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Simon Handfield and Jane Retallick at their Newtown home which they renovated four years ago.

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Facade proves deceptive

MARGARET ST TOWNSHIP

MARGARET ST people are fooled by the deceptive facade of Jane Retallick and Simon Handfield's home. All the neighbours and friends who come to think it's a small terrace," Ms Retallick said. The semi actually has two stories of living areas and a spacious open-plan layout that extends out to an entertainment courtyard. Originally, there was only one bathroom and one bedroom when the couple bought it 15 years ago. In 2012 they undertook a major

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renovation, enlisting the expertise of Nicole Porter from House Plans by Design and Warwick Jones from Baybridge Building.

“They helped us design it, build it and make it a beautiful modern four-bedroom two-bathroom family home,” Ms Retallick said.

“Our goal was to make use of the space and natural light.”

On the entry level is the open-plan kitchen, dining and lounge area, which Ms Retallick describes as the “heart of the home”.

There are CaesarStone benches and extensive built-in storage units lining the walls.

“The best thing about the house is the void above the dining room table where it's got double height ceilings and three sunroof windows,” Ms Retallick said. “The void is beautiful and makes it very spacious and lets natural light in.”

Bi-fold doors in the living area open out to a private garden oasis

Two bedrooms are located on the entry level and there are two more

on the second-storey extension.

Ms Retallick said she loved the seamless flow of the home.

“The indoor and outdoor living is fantastic. It's got an awning at the back. Whenever it rains you can still sit in the lounge room and have the doors open and not get wet.”

The house is close to local amenities on Enmore Rd and King St as well as schools and transport links.

It goes to auction on Thursday, February 11, at 6pm with a price guide of \$1.45 million to \$1.5 million.

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