



Open SPACE



The owners of this Adelaide Hills property were thrilled with nearly every aspect of their home, except for the lack of family living space.

So about 12 months ago they embarked on a major renovation to create open plan living and entertaining areas without sacrificing the traditional formal rooms.

Owners Lucile and Simon O'Loughlin lived in their home for nine years before deciding on the major extension.

"It was a beautiful home...but it was like we were living in separate rooms. We didn't have any communal areas," Lucile says.

The extension, designed by architect John Ashcroft, was built by Urban Habitats of Unley, well experienced to deal with on site design and construction hurdles.

"They were absolutely fantastic. Building in the Hills in winter can be tricky but everything went to schedule," Lucile says.

The finished result has given the O'Loughlins a good mix of open spaces and more intimate rooms.

"We were advised to keep the formal rooms as

they're really part of the integrity of the home but we knocked the middle out and built out," Lucile says.

The home includes five bedrooms, study, formal lounge and dining, three bathrooms, a children's living room and a large kitchen/living area.

Lucile says the new combined living area and kitchen is her favourite part of the home. The area has an oak floor which Lucile first spotted in Sydney.

"I went to a design expo with a girlfriend and I saw the oak flooring and knew I had to have it," she says.

"It's textured and natural looking. It's just oiled so it's porous and difficult to look after but it's stunning and will wear with the home."

The living area looks out to a sleek swimming pool and a picture book Hills view beyond.

"We lived in Sydney for a few years and when we came back to Adelaide we wanted to live in the Hills," Lucile says.

"We saw this property and really it was the view that was the attraction. It makes it a special property."

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