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The Stockeld family home is a treasure trove of happy memories of childhood adventures, writes Stavroula Nicholls



David and Elisabeth Stockeld have decided to sell their much-loved family home at Collaroy.

Picture: BRADEN FASTIER- PP462274

FIFTEEN years have passed since the Stockelds purchased this home – and their time in the house reads like the quintessential family story.

Elisabeth recalled happy memories of her children playing cricket on the street and walking down to the beach as teenagers.

“The house backs on to a reserve and there are all these little pathways through it. It’s a natural watercourse, so it’s quite spectacular when it rains,” she said. “It was always an adventure when the children walked through, with rocks to climb over and places to explore.”

While the home’s external structure remains unchanged, the Stockelds put their stamp on the home with interiors being remodelled to suit open-plan living.

“We did a lot of work and knocked down walls to make it more open.

“Our master bedroom is enormous; we converted it from a rumpus. It has a beautiful view out to Long Reef and all you see is a canopy of trees. We enclosed one of the verandas and we now have a semi open-plan bathroom with sliding doors.”



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As well as the sleek new kitchen, other features that Elisabeth loves about the house include its private set back position, with only one side neighbour and the reserve to the rear.

Hilma St is experiencing a changing of the guard and the Stockelds, along with other empty-nester families, are starting to vacate, making way for younger families. “It was a big plus being so close to the school. It would take the children five minutes to walk to school,” Elisabeth said. Elisabeth and David are looking to downsize to a garden apartment in Fairlight and some overseas travel is also on the cards.



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