



CREATIVE RE-USE

SMART LIVING MOUNT GAMBIER



Neville Bonney at Pelican Point has a home full of stories. Each room is largely made out of materials that have been salvaged from various parts of South Australia.

TIMBER Neville has a love of timber and over many years has saved a wide variety of timber for use within his house. Each piece of timber has its own story - walking through Neville's house is like walking through a living history lesson.

VARIETY: Niche library with timber from various sources, including home grown.

Neville has used timber and stone from historic buildings across the state. He has century old timber from Shearing Sheds, Old Bridges, Fences, and wind falls, There are species of Red Gum, Buloke, Blue Gum, She oak, Native Pine, and Messmate Stringy Bark to name a few. Century old hand cut and sawn limestone from old Sheppard's huts dating back to the 1840's, also stone from old Chimneys. Farm timbers from fencing and stockyards have been reused in the house and for things like picture frames.

Neville's house is a fantastic example of a commitment to beneficially reuse materials that would otherwise be destined for landfill or the fire.

Neville has also grown his own timber for use in his house, as well as grown much of his own fire wood. In the year 1975 he planted a stand of local Blackwood, then had them milled in 2000 for use in his house.

VEGIES Just below the house is a thriving vegie garden supplying fresh food. Neville also grows plants more often associated with more northern climates such Lemon and Aniseed myrtle, and Kaffir and Finger lime.

ENVIRONMENT Neville is a local expert on native flora and has written many books on plants of the South East. He also walks the walk having revegetated the area around his house, as well as many other sites.



OLD STONE: Saved and re-used.

CLEVER: Hydroponic lettuce in foam boxes.

