

RISE OF THE MACHINES

Where is laundry technology up to – and where is it headed? “Water and energy-saving features are a given today, so we will see washing machines becoming even easier to operate,” James Vogdanos, National Marketing Manager for Asko, says. While James believes laundry appliances are almost as good as they can get, he predicts that “in the future washing machines will be beautified so they can be displayed in the kitchen”. Daniel Bobik, Product Manager of Bosch’s laundry range, adds that we can expect to see the development of better cold-wash cycles aimed at the Australian market and machines with shorter cycle times, possibly as little as 15 minutes.



FAMILY FIRST

With four young children (and countless damp beach towels) to factor in, the owners of this new home on Sydney’s northern beaches (above) allowed plenty of space for a laundry. Architect Kristin Utz designed a room that functions as a transition between indoors and out: “Polished concrete really comes into its own here and the louvres create a breezeway that means it’s possible to have an indoor, all-weather drying area.” A laundry chute from the upstairs bathroom makes it easier to keep the mounds of dirty clothes under control.

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LET THERE BE LIGHT

This home in the NSW Southern Highlands (left) ticks off two of the most desired attributes in a laundry: space and natural light. But it wasn’t always so. When the homeowners bought the house, an overgrown hydrangea was blocking the window. “It was making the laundry very dark, so we removed it and the existing curtains. Now this is a lovely, airy room that has great views of the garden,” the owner says. A bank of linen cupboards opposite the Asko washing machine and dryer provides storage, while classic wicker linen baskets suit the home’s country setting.

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