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This clever transformation of a 100-year-old English cottage in Melbourne challenges typical approaches to suburban house renovations. Rather than simply adding more rooms, the existing layout was rigorously recomposed, adding maximum functionality while negotiating the difficult project constraints imposed by site setback and budget.



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The modifications synthesise the clients' interest in Japanese culture, and the architect's ongoing exploration of threshold spaces such as the engawa. A verandah-like corridor was added to reorder spatial flow and to strengthen connection to the leafy garden setting. Stretching the footprint by a mere 1.3 metre, the charred timber-clad extension is sympathetic to existing building fabric, yet expressive of the "chapter added" approach.

Engawa House is a poetic interpretation of multiple pragmatic considerations. It demonstrates how small-scale architectural interventions can achieve exceptional social and ecological outcomes, while adding a new and personal chapter to a house's life