

Glen Iris Development - Client testimonial

We have now been in our new home for 6 months. We are delighted with many of the features.

Noise

We are on a busy road and were concerned that we would be disturbed by traffic after more than 40 years in a quiet suburban street. The double glazing has created a quiet atmosphere equal to if not better than our old family home.

Energy

We love the many energy saving aspects of our home. Having had years of high gas central heating bills we are amazed at how few times we have had to put on the reverse cycle heating and cooling. Over summer we used the air conditioning on fewer than 6 days and so far the heating has only been on a few nights. When it is on we turn it off after a couple of hours as the large living room is more than warm enough.

Water

The narrow water tank runs along the south wall. It flushes the three toilets in the house and feeds the irrigation system for the garden. Our first water bill was a very pleasant surprise, especially as we retired when we came here and we are now home during the day.

Northern aspects

Virtually the whole northern wall is made of double glazed glass. There are only tiny high windows to the south upstairs for cross ventilation. They were terrific in summer in creating cooling cross breezes at night. No need for artificial cooling. The northerly aspect is marvellous for trapping sun. The external rotor blade shades keep the sun out in summer and it pours in, in winter. The light coming in is terrific, no matter what the month.

Variable lighting

The living area has six different banks of 3 or 4 x11 watt lights. We love the ability to change the mood of the large area by changing the lights that are on.

The cellar

The staircase was widened so that we could make the area under it into a cellar. It comfortably stores 25 dozen bottles. It is well lit and easy to move around.

Outside

We are very pleased with the garden area. The rear vegie garden is at waiste height. There is enough garden to keep us occupied as we wish to be at this stage of our lives. The external visual appearance is modern but balanced. We love the colours and the way the landscape gardener chose plantings that are both drought tolerant and merge with the colours of the house.