

Natural Beauty

Neutral tones and crisp whites make this bathroom a sight to behold.



Working in homes with a history can be a challenge but, for Maureen and Henri van Roden, it's all in a day's work. For this renovation, in an old Queenslander home, Maureen and Henri were asked to convert a separate toilet and bathroom into one spacious room that would make the most of the high ceilings and abundance of natural light.

Given that they had lived with a cramped design, the owners were keen to unite the two rooms and create a larger space that could incorporate all the fittings and fixtures they desired. The trick was to develop a design that could do this without feeling over-crowded.



Starting with their owners' wish list – which included toilet, bidet, walk-in shower, vanity with lots of storage, spa bath and lots of towel rails – Maureen and Henri went to work. A large vanity incorporates plenty of drawers and one large cupboard under the semi-recessed sink while the recessed cabinet above is the perfect place to keep often-used items without adding more bulk to the room. Mirrored doors reflect the natural light and give the impression of plenty of space.



A separate corner was allocated for the toilet and bidet with, cleverly, the inclusion of a separate, small basin with its own towel rail so the user is not required to venture to the vanity to wash their hands.

The owners wished to create a feeling of warmth within the bathroom as they dislike the cold so Maureen and Henri tackled this in two ways. Neutral tones in lovely soft beige bring visual warmth into the room, with matching wall and floor tiles creating a continuous flow throughout. In addition, heated towel rails ensure that the comfort of a luxurious towel is never far away, whether stepping out of the shower or emerging from the bath, while the ceiling-mounted IXL Triumph imbues the room with heat.

The original, divided space included two windows and in the new design these have been carefully crafted into one large window that invites plenty of natural light and warmth into the bathroom. Stained timber framing matches beautifully with the natural tones elsewhere in the room while a frosted-glass effect provides privacy for users.

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Bath: Decina Prima Classic 1800mm x 800mm dual system spa/air

Basins: Aurora Tiny white china basin in corner with integrated towel rail; Roca Dma Senso white china semi-recessed basin in vanity

Basin taps: Zuchetti Flat mixer

Shower: Fully-tiled with seamless walk-in

Shower taps: Methven Futura multi-function handshower and slide rail; matching handshower on wall outlet bracket

Taps: Zuchetti Flat chrome mixer taps to bath and shower

Toilet: Roca Dama Senso wall-faced pan with soft-close seat

Bidet: Roca Dama Senso white with lid

Vanity: 1600mm x 500mm finished in white sating two-pak

Vanity top: Smartstone in Aspen

Vanity handles: Chrome

Towel rail: Avenir Form heated towel ladder and hand towel rail

Accessories: Avenir Tago robe hooks and toilet roll holder; Conserv corner glass shelf and shower footrest

Wall tiles: 600 x 300 rectified tiles

Floor tiles: 300 x 300 to match walls

Heating: 2 x IXL Trimpf fan/light/heaters; heated towel ladders

Mirror: Frameless doors to recessed wall cabinet

Lighting: Adjustable fluoro tube over mirror