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FAMILY FRIENDLY

A VIBRANT NEW LIVING SPACE FOR A BUSY HOUSEHOLD

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A contemporary extension of a classic 1910 sandstone villa in Fullarton has made a house feel like a home for owners Lucy and Will Ray.

A growing family was the driving force behind the extension and the Rays are rapt with the end result, which, while modern, complements the classic features and style of the original home.

Formerly a three-bedroom home that had already had some updating when the Rays moved in three years ago, the couple decided they needed more space when their fourth child, son Freddie, was born. He joined sisters, twins Ruby and Millie, and Edwina.

A traditional villa with bedrooms and a lounge leading off a central hallway, a prior renovation added

an open-plan kitchen/family/dining space at the rear.

But six people in a three-bedroom, one-bathroom home, proved impractical for the Rays.

"We had an extra child so we needed to update," Lucy says. "Our old bathroom had this tiny little half bath which, with four children didn't really work."

Enlisting the services of Hyde Park builder Urban Habitats, the couple totally transformed the rear of their property.

Their lounge room became the main bedroom and the bathroom an ensuite.

A new rear extension was added including using what was an outdoor entertaining deck to create a large open-plan kitchen/dining/living area, bathroom, playroom and laundry.

The former kitchen and meals area became the playroom and the old laundry and toilet was turned into a family bathroom, which includes a freestanding bath.

The new kitchen features two-pac white gloss cupboards, CaesarStone benchtops, including long island bench with timber veneer finish – Lucy's favourite addition – and stainless-steel appliances.

"All the kids sit around the bench on stools for breakfast, we're all together, it's great," Lucy says. "It's practical and family friendly."

Plenty of cupboard and storage space means a clutter-free workspace too.

"Everything can be kept off the bench, hidden away," Lucy says.

When it came to fixtures and finishes for the extension,

the couple opted for polished concrete flooring rather than continuing with the original parquet, which has been retained in the front of the home.

The concrete continues outside under the veranda, which overlooks an inground pool.

Decor-wise, Lucy, who is originally from Yorke Peninsula, wanted a home with earthy tones reminiscent of country living. She enlisted interior designers Antoniette Sofia to help with decor and Letitia Linke of The White Shed for advice on furnishings.

A striking yellow painting in the open-plan area is visible all the way from the front door and a neutral pendant light hangs over the large timber dining table.

"It feels like home, it feels like us," Lucy says.

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