

TIMELESS CLASSIC

An expansive renovation stays true to this home's rich heritage.

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"The house was built in 1884 and this dining room was added in 1901," says Amy. "We restored the ornate ceiling during our renovation." The rug is from Cadrys.

The home

A five-bedroom double-fronted home in Melbourne's inner east, with many original Victorian-era features, a pool and a separate guest house.

Who lives here

Amy Bingham, a property developer, her husband Kenny, a funds manager, and their daughters Olivia, 9, and twins Emily and Alice, 6.

What we did

"A complete renovation, replacing the rear and adding a second storey, the pool and the guest house. My brother project-managed, Kate Walker of KWD specified the hard surfaces and I did the interiors," says Amy.

Favourite room

"I love our open-plan kitchen and living area. It works well for a family of five, and the design flows well between the outside and in," says Amy.

The 'hood

"I adore the beautiful houses, tree-lined streets and parks, and I have an even greater appreciation for it with the amount of walking and cycling we did during lockdown," says Amy.

Future plans

"We still have a few bits and pieces to buy. It all takes time!" says Amy.

Best advice

"My style was inspired by living in the UK, where I learnt that a classic look will always stand the test of time," says Amy.



"I use this formal lounge as my study; it's a beautiful room to work from," says Amy. "My desk is in the bay windows." Curtain fabric is by Jim Thompson.



Amy and daughters in the kitchen. "The renovation took 18 months and the garden and landscaping another year after that." Stools are by OKA London.



Daughter Olivia gets busy in the well-equipped butler's pantry adjoining the large, light-drenched kitchen that the family loves.



The rear extension features striking details in black steel, which are echoed in the design of the pool fence. The sun lounge is from Gaudion Furniture.