

## COVER STORY

# Developing that inner-city vibe



■ Connie Clarke

**W**hen an old RSL hall on busy Oxford Street in Leederville was put on the market 15 years ago, developer John Spaseski saw its potential.

With the local cafe strip and chic bars popping up regularly, the experienced businessman had plans to turn the site into high-end apartments for young professionals wanting to live close to the vibrant centre.

But after many years living in Scarborough, he and his wife were ready for something different, and they instead built a home where the old hall stood, moving in seven years ago, while holding onto the land that was once the grounds of the RSL club.

Last year, the couple finally decided to build two separate homes on the back block, opting to create four-bedroom, two bathroom luxury properties.

“Since we moved from Scarborough, we’ve found we love inner-city living,” Mr Spaseski said.

“It’s really different in terms of travelling — it’s easy and you don’t even need a car.

“The idea was to build homes

that people could really enjoy, while making the most of the position. It’s very peaceful and luxurious, but the cafes and clubs are just a short walk away.”

Mr Spaseski worked closely with designers from Inspired Homes on the layout and chose German marble for the floors and walls, chestnut flooring downstairs and bamboo upstairs and installed industrial bi-fold doors in the alfresco dining room to create a versatile entertaining balcony overlooking the park opposite.

The ground floor’s open-plan design incorporates the kitchen, dining and living areas.

A waterfall stone benchtop combines with recessed stainless-steel sinks and sleek soft-close cabinetry to give the kitchen a real luxury feel, while the clever use of mirrors and lighting adds sophistication.

The balcony also features a stainless-steel built-in barbecue, sink, Caesarstone benchtop, glass splashback and provides a great view.

The powder room, off the entry, is tiled from floor to ceiling in crisp white.

A ground-floor bedroom has a customised robe and ensuite bathroom with feature accent tiles.

The upper floor reveals an activity or sitting room and has another balcony overlooking the park.

The main suite and one of the minor bedrooms have sliding-door access to the terrace.

Floor-to-ceiling windows frame a calming outlook from the main suite.

## Leederville

1/335 Oxford Street  
From \$1.3 million

225sqm, two storeys, gated front courtyard, cedar-lined alfresco balconies, tree-top views, intercom security, designer kitchen, jarrah staircase, secure gated entry, storeroom, automatic sensor lights to undercroft, ducted reverse-cycle air-conditioning

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