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Aldgate Passive Solar Home Blends Style and Comfort

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One of South Australia's early passive solar homes is now on the market, offering far more than its sustainable design. Located at **18 Dalton Avenue, Aldgate**, the property combines energy efficiency with modern living across four acres in the Adelaide Hills.

Current owners Ish and Karen purchased the home in 2010 after relocating from interstate. Initially considering areas such as North Adelaide or Norwood, the couple instead found themselves drawn to the Hills lifestyle.

“I thought we’d end up in a small terrace or a bluestone character home,” Ish recalled. “Instead, Karen bought this large property in Aldgate. It was unexpected, but it turned out to be the best decision. I love it here.”

Originally designed to maximise its northern aspect, the home naturally regulates temperature — staying cool in summer and warm in winter. The couple retained the mid-century style while introducing modern touches.

“We didn’t change the structure much,” Ish explained. “But we brought in more natural light and updated the interiors. Karen has a great eye for design, and the result is beautiful.”

The residence features **four bedrooms**, a library, a retreat, and an open-plan kitchen, dining, and living area that extends to a pergola. The layout offers both functionality and flexibility, catering to family life as well as entertaining.

Additional indoor features include a mudroom, a cellar, and a rumpus room, while the outdoors offers landscaped gardens, vegetable beds, and a chicken run. The property also includes multiple carports, a courtyard, and an extra pergola for outdoor living.

The home’s location in the Adelaide Hills provides a peaceful lifestyle with easy access to Aldgate’s shops, cafes, and nearby walking trails. The four-acre allotment offers space and privacy while maintaining proximity to city amenities.

This property presents an opportunity to own a well-preserved piece of South Australian architectural history, enhanced with contemporary updates. Its combination of sustainable design, comfortable living spaces, and established gardens makes it an attractive prospect for families and lifestyle seekers alike.