

...clever ideas perfect for your space!

Window dressing tips & ideas

Here comes the sun! A word on awnings...

In Bendigo and other areas of Central Victoria, the seasons vary markedly. Our winters are chilly and at times (if we're lucky!) they can be quite wet; yet our summers are usually long, hot and very dry. At the break of winter the spring sun is welcome with its beautiful warmth, but soon summer is blazing on our doorstep!

The buzz of air conditioners seems a constant reminder that electricity meters are ticking over—a reality reflected when utility bills arrive. With the continued rising costs of cooling we're becoming smarter about being energy efficient.

The energy efficiency of your home depends on how well it is insulated. In some cases, we may have insulated walls and ceilings well, but it's our windows that let us down and need the extra help. This is where outdoor blinds from Reanne Curtains and Designs come into play.

Our mesh awnings provide 90% block-out of the sun's heat without filtering out any of the associated light. This means that you can have the awnings down during those unbearably hot days, but still enjoy seeing outside. The awnings are terrific at allowing air circulation with evaporative coolers and are also wonderful for defining and containing an alfresco area.

One client's problem with an extremely hot room thanks to the westerly sun on her bedroom wall was solved with just this type of outdoor blind. Installing a mesh awning along the westerly-facing wall not only assisted in reducing the heat of the room, but dramatically decreased the use of her air conditioner.

Mould, mildew and fade resistant, mesh awnings are also easy to maintain; a simple brush down with a soft broom and, on occasion, a pressure wash, and they are like new again. Fitted with a Colorbond hood, the awnings retract easily and can be stored away from the elements during winter months.

Awnings are an investment for your home and will increase its energy efficiency, thereby decreasing your utility expenses. If you can protect a room with an outdoor blind from direct sunlight and heat, you'll reduce the time you need to run your air conditioner.

Call us or drop into our showroom to see how our awnings can work for your home. Available in many colours and fashionable stripes, there is an awning to suit your home.
