

CULLEN BAY RENOVATION







The open plan kitchen pops with artwork by Judy Maddalozzo from Karen Brown Fine Art Gallery.

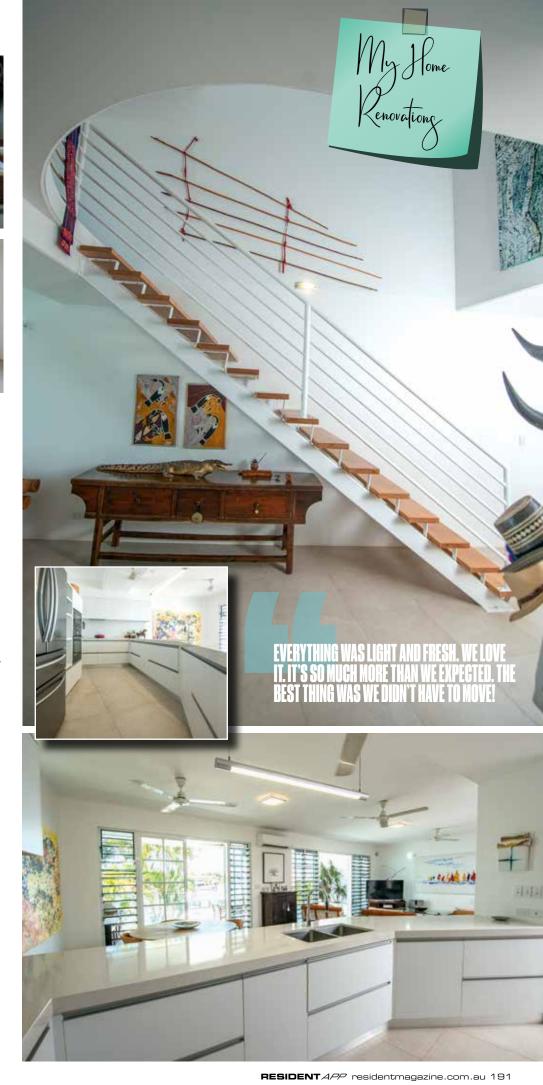
During Brad's visit, the owners also asked if he could replace all the kitchen doors and a few others to update the place. However, Brad advised, like much of Cullen Bay now and the age of the building, the benefits and finish wouldn't justify the cost.

They agreed if they were going to update it was worth doing right. Their friends had suggested Invision NT because of their specialist design, planning and management of a range of renovation projects to suit the Territory's conditions. Over a three-week period, Brad worked closely with them to ensure the outcome would be something they'd love, was within their budget and would last them another 20 years. With an overseas holiday already set, they confirmed everything before leaving, giving Brad total authority in their absence. The refurbishment required no structural changes, but the duplex was repainted inside and out. The entry, entire ground floor and terrace tiling were replaced with 600 x 600 porcelain tiles. An open plan kitchen with a butler's pantry, and 70mm stone bench tops and splashback were installed, along with a new laundry, multipurpose storage joinery and a built-in wine fridge. New Black Butt stair treads on the internal staircase and all light fittings, fans and power points were replaced.

I had to make one major design change because of a plumbing issue, but resolved it by adding a hand basin to the new toilet area,' Brad explained. 'The owners were surprised, but loved the outcome, when they arrived home to a new place.'

The expert team at Invision NT managed all aspects of the renovation including drafting, engineering, certifications and more. 'We always work with the same small team of local contractors, where the owner is the tradesman,' adds Brad. 'We trust each other, and create winning results for our clients.'

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