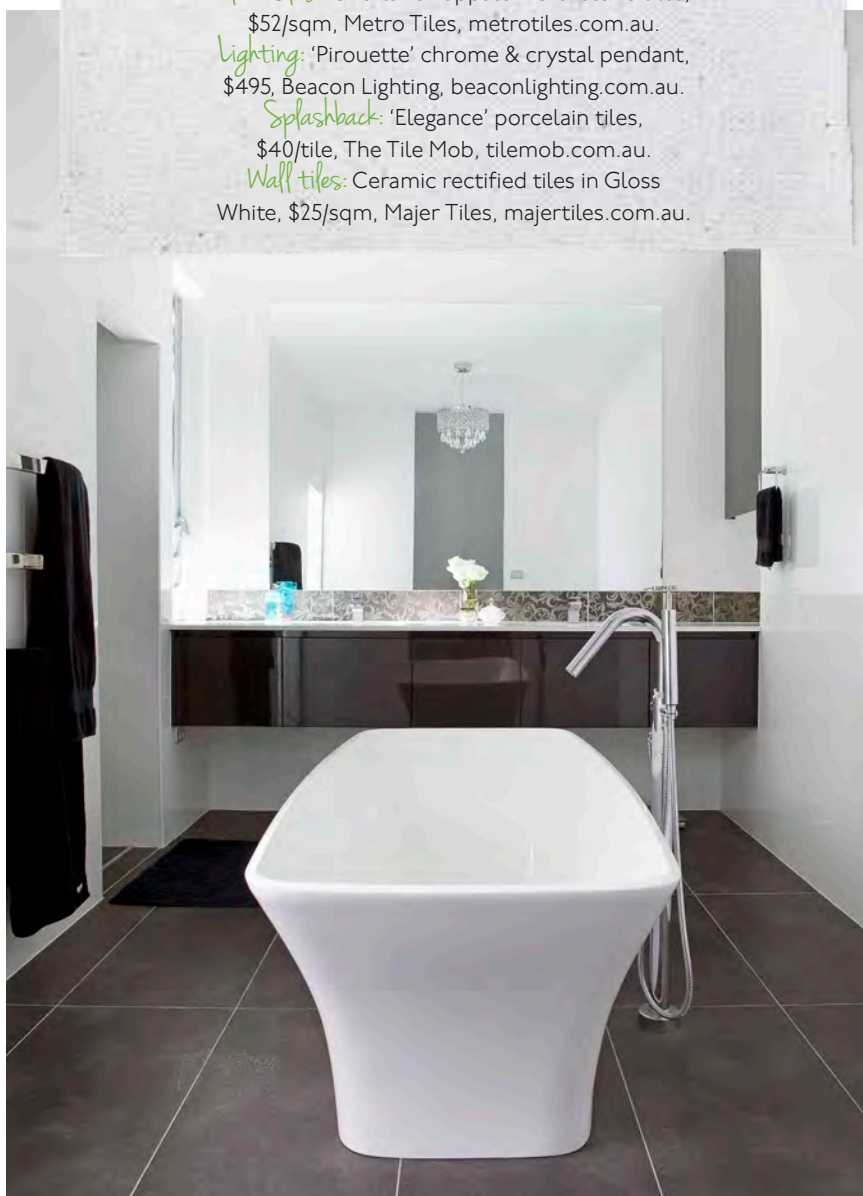


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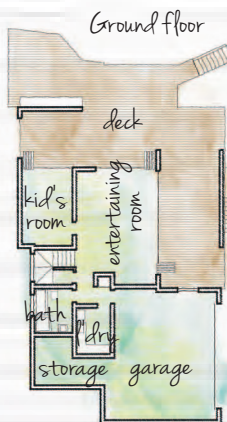
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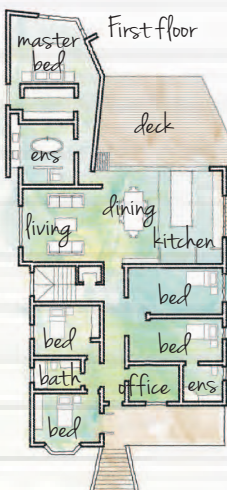
First floor



After



First floor



pool area

With the bulk of the renovation complete, Kerry and Brad turned their attention to the pool area, which was still in good shape. Brad tidied up the plants and existing decking, and Kerry chose a rustic iron setting from Bunnings to contrast with the contemporary rear extension. Similarly, the home's front exterior (below) remains true to its 1940s heritage.



"Our architect and designer understood our **lifestyle** and could relate to our needs" ~ Kerry



SOURCE BOOK

Architect: Shaun Miller of Infuse Design, 0424 080 399.

Space planner/designer: Sharon Fuller, 0402 022 324. 