

GASCOIGNE ELEGANCE

WINNER

Residential Heritage Design (EC)

Location: Malvern East | VIC

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Interior Design: Bloom Interior Design

Landscape Design: Mark Browning Landscape Design

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Project Brief

To extend, reconfigure, and renovate a Post Edwardian home in Malvern East for a young family, focusing on functionality, light, and elegance. The design corrected the segmented, poorly integrated rear living areas of a previous extension, enhancing the connection between the home's original and new parts. Priorities included maximising living space functionality with increased storage, modernising while respecting original architecture, and introducing more natural light. Outdoor improvements centred on a covered entertaining area, better integration with the garden and pool, and spaces for herb and vegetable growing. Bedroom and study designs aimed for comfort and adaptability, and the open-plan kitchen, dining, and living areas were expanded, including a large butler's pantry for storage and meal preparation.







Sustainability Considerations

The renovation focused on sustainability, aiming to minimise waste and maximise thermal efficiency. To reduce landfill waste, much of the original structure was retained, including the concrete floor slab. On-sold items, such as fireplaces and kitchen components, further reduced waste. Enhancements for sustainability included installing double-glazing for new doors, windows, and skylights, strategic placement of doors for effective zoning, thermally efficient window treatments, and integrating a 30,000-litre water tank for water conservation and a separate 2,400-litre tank for toilets. The project also upgraded to energy-efficient heating/cooling systems and converted the pool to solar heating. The new extension's orientation optimised natural light, and over 22m of raised garden beds in a French Potager style were added, enhancing biophilic connections and integrating the outdoors with the residence.

Judges' Comments

This is a remarkable and extremely well-documented transformation! Well done on breathing new life into a gorgeous heritage home. The design seamlessly blends old and new, creating a vibrant, functional, and highly sophisticated family residence. The rear expansion, which opens the house to natural light and the outdoors, is particularly impressive. The detailed documentation is commendable, and the project is a testament to the skill and vision of the design team. Stunning!

The lofty gabled ceiling design extends from the interior living areas to the outdoor Alfresco, creating a perception of spaciousness and brightness, and serving as a visual connection to the external environment.

