

Sustainable living



REVOLVING DOORS

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FOR sustainability consultant **Sally Ann Hunting**, renovating her family's Randwick property was not just about creating an efficient house, but also a happy home.

"Sustainability starts with the person," she said. "It's a set of values you have and how you want the house to be – as energy and water efficient as possible and as healthy as possible to live in."

Two years ago, Ms Hunting and her family finished renovating their Randwick home. The once traditional semi on Stephen St had been updated when they first moved in, but Ms Hunting said they decided to transform it to make it more comfortable and economical.

"All the lights are energy efficient. They're not halogen, which can be expensive because of their motors. These are compact fluorescent lights," she said.

The now two-storey house also features a 22,000 litre water tank that supplies water to the laundry and other parts of the house.

"Our water bills are only about \$30 a quarter, so it's definitely worth it," she said.



Sally Ann Hunting, with her children, is selling her family's renovated energy and water efficient Randwick house.
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The four-bedroom house, which was rebuilt with the help of **Neil MacKenzie** of Mackerellie Prentk Architects also features recycled bricks and FSC timber floors coated with vegetable oil. "It's completely natural and it's easy to maintain. If there's a scratch all you have to do is rub a little oil into it."

One of the more unique elements of the house is the kitchen with its large sliding timber shutter, which when open, converts the galley kitchen into an indoor/outdoor area. Other features of the kitchen include CaesarStone benchtops, a Miele induction stovetop and a

walk in butler's pantry.

There are two designer bathrooms, storage, a private courtyard and a lock up garage.

After deciding to move closer to her children's schools, Ms Hunting said they were ready to hand the house over to new owners.

"The way I think of it is that we've made a better home for someone else. That's really the idea of sustainability. You leave a place better than how you found it."

She said it would be an ideal home for any family, even if they weren't environmentally conscious.

"It's really just a normal home, it



certainly doesn't feel particularly like an eco home," she said. "It will teach someone how to live a more environmentally friendly life."

The house at 34 Stephen St, Randwick, is set to go to auction on June 5 with \$1.7 million expectations. For details, contact goodyerDonnelley agent **Daniel Cuchia** on 0129 471 029.