

# RENOVATING RIGHT

5 Smart Ways to Add Value to Your Home

#### WHY RENOVATE?

Renovating your home is one of the best ways to improve your lifestyle while increasing your property's value. Whether you're planning a major transformation or a simple update, the right improvements can make a big impact.

This guide outlines 5 key ways to add real, lasting value to your home.

# 1. FOCUS ON KITCHENS AND BATHROOMS FIRST

These rooms sell homes. They're the most-used spaces in the house and often the most dated.

Value Boosting Tips:

- Modern cabinetry and soft-close drawers
- Stone or engineered benchtops
- Underfloor heating or tiled showers in bathrooms

ROI Potential: up to 80% when done well.

## 2. OPEN PLAN LIVING

Removing unnecessary walls and integrating kitchen, dining, and living spaces can dramatically improve flow and functionality.

#### Ideas:

- Add a kitchen island for social cooking
- Create seamless indoor/outdoor transitions

Today's buyers love bright, open living spaces.

# 3. OUTDOOR LIVING ADDS LIFESTYLE APPEAL

Extend your living beyond the walls. Decks, patios, and covered outdoor areas are hugely appealing to families and entertainers alike.

# Simple add-ons:

- Timber decking with built-in seating
- Louvre roof systems or pergolas
- Sliding or stacking doors

# 4. ENERGY EFFICIENCY = LONG-TERM VALUE

Energy-smart homes save money and are a major selling point.

# Consider:

- Double glazing and insulation
- Efficient heating systems (heat pumps, wood burners)
- Solar panels (if budget allows)

## 5. DON'T OVERCAPITALISE

Always balance your dream with your home's market value. A \$300,000 renovation on a \$500,000 house rarely stacks up.

# **Smart Planning Tips:**

- Get professional advice early
- Prioritise essential improvements
- Set a realistic budget and stick to it

# Ready to Renovate?

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