



The array of smart features within the home provide efficient living.

RIGHT This entertaining hub is the ultimate space to recline and relax.



The custom made, motorised cinema recliners were a must-have.



# THE MODERN home

Careful collaboration between homeowner and the electronic systems contractor has resulted in a tech-savvy space that will be enjoyed now and well into the future

The success of this award-winning electronic project was no doubt a result of the firm relationship forged between the client and the team at Electronic Living. The owners had a strong vision for what they wanted to achieve within the home and collectively, both the client and the Electronic Living design team planned a comprehensive system that matched all of the client's needs, while also

meeting the pre-determined budget and performance objectives. A dedicated home cinema forms an essential entertainment space and creates an intimate escape from the adjoining living areas of the home. The room is internally acoustically treated to isolate sound, while custom-made luxury motorised cinema recliners were installed to add that personal touch the homeowners were seeking.

The room features a motorised anamorphic projection screen with motorised side masking in addition to a motorised ceiling lift for the projector. This is complemented by a motorised anamorphic Schneider lens, allowing the homeowner to view movies the way they would in a commercial cinema. This is a technique of removing those hideous black bars (top and bottom) from widescreen cinemascope films. In fact, the system will



Touch-screen devices throughout the interiors allow for seamless control.



The television in the bedroom creates an inviting escape.



The system is discreetly concealed to maintain the home's look.

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morph between the two common ratios, keeping 'constant height' and retaining the correct geometry for all sources.

It leaves a lasting impression when viewed for the first time as the whole room transforms at the touch of a button. It was a successful challenge for Electronic Living as the company had not previously created a theatre space with such a large amount of motorisation. This is normally reserved for living spaces in the home where it is imperative that all hardware is discreetly concealed.

Not one, but two home theatres are located throughout the home. Make your way to the lower level and you'll discover the second

system that adjoins the bar and entertaining area, designed for both intimate viewing of movies and as a central space, to be shared with the surrounding areas when entertaining larger groups.

A dedicated communications room also adjoins the bar area and is the central distribution point for all technology used throughout the home. Glass doors reveal a jaw-dropping display of technology — a real talking point with guests and visitors.

Control of all of the home's technology is the crowning achievement of this project. To the delight of the homeowner, it's easy to manipulate the space to suit their wants and needs. A combination of both wireless and in-wall Crestron touch-screen devices seamlessly control 22 audio zones and six high-definition video zones, in addition to all the home's lighting, security, intercom and access control. The space is fully customisable. A Clipsal C-Bus system controls energy management of lighting and motorised devices in the home including the automation of pre-set scheduled events such as control of pool pumps, water features and welcome and away scenes.

A Ness M1 security system provides a high level of protection for the home with

customised zoning, access control features and video surveillance. All computers, televisions and touch screens in the dwelling give the owner simple access to all 14 cameras located both internally and externally. The client also has full web access via a secure VPN which allows full control of the home's security from an off-site location. "This was a really important feature to include as the client spends a lot of time interstate due to work commitments in remote locations," says Damian from Electronic Living.

The main challenge of the project was to maintain a high level of communication between Electronic Living, other trades and the client, as all parties were based in separate states. "Skype and other communication media played a big part in overcoming this challenge and helped complete the project to the high level of detail it deserved," says Damian.

The sheer size of the brief was achieved by a very high level of design documentation and engineering by Electronic Living. The installation team assembled and tested every piece of equipment in the Brisbane offices before being sent to site to ensure any unforeseen issues were dealt with prior to arrival. This meant precious time wasn't

wasted testing items during the installation process.

This home was recently awarded for the "Best Integrated Home Installation \$250,000-\$500,000" category at the recent CEDIA Electronic Lifestyle Awards, which is further testament to the calibre of the home's seamless integration of technology.

By using quality products and taking advantage of Electronic Living's collective experience, the project was a great success. It embodies the idea of a true 'modern home', with personalised features that bring the space to life and takes advantage of the latest smart home technology.

The end result not only meets the client's brief, but also left the door open for possible additions and variations to the system in the future, which includes complete iPhone and iPad integration for controlling the home. ©

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