

THREE BIRDS RENOVATIONS

Bringing style and beauty to the renovating world.

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Three women with corporate careers and limited experience in the home renovating game are turning heads with the completion of their third property – Lana Taylor, Bonnie Hindmarsh and Erin Cayless, aka Three Birds Renovations – have style that oozes throughout the houses they transform.

“The houses that we buy are generally very dark and old,” says Bonnie, the design guru of the trio. “Our main goal in a home is to open it up and have a really light, bright, white space.”

Their most recent project, 23 Lamorna Avenue Beecroft, has been their biggest yet. With a seven week turnaround, the girls managed to transform a dated and dark house in the suburbs into a beautiful Hampton inspired family home with an alfresco lifestyle. Knocking down walls, shifting whole rooms and recreating entire spaces – they have an incredible vision that at times leaves their tradies scratching their heads.

“We design homes that we want to live in and entertain in,” says Lana, the marketer of the trio. “It’s really focused around families and how they live, we have eight kids between the three of us so we really know what they need.”

The girls had their tradies reconfiguring the whole house to achieve their signature effect. They moved the entire kitchen downstairs, knocked out walls and ceiling to create a high ceiling with glass banisters along the stairway, an oversized entry and French doors throughout. A huge master bedroom with a dressing area and open ensuite, a kitchen with Calacatta stone bench tops and a gas-strut window, all of which opens out into a backyard that has been designed for entertaining with different zones catering to dining, lounging and active play.





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SNOW DROP WHITE
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Combine Laundry
& POWDER ROOM



Gas Strut Window
WITH A BENCH ON
THE OTHER SIDE



Spacious Master
BEDROOM



Install
BENCH SEATS

“The properties that are less desirable are the properties we’re interested in,” says Erin, the operations mastermind of the trio. “The worse condition they are the better – we love termite damage and dampness, people turn away from that, but we love it.”

Connected through their husband’s football careers, the trio decided to collaborate on a business venture that would give them the work life balance they craved for. Combining their skill sets, they took a home styling idea to the next level, buy dated and vintage houses, do a complete renovation in a six week period and sell for a profit.

“Our kids were about to go off to kindergarten and we had all been climbing the corporate ladder, and you just hit that time in your life when you want to do something that is more fulfilling,” Lana says.

The trio are master project managers. They impose and adhere to strict time lines and budgets, to the point where they have the auctioneer booked in before the renovations have even begun – the girls pull it off though because they

don’t waver on their high expectations of the tradies they hire to do the job.

With over 12,000 Instagram followers and counting, the girls are garnering more and more attention from businesses eager to feature products and furnishings in their homes. They attribute their growing success to being relatable. They invest their own money into the houses – it’s real life, not a T.V. show.

“We are on a much bigger journey than just renovating in private, we are about empowering and inspiring women to pursue their passion for renovating and to build a life they love,” says Lana.

This house is for sale through Belle Property Beecroft. For more information, see property pages 4 and 5.