



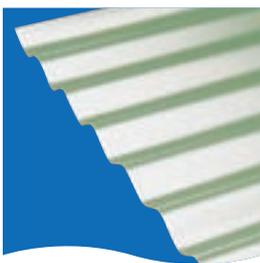
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Builder: Neil Cale
Project: Kameruka Homestead
Location: Narromine, NSW
Product: LYSAGHT CUSTOM ORB®
LYSAGHT MINI ORB®
LYSAGHT MINISCREEN®
LYSAGHT CUSTOM BLUE ORB®



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Above: LYSAGHT CUSTOM ORB® is the original Australian corrugated roofing profile.



Above: LYSAGHT MINI ORB® is a stylish profile popular in architect-designed applications.

A Narromine homestead dating from the 1920's has been lovingly restored, transformed from a state of neglect into a warm and inviting family home. One of the most surprising things about the house is that it still contains the original LYSAGHT MINI ORB® interior walls, despite the vagaries of weather and time.

Located about halfway between Dubbo and Narromine, 450 km from Sydney, the homestead, called Kameruka, has had a long history. An article in a 1919 edition of the Dubbo Dispatch describes Kameruka as "...one of the prettiest homesteads in the district...there is no convenience or comfort that the most fastidious could wish for that is not provided in this pretty rural home..."

When Anna and Neville Buch bought the property more than 70 years later, nothing could have been further from the truth.



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Above: LYSAGHT MINI ORB® in 'Merino' COLORBOND® steel was used to clad the house's interior.

Below: Kameruka Homestead before the renovation. The property had been derelict for over 30 years.

Kameruka had been derelict for over 30 years, home to numerous bird families, as well as some adventurous cows who had found their way in through the gauzed-in verandah.

The Buchs bought the 240 acre property in 1991, just before they moved overseas, and decided to renovate when they returned to Sydney in 2000.

It was a big job, says Anna. Especially because the Buchs wanted to restore the house to its former glory, preserving its history, rather than destroying it. "The house was derelict before we renovated it," she says. "Cows were living in it. There was only half a roof, and there were bird nests everywhere. Most builders we took out there just said – knock it down. The reason we decided to use Neil Cale was that he appreciated the history of the house, and wanted to preserve it."

"I've known the house since I was a child," says builder, Neil Cale. "My uncle owned the property over the road, and I used to play there as a kid. It was important to everyone concerned that we try and restore as much of the house as possible."

The farmhouse is typical of traditional houses in this area – consisting of a wide hallway down the centre, and four rooms, two on each side, adjacent to the





hallway, as well as a very wide bullnose verandah. Each room measures about 25 sqm and features an original fireplace.

"All the internal walls were made of original LYSAGHT MINI ORB® – which would date from when the house was first built – over 80 years ago," says Neil. "We cleaned them off and painted them – and they are as good as new! We've kept the original 12 foot ceilings as well, which are made from original LYSAGHT® pressed tin, as well as the pressed tin cornices."

Anna loves the original walls and ceilings. "I think it's just amazing that the original LYSAGHT MINI ORB® has survived," she says. "I just love it."

Externally, the house has been entirely re-clad. "We clad the house with new LYSAGHT CUSTOM ORB® in 'Deep Ocean' COLORBOND® steel, installed vertically," says Neil.

"We also replaced the wide enclosed verandah that encircles the house. The verandah roof is bullnosed, made from LYSAGHT CUSTOM BLUE ORB®," says Neil. The verandah is enclosed by 50 cm high panels of a BlueScope Lysaght fencing profile, LYSAGHT MINISCREEN® in 'Deep Ocean', and is gauged to the top of the verandah roof.

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Neil Cale – Builder

Top: A new lease on life: LYSAGHT CUSTOM ORB®, CUSTOM BLUE ORB® and MINISCREEN® transformed Kameruka's exterior.



"It's amazing that the original 1920's LYSAGHT MINI ORB® has survived. It's just fantastic – it gives the rooms texture and complements the original theme of the house."

Anna Buch – Owner



According to Neil, the use of this fencing profile for the verandah enclosure made the job simple and straightforward. "BlueScope Lysaght suggested using LYSAGHT MINISCREEN® for the verandah. With its simple top and bottom rail, it was easy to install, and, with the gauze, made a pretty simple system. We just screwed the bottom rail to the floor, and clipped the MINISCREEN® onto it and the top rail."

"The good thing about the MINISCREEN® is that it's COLORBOND® on both sides, and the mini-corrugated profile tied in well with the rest of the house."

"BlueScope Lysaght was very helpful, particularly with technical support," adds Neil. "Especially when it came to using the LYSAGHT MINISCREEN® fencing product – it just saved us so much work."

In addition to restoring the original house, the Buchs have also added a large extension to the south of the house, which includes a kitchen, TV room and large living area for the family, as well as a granny flat for the caretaker, which comprises a bedroom, ensuite, living room, and kitchen.

Featuring LYSAGHT MINI ORB® in 'Merino' COLORBOND® steel interior wall cladding, the new area has been designed to co-ordinate with the older part of the house.

"The MINI ORB® is just fantastic. It gives the rooms texture and complements the original theme of the house," says Anna.

All up the restoration of Kameruka has been a complete success. "The combination of the history and tradition of the original part and the space and light of the extension works really well. We love it – we are so happy with the result."



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