

Rear Decks and Fences

Some Adelaide houses have stairs that lead from the rear deck to the back yard. In some cases, rotten steps have already led to injuries among Cardinal Glen residents.

Bill Graham, an Adelaide owner, has been replacing the steps on the staircase as required and he would be a good source of advice as to how to proceed with these repairs.

The deck surfaces in the neighbourhood vary greatly in quality, largely a reflection of how long the deck has been in place.

Surface boards can be easily exchanged if required in most cases but structural members are less easily replaced.

At 135 I extended the upper deck through the use of a box beam and extra joists resulting in a larger deck surface without the requirement to rebuild all of the underlying structure.

My rear deck at ground level is not in great shape and will be largely replaced either next spring and summer or the year after.

At present, I am replacing rotting boards as required thus postponing the expense of replacing the decking and underlying structure for at least one more year.

There is a wide range of material available now for decking including the traditional pressure treated lumber or cedar or even more exotic Brazilian hardwoods now available and also a new material made from plastic that is supposed to last forever and a day.

Decking and fencing are relatively straightforward from the maintenance and repair perspective and several neighbours in Cardinal Glen should be able to provide advice if and as required.

There are several contractors available to deal with decks and or fences and it might also be useful to gather an inventory of firms that have provided satisfactory service at reasonable prices in the past.