



## MT VICTORIA HOUSE ALTERATION, WELLINGTON

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

*"This piece of work crosses the divide between architecture and crafted joinery... It is a comfortable and well-loved addition to a family home".  
New Zealand Institute of Architects Awards Jury, 2010.*

*An earlier renovation had added an upper level to this house and left it with relatively small and dark living areas, a closed-off kitchen and oddly shaped decks at the rear. Together these elements made it difficult for the owners to enjoy a contemporary life-style.*

*The clients' brief to Herriot + Melhuish was to address these issues by opening up the living area and improving access to the garden. Existing windows in the side elevations were removed to gain more privacy from the neighbours and several new skylights were added to welcome the sunlight into the modernised living areas. While the traditional exterior of the house was retained, the refurbished interiors have an 'apartment-feel' and encourage an open living style with lots of natural light.*

### ARCHITECT

Max Herriot

### DESIGN TEAM

Markus Breitenmoser,  
Steve Rencen

### CONSTRUCTION VALUE

\$340,000

2010

NZIA  
Local Award

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