

Second chance

The architect is more than happy that his own design is getting a makeover

Like someone reuniting with a long lost relative, architect Shawn Godwin was excited when he visited this beach house, which he designed as part of the Kula development at Mount Coolum. Unlike individually designed homes for private clients, a multi-residential development typically denies the architect those return visits during which they see whether their design lives up to the client's expectations. Shawn was only too pleased then to talk with the owner of this house.

"It's unusual, and probably not everyone's cup of tea, but I love that it's different," says Sam who bought the property last year with her partner and lives there with her young daughter. With three levels (including the garage) and 137sq m of floor space, Shawn says the home is a "glorified townhouse" and Sam is fine with that description.

"We lived in Sydney townhouses for four months last year, so we got used to living that way," she says. What's different now is that the beach is just a stroll away as is Mount Coolum, which can be seen through a picture window in the main bedroom on the top level.

Sam plans to make changes to this room, and almost every other room, to customise the house to her liking. When Shawn visits, Sam takes the opportunity to flesh out these ideas, and Shawn is eager to hear how Sam will modify the house to make it more her own.

"I'd like to add a mirror to this niche," Sam says, referring to a sizeable recess in one wall. "Then install downlights above it."

Shawn nods in agreement to the mirror idea. "It will give a magnificent reflection of the view of the mountain from the opposite window," he says. But for the downlights suggestion, he makes a counter proposal.



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"Why not raise the mirror out from the wall of the recess so you can use strip LED lighting behind it? You won't be able to see the actual lighting system, but it will give a nice subdued glow rather than the harsh reflections that the downlights will cast directly on to the mirror."

Sam loves that idea and the architect-owner collaborative momentum is well and truly on a roll.

In the kitchen – a space that often defines the owner's individuality – Sam shows Shawn where she'd like to add more cupboards. Would an island bench disrupt the flow in the workspace area? "If you had a bench on castors it could work," Shawn says.

The kitchen opens to an enclosed deck and here Sam explains how she has already added built-in seats that double as storage space. Shawn likes that decision, particularly as Sam has used timber battens for the joinery and they're in keeping with the battens Shawn has already used as screening and decoration in this area.

In the garage, Sam is particularly keen to hear Shawn's thoughts on how to deal with the unlined ceiling where the exposed plumbing and wiring aren't an entirely welcome industrial look.

"I would line it and put a bulkhead over the major plumbing," Shawn advises. "At a minimum, you could paint the entire ceiling – pipes and all – in a dark colour. The darker the colour the more things recede."

Sam may have to choose the cheaper of the two solutions considering she has larger plans afoot, such as building an office space in



BATTEN CHARGE ... the owner's additions to this beach home mirror materials used by the architect. PHOTOGRAPHS • Richard Waugh



the garage and concreting the ground under the deck area (with body corporate approval) to create extra storage space. After all that's done, Sam has her sights set on an even grander scheme.

"It would be great if I bought the house next door and joined it with this one. That's my ultimate dream, but for now I'm loving living in a small house."

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