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SUBLIME ARCHITECTURAL INTERIORS

THE BRIEF

What was your client's brief?

To reinvigorate the kitchen space so it would act as the hub of the home and the centrepiece to their main living zone. They wanted a design that would allow them to stay connected as a family, creating a better flow between indoor and outdoor living spaces. Tones and materials were to marry well with the home's existing 1980s exterior, including clutter-free, clean lines.

What was the budget for this project?

\$30,000.

What was the inspiration for this project?

Classic, contemporary style using neutral tones and natural finishes. Clean lines to give the design a sense of space and uncluttered feel, encouraging the marriage between old and new. Rethinking our living spaces as a collection of small rooms into an expansive area for living in unison.

What are the defining elements of this project that make it such a success?

The transformation – combining living spaces is not always successful. In this case, the functionality that knocking out walls has created is what makes it a successful transformation. Also, the ease of transition between the indoor and outdoor living areas. Although not connected, like in other indoor/outdoor designs, it does encourage those in the kitchen, living and dining room to move outside.

What special consideration was given to lighting?

We always incorporate task lighting via down lights, but in this case we used pendant lights to draw the eye away from the added structural beam and create a feature in its own right.

What restrictions did the space have and how did you work with these?

As we were removing load-bearing walls, we had to consider what structural support would be required and how this would affect the design. Being able to come up with a beam that would not intrude on or engulf the space, or restrict the design, was a relief for the homeowners.

Was any other structural work required with the room?

The removal of walls and the additional support beam.

What is your favourite thing about this kitchen?

Definitely the Emparador natural stone table. It has so many functions and highlights the indoor living space, while acting as a servery and bar for the outdoor space.

Your top tips for planning a kitchen renovation?

Get your designer involved early. Sure, do some research into what types of finishes, appliances and styles you like, but design and functionality is key. An experienced designer will be able to guide you through the myriad possibilities and help you engage and manage the right ancillary tradesmen required to complete the project. Don't be afraid to think outside the square.



MOOD BOARD

Surfaces: Caesarstone Osprey and Emparador Natural Stone

Splashback: Starfire toughened glass

Tapware: Hafele

Appliances: Fisher & Paykel fridge

Stove/oven: Ilve and Qasair (rangehood)

Cabinets: Two pak painted in Dulux Aspire (satin finish)

Flooring & Lighting: Clients' own

