



### Fact file

The kitchen was designed by Sue Terley and built by **A-PLAN KITCHENS** 208 Parramatta Road, Camperdown NSW 2050 **Phone** (02) 9516 3611 **Email** info@aplan.com.au **Website** www.aplan.com.au **Doors** Laminex Charcoal, Form-Tek vacuum form in Willuna White **Internal hardware** Blum soft-closing drawers and AVENTOS lift-up doors on the wall cabinets **Benchtop** Huon pine on island bench; Hanex Biscotti surrounding sink and cooktop **Splashback** Large-format tiles **Kickboards** Brushed aluminium laminate **Lighting** Halogen downlights under wall cabinets **Alison Johnston Photography**



THE DESIGN CLEVERLY ALLOWS THE GORGEOUS TASMANIAN HUON PINE TO BE THE VISUAL CENTRE OF THE KITCHEN, AS BEFITS SUCH A STAND-OUT ITEM.

## A labour of love

*A 2000-year-old benchtop is the standout feature in this much-loved contemporary family kitchen*

**Beautiful Tasmanian Huon** pine is rarely seen in contemporary furniture design and a kitchen benchtop made of Huon pine is rarer still, which makes this kitchen all the more special.

The owners fell in love with this rich and sought-after timber — each piece of it is more than 2000 years old and must be registered before use — on a visit to the island state but they had to patiently wait for several months to source a supply of the wood that could be incorporated into their home.

Three slabs had to be shipped to the mainland where they were honed, glued, sanded and polished in a true labour of love.

The island bench forms the obvious and impressive centrepiece of the light-bathed kitchen and the homeowners then consulted with A-Plan Kitchens for further inspiration on layout and an effective colour scheme.

A-Plan suggested matching the Huon pine of the island bench with a solid-surface material on the opposite benchtop.

As a result, Hanex Biscotti was chosen for the benchtop on either side of the cooktop and sink. A hardwearing and functional surface, this material is perfectly suited for food preparation areas and complements the stunning, creamy-toned Huon

pine island bench perfectly.

To enhance the blond and off-white tones of the benchtops, Laminex charcoal was used as a contrast on cabinets and drawers.

The owners were sick of rummaging through old cupboards and drawers, so extra-wide drawers and cabinets were incorporated into the modern design to accommodate cookware, crockery and appliances.

An above-ground-level dishwasher was a must to save tired backs from bending down, and a wine rack cleverly included under the island bench is an unexpected but welcome surprise for guests.

