



Turn back time

New doesn't have to mean modern

SHARP ANGLES, straight lines and cool interiors are the staples of contemporary architecture but aren't everyone's cup of tea. For some, the homes of yesteryear seem a better fit to their tastes and personal style but restoring an old house can be very costly and not within the budget of many. But there's no need for despair, as the owners of this Victorian-inspired abode discovered when they met with the team at Classic Queenslanders.

The owners had very strong ideas on what they wanted for their home and were clear in their preference for a heritage look. After hearing the desired brief, Classic Queenslanders' designers were confident such traditional architecture could be delivered in the form of a new kit home, so set about creating a wholesome house suited to the clients' specific requirements.



The real challenge came when it was decided the house would be built in accordance with the principles of Vedic architecture — a school of design that believes residential and public buildings should be crafted in harmony with natural law to promote good health, happiness and enlightenment. Vedic has strict guidelines to comply with but promises benefits such as peace and prosperity as a reward. Dimensions must be precise, as stringent rules govern roof pitch, wall thickness, ceiling and floor height, window size and sill heights.

The extra design concerns urged Classic Queenslanders to push the limits of kit homes and then knock them down to prove kit homes can be customised to meet any request. A holistically designed Victorian-inspired house was definitely something different for Classic Queenslanders, but nevertheless the company achieved and excelled. And, with the entire design being intrinsically linked through Vedic principles, the owners and Classic Queenslanders struggle to single out one aspect of the home as their favourite. Instead, both parties agree the house as a whole is a remarkable design.

With two storeys laid out in a loft style, the home is warm and inviting due to the polished Sydney blue gum timber floors and plasterboard walls painted in a cosy, creamy palette to showcase the owners' charming timber furniture. Bronze dormer windows transport the house back in time and stand out as a feature, as does the Manor Red Colorbond roof and cream weatherboards from Hardie Heritage. Inside, the tessellated tiles in the bathroom and timber staircase and banister pay homage to traditional styling.

All materials needed to create the stunning home were supplied in kit form from Classic Queenslanders before the owner and a contracted builder took to the task of building it. At the end of the process, the owners moved into a new Classic Queenslander home — complete with sprawling verandah.

Victorian architecture meets Vedic design principles — just another day in the office for Classic Queenslanders, where anything is possible.

VICTORIAN COTTAGE

Size: 244.3 square metres (including downstairs, loft and verandah).

Price: On application.

Accommodation: Two bedrooms plus office.

Special features: Vedic architecture and heritage styling. ✦



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