

## PERTH HOUSING AWARDS



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## Triplex overhaul modern marvel

■ Katie Lee

Many people would shy away from a large-scale renovation on a triplex home but, armed with a clever design and having a passionate builder onside, the owner of this Cottesloe home has removed all doubts. Her updated strata home now commands attention against its adjoining neighbours.

"It is a strange concept making an identical portion of a triplex totally different to the remaining two," Anthony Pillinger, of Swell Homes, said.

"Seeing the beautiful result is almost a shock for the builder and the designers.

"For those who are not in the industry, it would be very hard to conceptualise."

Swell Homes head supervisor Andrew Annandale was in charge of the challenging build, which has transformed a 1970s double-storey brick-and-tile triplex home into a modern marvel.

Designed by Karl Spargo in conjunction with homeowner and interior designer Liz Prater, the overhaul saw much of the ground floor gutted to make way for a spacious open-plan design lined with high-end materials, including honed and un-grouted natural travertine flooring and limed, smoked oak floorboards that have been used as wall and cabinet cladding in the kitchen, bathroom, lounge and on the front door.

The entry opens to the main dining and kitchen zone, which stems into an impressive alfresco area with tiered roofline, outdoor kitchen, wall-mounted fireplace, built-in bench seats, outdoor shower and beds of greenery.

"This area was previously a drying yard and concrete slab which radiated heat and was uncovered," Mr Pillinger said.

He said while the tiered roofline provided an interesting build, it ensured plenty of light entered the interiors, protected against direct sun and allowed heat to escape.

A family room has been added behind the new double garage.

It has a longline pebble gas fireplace



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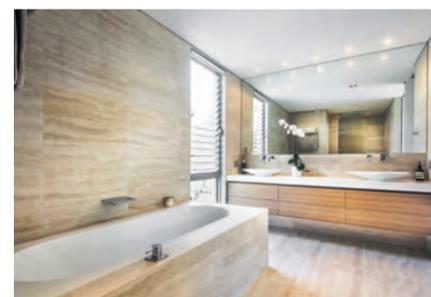
housed in a timber unit under the wall-mounted television and looks out to a light-well courtyard.

The main suite was relocated from the first floor to the north-facing rear of the ground level, including a big walk-in robe and luxurious ensuite with suspended double vanity, deep bath and stone-lined walls.

The plan has grown from a three-bedroom, one-bathroom design to a four-bedroom, two-bathroom home with multiple indoor and outdoor living spaces.

The upper floor now houses the minor bedroom wing and the refurbished main bathroom, along with a new balcony overlooking the street.

The frontage is barely recognisable from its beginnings as a "brick box"; a new rendered facade, sleek lines and lush landscaping making it appear as a new build.



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