



Mission accomplished



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Refrigeration engineer Chris Nisbet turned to his mate of 30 years and said: "We've got a fabulous block of land. Do your best."

The mate, architect and managing director of the Vibe Design Group, Michael O'Sullivan, took up the invitation to create a contemporary home of striking proportions and materials in Kew's exclusive Studley Park precinct, just metres from the Yarra.

The two-storey home's exterior is made from silvertop ash and copper cladding with a cantilever section at the front. Windows in the facade and throughout the house are made with thermally broken aluminium frames and double glazing – the latest in energy efficiency and styling. The entry is up a flight of stairs from the drive to an opaque glass door that opens into the north-facing living area.

It is a typical contemporary house where all the living areas are linked. The open-plan kitchen, living and dining area connects with the large timber deck and pool in the outdoor living area.

In the kitchen, stone benches, including an island bench, glass splashbacks and lots of soft-closing storage, provide the best contemporary cooking environment.

The architect has made great use of the space and the site, creating rooms with northern aspects for abundant natural light.

A predominantly white interior contrasts with tallow wood floors and internal doors that are mainly dark stained timber. Stairs and bedrooms are carpeted in deep charcoal carpet.

From the deck, sliding doors open to a hall with carpeted stairs going to a rear wing where there is a lounge and powder room and two bedrooms that share a double bathroom.

"The whole purpose of the house is the area and the view," says Chris. "With that comes the contemporary atmosphere with indoor-outdoor living, cutting-edge design and quality fit-out."

It's a home that could work for a couple scaling down from a large house or people with teenage children.

Whether you've got two people or 20, the living area – inside and out – is large enough to take a crowd.

On the first floor at the front is the main bedroom suite, reached via a second carpeted staircase. This area can be closed off by a wide opaque glass sliding door. Before the

main bedroom is reached, there is an ensuite with dual basins and neutral tiled decor and the walk-in wardrobe.

The bedroom, which has a wall of wardrobes, has floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the deck and pool below. The outlook from this bedroom and the living area below is over a treed landscape.

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At a glance

38 Yarravale Road, Kew

BEDROOMS Three

BATHROOMS Two plus two powder rooms

LIVING AREAS Open-plan living and dining

THE REST Cutting-edge contemporary design with quality fittings and five-star energy rating, smart wiring, ensuite, teenage lounge, walk-in wardrobe, separate laundry, dumbwaiter, indoor-outdoor living, deck, pool, refrigerated air-conditioning, heating, double garage, excellent storage, extensive bushland views, close to Yarra, walking tracks and boulevard.

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