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Decorators'
SECRET
HANDBOOK

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500+
must-know
contacts for
decorating &
renovating

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Co-owner – Hermon & Hermon, 556 Swan St, Richmond VIC 3121, (03) 9427 0599, www.bermonbermon.com.au.

Start with a clean canvas and build from there. Keep your space/design simple, steering away from too many finishes. Select your large pieces, such as sofas, first and include some tactile, treasured pieces that will give character and warmth

WHO I CALL FOR

AIR CONDITIONING/HEATING

C Browne Electrics & Refrigeration
20 Yertchuk Ave, Ashwood VIC 3147, (03) 9807 2104. Peter Browne offers excellent, efficient service with exceptional tradesmen.

ANTIQUÉ REPAIRS

Hawthorn Furniture Polishers
7 Kent Lane, Hawthorn VIC 3122, (03) 9818 4133. Nothing is too difficult, and the finished item exceptional. Contact Ray Woff.

AWNINGS & BLINDS

In Vogue Blinds 550 Swan St, Richmond VIC 3121, (03) 9428 5133, www.invogueblinds.com.au. For a full range of internal and external blinds – and the most reliable and particular installers.

CANVAS PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINTS

Imaging Services Suite 4, Level 1, 112 Cubitt St, Richmond VIC 3121, (03) 9427 7575, www.imaging.com.au. Give Min Simans a call to print that special image.
10% discount on all printing of large-format photography, watercolour and canvas printing (till Dec 31, 2009)

CARPET CLEANING

Chemdry www.chemdry.com.au. Apart from carpets, rugs and upholstery, it's also good for cleaning sisal, seagrass and jute.

CURTAINS

Saker 620 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn East VIC 3123, (03) 9882 0227, www.saker.com.au. Quality and style from Annette Saker.

FIREPLACES

Real Flame www.realflame.com.au. This company has a great range of gas fires, flues and mantels.

FLOWERS

Domain Flowers, 183 Domain Rd, South Yarra VIC 3141, (03) 9820 1588, www.domainflowers.com.au. Gary Armstrong creates the best florist windows in Melbourne (a dangerous distraction when you're driving along Domain Rd!).

GARDEN MAINTENANCE

Colmain Services (03) 9890 6511 and 0425 704 118, www.colmain.com.au. Sam Egan has a great team and splendid service.

GLASS & MIRROR

Allround Glass & Glazing 199 Langridge St, Abbotsford VIC 3067, (03) 9486 0266. 'Morris the Mirror Man' has proved himself with us over some years. The reason we keep coming back is the service!

KITCHENS

Rogerseller 173-177 Barkly Ave, Burnley VIC 3121, (03) 9429 8888, www.rogerseller.com.au. Here

MY SECRET SOURCE

lbb projects, 0407 545 570, www.lbbprojects.com.au. 'Luke the Builder' (Luke Balgue) has a collection of reliable tradespeople in all areas. Before calling anyone, I would call Luke to set out a plan of attack.

you'll find Bontempi kitchens, which is a favourite of mine. For the best quality, design and service, speak to Samantha Dowsley. The new space in Burnley is stunning.

PAINTING

Art & Interiors 0425 756 399, www.artandinteriors.com.au. For special finishes, Matthew Collins is an absolute craftsman who can create the most spectacular effects.

PICTURE FRAMING

Chapman & Bailey 350 Johnston St, Abbotsford VIC 3067, (03) 9415 8666, www.chapmanbailey.com.au. For quality framing, including fine conservation framing and an extensive range of mouldings and mounts. Chapman & Bailey is also located in Brisbane. →