

THE REWORKING OF A VICTORIAN STYLE HOUSE IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.





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2 / Cooking – indoors and out

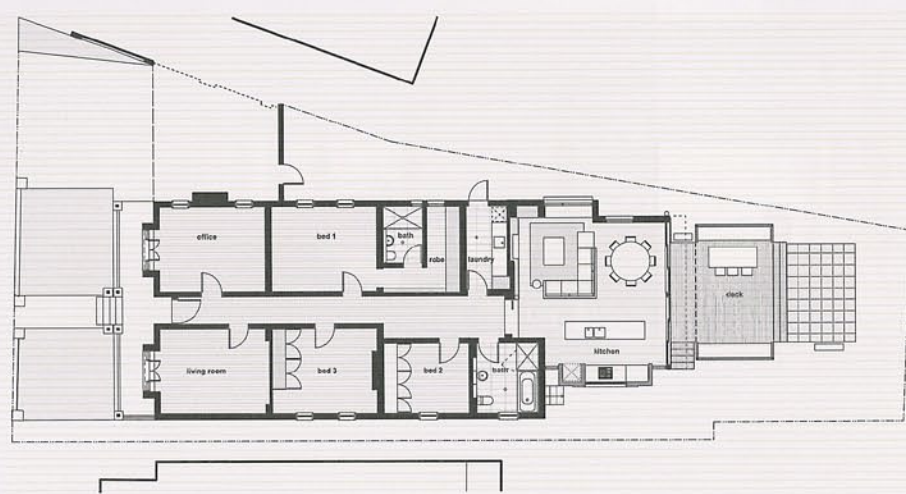


3 / 6 / Horizontal and vertical slot windows in the kitchen frame a verdant olive tree and avoid overlooking a neighbouring swimming pool

4 / The site is relatively narrow, the living is focussed on the morning sun and outdoor room

5 / Blackbutt, an Australian hardwood timber is used for floors, window seat and living room joinery





Ground Floor Plan



South Elevation



North Elevation



- + PROJECT
Cooper House
- + PROJECT TEAM
Sam Crawford &
Cressida Beale / Sam
Crawford Architects
- + SITE AREA
480 square metres
- + HOUSE AREA
200 square metres
- + STRUCTURAL ENGINEER
Peter Chan
- + BUILDER
Furnace Constructions



DESIGNED TO A MODEST budget, this new living room, dining room and kitchen spaces sit wholly within the footprint and roof of an existing 1980's rear skillion addition – which until recently – housed a tumble of rooms – kitchen, laundry, bathroom and south facing terrace.

The original portion of the house, built during the pre-Federation era and heritage listed, was retained and restored. One bedroom and an oversized linen room were converted into bathrooms, freeing up the rear of the house for the new living room to open unto a shaded outdoor living/dining/bbq room.

Horizontal and vertical slot windows in the kitchen frames a verdant olive tree, and were designed to avoid overlooking into a neighbour's swimming pool.

Blackbutt (an Australian hardwood timber) was used extensively throughout – floors, decks, window seats and living room joinery. One face of the kitchen island bench is also clad in Blackbutt veneer, drawing the island into the living room.

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