



Behind the fence

From fencing and walling to aluminium-slat products, awnings and outdoor furniture

WHEN A MAJOR GARDEN MAKEOVER IS ON THE agenda, smart homeowners do their research before making a decision about products and materials. That's what the new owners of this home in Adelaide's Unley Park did after snapping up this little gem.

Realising that it would take some time to complete their planned home renovations, owner Anna and her husband decided to start the transformation process by building a new front

fence so they could make immediate and better use of their outdoor spaces.

"Given the unusual shape of the property, a large amount of the land was not properly utilised. The first issue we needed to tackle was the massive street frontage. There was no privacy from those walking or driving past, which meant that the large space at the front of our house was of no value to our family," says Anna.

But privacy wasn't the only issue. With three

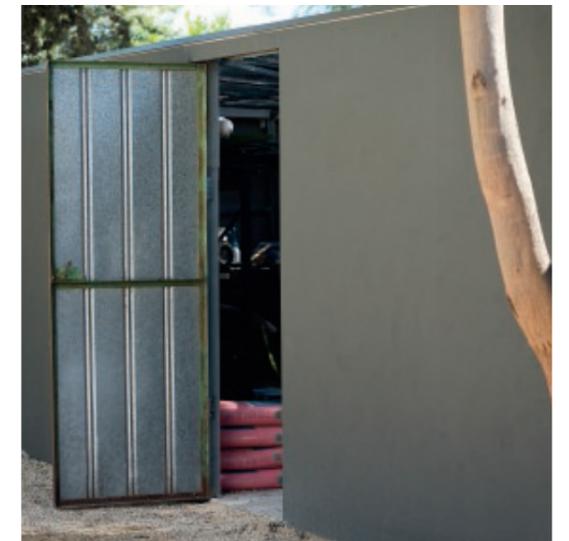
young kids and a dog to protect, especially given there was a train line located across the street, ensuring the property was secure was vital. What they needed was a front fence that would keep the property safe, ensure privacy and help to reduce the noise from passing trains.

"After conducting our research, we decided on a product from Foamfast, a company that has been in the marketplace for more than 10 years," says Anna, "Foamfast specialises in fencing solutions,

which are made of an expanded polystyrene core reinforced with fibreglass mesh. The material is durable and provides the same look as a traditional rendered-brick fence.

"From the minute Foamfast installed the fence, we were able to create an area for the dogs and an area for the kids and their sports. We then went a step further by using Foamfast cladding on our existing good neighbour fence, which turned the entire area into a stylish space for outdoor living and entertaining.

"It was then that we started to discuss the internal fence cladding options with the Foamfast team and that was when we learned about a new online DIY website, Oz Outdoor Living, which helps homeowners and trades alike by offering a massive





range of products at cheaper-than-retail prices. Oz Outdoor Living made it possible for us to complete our project in well-managed sections at a price that was amazing," adds Anna.

Anna and her husband purchased all the materials they needed to construct the fence and wall cladding (in an easy-to-use kit) from Oz Outdoor Living. The DIY kit included steel posts, expander foam and textured render. All of these materials were ordered online as well as the aluminium-slat fencing they required.

Anna was pleased to discover she could even purchase outdoor furniture and awnings online, which she and her husband did to give their deck area the finishing touch. This new deck area is Anna's favourite part of the backyard, where she can sit in comfort under the awning.

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