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An open-plan family kitchen is a relatively new idea for me personally. Growing up, every home I lived in had something called a service kitchen. Run by house staff, they were huge, impersonal and children were forbidden to enter.

These service kitchens were nothing special and were solely built for function. This meant there was a lot of stainless steel, white tiles, large appliances and not much else. So come holiday time, it seemed so amazing to stay in apartments and houses around the world with a family kitchen – a space where all of us kids could help ourselves, walk in and out when we pleased and watch mum cook.

Thankfully, most modern Australian kitchens are now open-plan with the kitchen, dining and living areas all blended into one. Such a design is so important for family and social interaction, after all, there's a reason why a kitchen is nicknamed 'the heart of the home' – it's the one room everyone always congregates!

To help you decide on what features are best for your kitchen check out our article on kitchen designers spilling their secrets on the latest trends and what lighting, materials and design works best. We've also got a fabulous modern kitchen on page 48 to inspire you. And if you're stuck on choosing an appliance, fear not! We have all the latest and greatest kitchen technology by the best brands.

Also this issue, we have some funky modern bathrooms and how you can get the look for your home without a costly renovation. And for those of you looking to sell your home, Naomi Findlay from International Institute of Home Staging (IIHS) shares her expert advice on preparing your house for sale.

Hope you enjoy this month's *Modern Home*!

Till next time.

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