



Cedar weatherboard cladding was used on the exterior, with Alaskan yellow cedar used on the home's patio.



A touch of pizzazz captures the Med

■ **Kirsten Haydu**

Eight years after it was built, this holiday home, inspired by the Mediterranean, received its finishing touches.

The new owners decided to transform the separate garage into a bunkhouse and add an arbour to the alfresco area, reacquainting builder Phil Kelleher with the home his company built.

Having Mr Kelleher on the job made it easy for the additions to blend as seamlessly as possible with the home.

"I had a record of all the materials that were used when building the house so it was easy matching everything up," Mr Kelleher said.

A second storey was added to the double garage to create the main room of the bunkhouse.

Painted timber stairs with cable balustrade lead to the upper level from the limestone concrete driveway.

The versatile and spacious room above the garage is surrounded by windows covered

by roller and white timber blinds.

Blue gum flooring, air-conditioning and downlights finish the room which could be used as a separate children's or teenagers' retreat.

The fresh all-white decor reflects the Mediterranean look of the house.

"It is a simple concept, being all white it hasn't dated," Mr Kelleher said.

Below the second-storey landing was a storeroom which was converted into a bedroom.

Two rows of deep built-in shelving were utilised to create double bunk beds and they are fitted with custom-made mattresses.

A hotel-quality bathroom adds a dash of hidden luxury at the rear of the lower level. The vanity, window and mirror trim are English oak and are offset by travertine tiling to the floor and shower.

Grooved panel walls create a link between the addition and the home's decor.

An oval above-bench sink and rainwater shower head

complete the luxurious fitout.

A timber deck off the bathroom leads to an outdoor hot and cold shower.

With the second-storey dimensions matching those of the existing garage, the original Colorbond roofing was dismantled and rebuilt one floor up. Cedar weatherboard cladding is on the exterior and was repainted from contrasting blue which matched the house trim to a pure white.

While the builders were able to work around the landscaping, roots of a nearby ancient grass tree posed a challenge when connecting to the sewer and building a drain from the new addition.

At the rear of the house a new arbour was constructed over the timber decked patio.

Raw Alaskan yellow cedar used for the patio decking makes up the arbour with stainless-steel cable strung across to encourage vine growth for shade in summer.

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