

PADDO INSIGHTS



A matter
of trust

Design
Madeleine Blanchfield
Builders
One Up Building

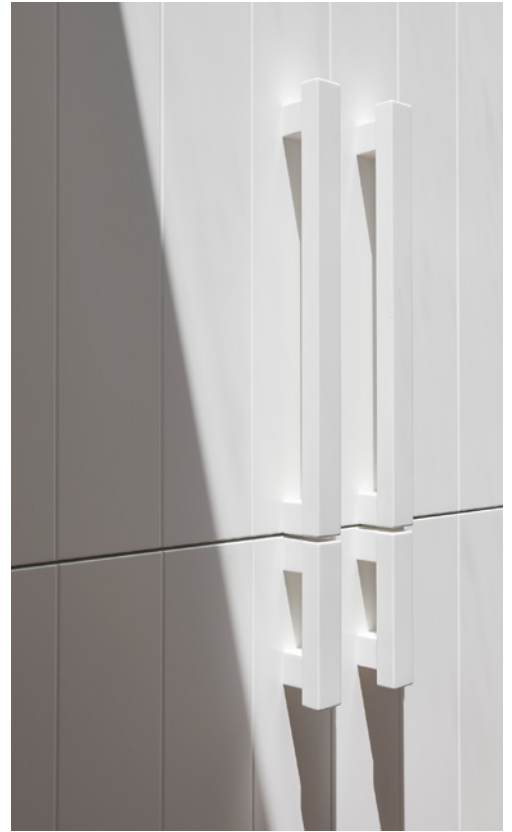




According to architect Madeleine Blanchfield: 'This project started over seven years ago. It had many design iterations over the years. The demise of a significant tree in the internal courtyard broadened our options and we redesigned the scheme to place the kitchen in a space that was previously external. This allowed for the skylight over to bring in an abundance of light but also to widen the floor plan and improve the flow and overall spatial quality of the ground floor of the existing terrace.'



Building is not a matter of 'Ok, the plans are done let's go!'. There's so much back and forth during the build, lots is only uncovered onsite once ceilings and walls are gone so although plans might be finished, there were still many decisions which had to be made when the builders were on site. You simply don't have enough information to be able to make some decisions until the build is in progress.



"We wanted to remain living in the house, so we moved kitchen and dining into the studio above the garage during the build. We were able to access our first floor bedrooms and the builders were great, bearing with us as we traipsed through the build in the early morning. The kids were 15 & 12. It was mid-winter and we had an open house – literally the ground floor of our house was open. The team were so lovely. It was fun watching it go up, watching the guys on site, seeing it transform. We missed them when they left!" – *Tania van der Vegt, owner.*



It's so beautiful. It's clean and it's a wonderful space to live in. We loved the house before, but we didn't realise how much more the house could be.



"I asked Rick a billion questions, I wanted to understand what was being done and how, he worked with me and he didn't mind. I really had an open line to him. You need that. In some cases we literally had to decide on things "on the fly", so it helped me very much that I could ask Rick for his input and advice. If that relationship between builder and client didn't work well, it would have been a very different experience. The key thing is the relationship. They are such a lovely bunch of blokes to have working at your house. And that feeling of "I'm in good hands, they will help me and I can trust what they tell me. They will give me the honest truth. That's invaluable." – Tania van der Vegt, owner.



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MEET THE ONEUP TEAM

Rick Simmons (left) and Scott Somerville (right) have a deep love of building and good design, and are passionate about every project they take on.

As co-owners and managing directors of One Up building, Rick and Scott have worked together for over 20 years. They are both licensed builders and carpenters, and building is in their blood.

Having gained their early experience working alongside their mentors in luxury home construction and management in the eastern suburbs of Sydney, the pair have gone on to build a business with a reputation for exceptional attention to detail, and an ability to realise an architect and client's vision, without compromising on the design integrity.

Rick's key role in One Up Building is project management, which involves communicating with clients and stakeholders to ensure the smooth transition between each stage of the project.

Scott is responsible for ensuring each project meets One Up Building's own rigorous standards for quality and excellence by personally overseeing the selection of all of the materials and inspecting the workmanship at every stage of the project.

Our clientele and reputation has evolved by providing quality, service and reliability. Repeat business and long standing relationships are testimonial to the dedication we offer.

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