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Seventh Heaven

Brett and Kammi Beuzeville, the husband and wife team behind StepUP Constructions designed, built and decorated this charming sea-side home where they now live comfortably with their five young daughters.





To achieve that Australian, family, indoor/outdoor life style we all enjoy so much, Brett and Kammi renovated and extended their Northern Beaches home into one that now fosters a friendly, relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for friends and family to enjoy year round.

The hero of the renovation would have to be the cool and comfortable alfresco kitchen and dining area that flows off the back of the house. Sitting under a lofty, beach-style timber batten ceiling with skylights is an outdoor kitchen that enjoys all the perks of its indoor counterpart, with a hefty barbecue and range hood for easy entertaining. Almost completely open to the lawn and pool, the space is light and airy, exuding a sea-side ambience with neutral furnishings including a massive fourteen seater dining table made by Brett from old scaffolding planks.

Underfoot, French pattern travertine floor tiles continue through from the rumpus room that is accessible through a huge sliding door that maximizes the open living areas. The durable, soft and attractive flooring blends with the existing Cyprus tongue and groove white-washed floor boards which together suit the beach house style of the home.

A comfortable and child-friendly space, the rumpus room is a casual place for the children to play and the parents to relax. A Jetmaster gas log fireplace warms the area from its home within an alpine dry stone wall layered up and around a plasma TV. Further heating comes from under the floor, a luxurious treat that is enjoyed also in all bathrooms, powder rooms,

laundry and ensuites. The rumpus room is divided from the rest of the house by a solid sliding door that blocks out a lot of the unavoidable noise from five children and their friends, who thoroughly delight in the in-ground trampoline just outside the external door.

Across the lawn and through a semi-frameless glass pool fence lies the shimmering blue waters of the family pool, framed by lush palms, water fountains and a tropical inspired, thatched-roof cabana complete with day bed.

A new level was added to the house to create a calming parents retreat that includes vaulted ceiling with exposed rafters and a large open ensuite with double showers, truly individual basins and a matching bath tub. The retreat also boasts his and hers walk-in-robos and a sitting room to read and relax, all in a cool neutral colour palette that compliments the beachy nature of the home.

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