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Paper Lantern

A traditional weatherboard, sea-side dwelling was home to an expanding family and required reworking to include additional bedrooms and larger living spaces.





The owner of the lovely beach-side property had a particular affinity for Japanese culture, which worked as the catalyst for the styling and functionality of the new additions. The aesthetic of a Japanese Lantern House or Torotei, was the inspiration. Through the incremental use of Tatami mats and Shoji screens, Robert Rolls of First Impressions Projects designed a home that carefully bridged the old with the new.

Large expanses of full height glass are treated with feature Shoji screens and together with clever lighting, create the effect of a floating lantern. The juxtaposing new Japanese-style wing rests soulfully along the boundary opposite the original kitchen and meals area, making for seamless flow throughout the home. Zoning however is an option when required.

The home now hugs an internal courtyard which is not only amazing aesthetically but also creates an additional entertaining area. The screens allow the inside to be completely opened up to the surrounding landscape. The opposite is also possible where the screens can create privacy and play beautifully with natural light. At night the external lights can be illuminated to provide a subtly lit back drop to the rooms.

A master bedroom with ensuite and walk-in-robe plus two additional bedrooms were included in the new wing. Tatami matting to the master bedroom along with full height stackable Shoji screens creates a peaceful retreat – the essence of Japanese living!

The new ensuite was designed to engage its occupants in the traditional Japanese bathing experience. Floor to ceiling wall tiles, slatted timber floor, individual showers and a sunken bath create bath house effect, perfect for simultaneous use by multiple people.

A new carport with storage was created closer to the street front in the traditional style of the existing dwelling. An outdoor shower area allows the family to rinse off when returning from the beach.

The new dwelling creates a haven for its young family, enabling them to retreat from the hustle and bustle of their busy days whilst enjoying the different cultural experience that the cleverly designed home provides.

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