

## 34 Esmonde Road

When we were living in the ground floor flat at number 6 Esmonde Road the road was a dead end gravel road but the motorway to the harbour bridge was being built, as was the bridge itself. Soon the road would be sealed and the traffic would come.

One day walking down the road the parents were taken by the looks of number 34 and knocked on the door to ask if it was for sale. The owner was having a new house built in



Harbour Bridge with piggyback section.



34 Esmonde Rd with the new garage.

Jutland road so that he could avoid the traffic that was to come and so he agreed that he was selling it. The house had been built around 1940 and originally had two bedrooms and a toilet at the end of the garden under the Macrocarpa tree. An extra bedroom had been added at the rear but this was accessed via bedroom 2. An internal toilet had also been added in the laundry. A small garage was close to the road.

After we had moved in the first task was to replace the garage with a larger building that also included a workshop. The laundry had the original 'copper' and concrete tub, these were replaced by a shower and modern tub with a bench over the Hovermatic. The kitchen was



The new garage floor laid.



The extensions, car port and boat shed.

replaced with the wall between the kitchen and dining room that had serving hatch being knocked down and a bench with cupboards replacing it. The bathroom was refurbished.

Major extensions to the house included a new bedroom on the front, the corner between the living room and sun room filled, a concrete deck and french doors in the living room. A low, lean-to roof was added at the front to store the boat. When Rita came to live with us a car

port was added alongside the garage to house her Morris Minor. Later, a translucent roof was added to the deck.

An oak tree was planted in the front garden and this later grew to be very large.

When the road was widened some years later, a strip was cut off the front of the section and this required the addition that had been made on the front of the garage to be removed. The restitution for the section reduction included the building of a high fence to reduce the road noise.



The large oak tree.



The gated entrance.



Living room to sun room.



Dining room through to kitchen.