



Super chic

Score a bullseye for luxurious contemporary style



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An ultra-professional job enhanced by unique and personal touches, this new townhouse radiates five-star pride. Greg Oakley of Oakley Property Group and partner Flower have overseen the entire project, from buying the original property through to dancing the council tango, design, building and eventually completion.

With the finishing features just settling in, both are more than happy with the results.

"It hasn't been easy to build," Greg confides, "but the effort has certainly been worthwhile. We have spared no expense, and I think that's obvious. Our intention was to create a high-end contemporary residence with maximum open space and light. Five-star energy rating was a given, along with sound wiring and computer cabling. There's reverse-cycle heating and cooling, video intercom and solar hot water.

"Stuart Holmes of Neil Architecture did the design, and he's big on floor-to-ceiling glazing, recessed pelmets and thoughtful extras like that."

The American oak floorboards on the ground level are custom-stained with a secret mix invented by Flower involving green, blue and black. Out on the consummate deck, the feature planter hosting a herb garden was Greg's mother's idea.

Though the council negotiations were lengthy, they were never problematic, with all ultimately agreeing upon the proposal for retaining the original California bungalow residences and the institution of two townhouses in the mammoth backyard.

Fronting Wilton Grove, number 2F gets up close to the street with a striking facade of polished concrete and rich timbers. The over-height front door is painted in

high-gloss red that goes by the apt name of bullseye.

Voluminous and basking in natural light by virtue of full northerly glazing, the open-plan kitchen, dining and living area occupies most of the ground level. A nifty hallway with storage, powder room and sunny fitted study area claims the rest.

The living zone begins the striking interior with a gas fireplace on a full-width stone ledge. The designated dining zone sits central. The kitchen zone has top-shelf integrated appliances and an island bench illuminated by three dropped light fittings.

Timber-floored and high-walled for absolute privacy, the deck is quite spectacular. Giant birds of paradise rise from polished concrete planters. That herb garden looks to be thriving. A gas barbecue and dramatic night lighting extends attractive usage possibilities.

The second level continues the theme of liveable luxury with three bedrooms and the main bathroom. Louvred windows are strategically positioned to catch sea breezes. Heralded by a full-height door and carpeted in olive, the main bedroom has a big bank of built-in wardrobes and a suitably splendid stone en suite.

Sealing the deal on modern convenience, the garage accommodates two cars via a car stacker. Just beyond the front door, beach, cafes, bars transport and loads of lively local action awaits. ■

2F WILTON GROVE, ELWOOD

BEDROOMS Three

BATHROOMS Two

LIVING Open-plan kitchen, dining and living

THE REST Showpiece facade, double garage with car stacker, huge north-facing landscaped deck and garden, study area, substantial storage, powder room, state-of-the-art Miele kitchen, stone surfaces, Italian tiling, heating and cooling, video intercom, American oak floorboards, quality carpets and blinds, solar hot water

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