



COMMENDATION

33 Murray Street Bronte

DESIGNER

ASA Architects

CATEGORY

Contemporary Design

This project remodelled an original 1920s house into a sleek, light and spacious dwelling with elegant proportions and functional flowing spaces. The primary desire of the owners was to create an elegant street presence and identity that would reflect the family's style and aspirations. Having lived in the original house for many years the owners had a deep appreciation of the site conditions and ways to improve the house. Their inspiration came from a desire to maximise garden views within Bronte Gully, linking tropical private gardens through large openings to create an open private dwelling with a true sense of connection to the outdoors.

The design resolution delivers a sleek, lightweight structure that belies its true size due to its slender proportions and elegant positioning on the block. It seamlessly blends the existing front garden and streetscape and yet it exudes a dramatic modern presence. The house is positioned to retain significant trees and the design 'wraps' around these trees to the front of the property. The design creates differential living zones for a diverse family group. It keeps study zones to the more contained lower levels and bedrooms on the lighter upper levels, while locating the living areas on the mid-level of the house.

The house captures natural light and airflow and engages on all levels to create a sense of 'hearth' for the family centred on their primary interests of art, entertaining and academia.

