

THE ULTIMATE DO-OVER

With a NEW BEBE on the way and a teeny-tiny house, this mama called in the experts: THREE BIRDS RENOVATIONS.



OWNER // TIEGHAN

If you're a mama-to-be looking down the barrel of a complete renovation of your dreary 1960s home, who are you going to trust to get everything just right? If you ask Tieghan Booty, you find a trio of other mamas, tell them what you're hoping for, hand them the keys and then head off for a pregnancy massage.

"The home was originally an investment property which we leased out, but as we currently lived on a busy and dangerous main road, we wanted to move to somewhere more suburban to raise our baby," says Tieghan. "This location seemed like a perfect opportunity, however the home certainly need some TLC. The house was originally very cramped, with only one bathroom, which was going to be a struggle. There was also only one living space, which was very small and felt cold. With a baby on the way, more living space was definitely required and as much room as possible for all of the toys that were bound to come along too! The overall feel of the home was dark and dated, it certainly needed a new lease on life and needed to be tackled by someone who knew what they were doing."

So she hired The Three Birds – besties and busy mums, Bonnie Hindmarsh, Lana Taylor and Erin Cayless – the high profile Sydney-based reno company (threebirdsrenovations.com) that not only makes beautiful homes, but totally speaks the female language.





MAMA RENO

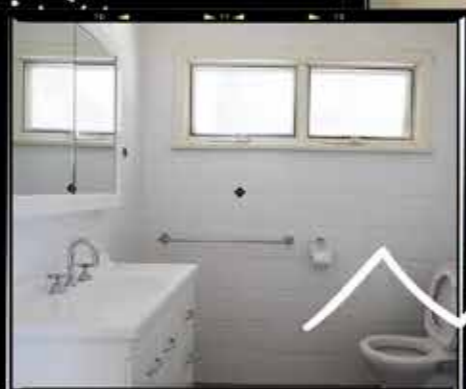
AFTER



"We truly feel that this home has enhanced our lives. Chris and I both can't wait to pull into the driveway each day!"

BEFORE

The 1960s home was dull and dreary, it needed a freshen-up and loads more space, pronto!



"Candles are my 'go-to' styling items, because when they're not lit they look gorgeous and when lit, they smell gorgeous too." - Bonnie

"This 1960s home lacked all character and charm," says Lana. "The poor thing really had no endearing features and absolutely zero street appeal – just what we look for in a renovation project! The home is on a nice-sized block of land (670 sqm) but the floor area was only 114 sqm which meant there just wasn't enough house for modern-day living where second lounge rooms and ensuites are the norm. The owners, Tiegihan and Chris, had a baby on the way and needed the extra space quick-smart! So we blew out the back of this beauty and added a bold extension to increase the liveable space indoors and fix up the desolate wasteland out back. Oh, and the awful facade! It needed some real reno magic!"

The Three Birds settled on a French Provincial feel, but with a modern twist. "We wanted it to be dark and moody on the outside with a fresh, crisp interior," Lana says.

But the fact that a new bebe was joining the family wasn't lost on the plan the Birds put together. "With a new baby on the way, we knew there'd be lots of visitors popping in, lots of



We love the way it opens onto the outdoor entertaining area. Throw back the French doors and voila... the perfect indoor/outdoor flow.



"The new extension is a special space as it's where the open plan kitchen and sitting room are – the hub of the home."



"Our Master retreat has been an added slice of heaven over the last few months."



The star of the show in the kitchen has to be the super-spesh island bench.



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cups of coffee being made, many loads of washing being done... and that all happens in this space, so we wanted to it look and feel gorgeous," Lana explains.

Mamas to their glamorous cores, The Three Birds are all about planning and getting it right with minimal fuss and disruption. "We started planning this renovation about 12 months out from the start date," Lana explains. "The more you plan upfront, the less issues you'll have along the way."

The reno work itself only took 12 weeks, and The Three Birds always recommend doing a whole reno in one fell swoop, instead of doing it room by room over a bigger stretch

of time. "It's a bigger chunk of cash upfront, but will save you big in the long run. Getting tradies to do everything at once is always more cost effective than having them come and go."

And the end result? Freaking amazing! And Teighan agrees. "I absolutely adore the transformation that our home has undergone. It's now got such a beautiful, airy feel throughout with pops of colour for fun that add so much character! The casual, open layout suits our family to a tee, we really enjoy entertaining and this home has been the perfect setting of so many cherished memories already."



There wasn't room for a separate laundry in the floorplan, so this Euro laundry, hidden in bi-folding kitchen cabinets, was the next best thing.

