



Modernise Your Home Without Losing Character

*Discover the
secrets to
stress-free
renovations that
honour your
home's history.*



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5 Ways To Modernise Your Home Without Losing Character

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Respect the Original – Start With What's Already Beautiful

Before a hammer is lifted, great character renovations start with a careful audit of what already makes your home unique. Whether it's the ornate timber skirting, vintage sash windows, or leadlight features, these elements give your home its soul. At Baird Built, we start every project by identifying what must be preserved and restored—not replaced. This sets the tone for the renovation and ensures that every new element introduced complements the old. Too often, builders who lack experience

with heritage homes treat them like any other house. They rip out the quirks and replace them with flat-pack blandness. The result? A house that loses its story. That's why we photograph, catalogue, and document all existing character features during our early design phase. We then plan around them.

By celebrating what's already there—and enhancing it with purpose-built details—we help you enjoy modern living while keeping the timeless charm intact.



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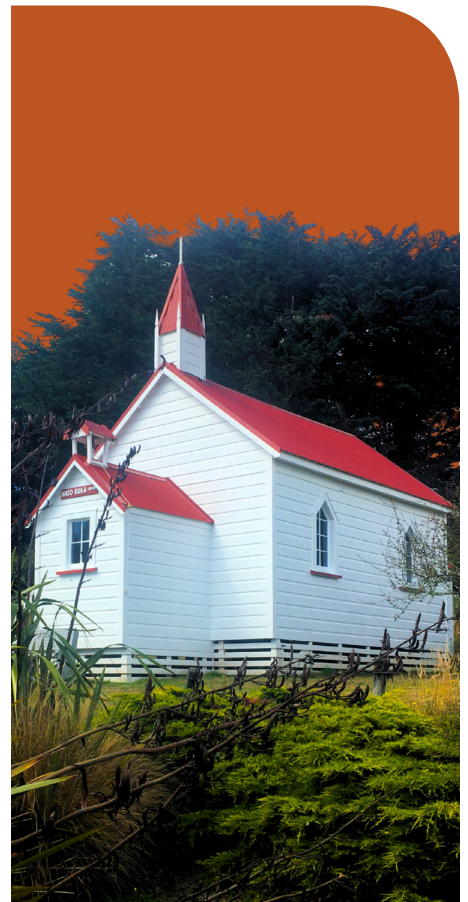
Use Bespoke Craftsmanship to Seamlessly Blend Old With New

Preserving character doesn't mean you have to live in a museum. Our approach is about merging heritage features with modern functionality through skilled, bespoke craftsmanship. This might mean replicating an original architrave profile in newly built areas, crafting a custom rimu front door to match the existing one, or designing cabinetry that nods to the past but functions for modern living.

This is where generic building firms often fall short. They may use standard profiles

or pre-finished trim that doesn't match your home. At Baird Built, we have the tools and know-how to custom-mill timber details, install hand-finished elements, and work with materials that echo your home's original build.

Our team is deeply experienced in character renovations, and we bring that depth to every project. This attention to detail creates a seamless transition between old and new, where you can't tell where the original ends and the upgrade begins.



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Warmer, Drier, and Easier to Maintain —Without Looking New

Modern comfort shouldn't mean modern-looking everything. Our clients want insulation, dry walls, double glazing, better ventilation—and they want it in a way that doesn't spoil the character of the home. This can absolutely be done, but it takes the right knowledge.

For example, we may retrofit insulation into walls without disturbing decorative lining. We source traditional-style joinery with double glazing and use breathable paints that maintain period aesthetics while protecting your home from moisture.

Maintenance is also a key concern. We use modern materials that blend aesthetically with old ones but are far more durable. Think

powder-coated flashings that match historic detailing or concealed flashings behind weatherboards. You'll get the longevity and ease of maintenance with none of the compromise on visual integrity.



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Work With A Team Built on Transparency, Communication, Accountability

A key concern for anyone renovating is the fear of blown budgets, delays, and radio silence from their builder. That's why we built systems around trust:



Cost Overrun Guarantee

If we don't adhere to the agreed-upon contract, we wear the cost—not you.



Quality Control Checklist

Each phase of your build goes through a detailed review to maintain consistency and standards.



Project Management Software

We track everything, from timeframes to materials.



Weekly Video Updates

You'll see your renovation progress every week with a short update showing exactly what's been done.

These systems are why our clients feel informed and in control from start to finish.



05

Design First, Build Later – The Power Of Intentional Planning

Every successful character renovation starts with a thorough and collaborative design process. We believe you should never begin work until everything is resolved on paper.

01

Submit Enquiry

Tell us about your home and vision.

05

Present Quote

We talk through the figures and scope before moving ahead.

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Call With Owner

You'll speak directly with Kyle Baird to discuss ideas and scope.

06

Complete Project

We build with precision and respect for your home.

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Design Process

We develop detailed plans and collaborate to get the look, function, and feel right.

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Handover

Your renovated character home, now more livable, beautiful, and future-proof.

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Price Project

Transparent, accurate pricing with no hidden costs.



It all starts with a conversation—and ends with a home that's better in every way.

Mission

To transform your vision into reality through exceptional craftsmanship, innovative design, and unwavering commitment to quality. We strive to build lasting relationships with our clients by providing personalized service, transparent communication, and a seamless construction experience. Our goal is to create beautiful, functional spaces that enhance your lifestyle and meet your business needs, all while ensuring sustainability and integrity in every project we undertake.



Ready to protect your home's character and upgrade your comfort?

Let's talk today.



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At Baird Built, we specialize in renovating and extending character homes, ensuring they retain their historic beauty while integrating modern comfort and functionality.