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KITCHENS ... the heart of the home

During the winter months, when the days get shorter and cooler and BBQ's seem to be less attractive, kitchens become the warm hub of home. Picture soul food slowly baking, soft lighting, a mellow glass of wine and friends gathered. Our kitchens are magnets! Instant attraction!

This issue we talk about kitchens - Looking at facts, alternatives, trends and tips to inspire us to get in there and cook up a storm.

The creator 'Peter Jay' from Jayson Builders combined functionality, plenty of deep drawers, storage, pantry space, a nook for contraptions such as telephones, notepads, diaries, with filing cabinets & drawers below an appliance cupboard & drawers. Basically everything in its place and easy accessibility was on Peter's wish list.

Catherine and Lizzie from 'Mellow Canary' in Mt Eliza like to combine function and style without compromising originality. They encourage clients to hold onto the well loved piece that can be incorporated in a kitchen. Their philosophy is that it can co-exist with even the most modern of kitchens. Their choice would be natural materials such as timbers and stone to create an enduring warmth and sense of integrity.

Cabinet maker, Chris from **CFS Cabinet** and joinery relies on clients to make their own decisions about the material they would like to use in their homes, sources and then completes the package. Suggestions like shelves with the same colour as exterior cupboards, soft door/drawer closing devices, sturdy/solid hinging and slide panels for drawers, ties experience with creativity.

Kitchen cabinetry is of course a very personal journey.

Here are some comments:

Gail of Mornington': *I love my vinyl wrap cupboards- contrary to thought they don't smudge, they reflect light and are easy to clean.*

'John of Mt Martha': *We chose 2-pack paint on our cupboards which has withstood the test of years but now we need to replace it. We are going to change the colour (an alternative that is only with paint).*

'Monica of Mount Eliza': *I love my timber cupboards. I love their warmth. We've had to do a bit of maintenance over the years but I'm glad I chose a style I feel is timeless.*

'Jan of Sorrento': *My laminate kitchen is so durable with the kids around it withstands all the knocks and wipes down easily. A good choice for now. Wish for vinyl wrap though!*

Bench tops

..are possibly the main focal point of the kitchen, maybe the home. It's one of the first things that need to be considered when doing your interior design/decorating.

The 'benchmarks', excuse the pun, have changed considerably. Paula from 'Nepean Stone' says some of the misconceptions of the industry include 'granite is dearer than man made reconstituted stone'. This is not necessarily so. Granite prices depend on availability and scarcity. Some granites can be four times dearer than others- reconstituted stone can be as much as a mid range granite depending on the stone and size of the kitchen. (i.e. the purchase of a slab of granite vs. the engineering of the reconstituted stone.)



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