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Apartment of the week

- Armadale, 2/104 Sutherland Road
- One-bedroom apartment
- Estimated price: more than \$355,000

Neometro has made quite an impact on Melbourne's architectural scene. Known for clean lines, the architects are fans of the unconventional space, which is what

presented itself in this apartment block.

Situated on the corner of High Street and Sutherland Road, Armadale, the northern end of this land is a semi-circle. The building is six years old and houses six apartments and one commercial space, occupied by an optometrist, on the ground floor. For sale is a one-bedroom, second-storey apartment, with an unusual outlook over lovely old Robinias trees, the railway line and High Street itself, complete with requisite antique shop.

The first impression is of a vast space accentuated by higher than average ceilings. Two sets of casement windows are the main feature of the living room. With the view beyond, they almost seem to frame a painting. The white wall they sit in is curved, following the property line. A warm khaki feature wall is on the entrance side and the floor is blonde parquetry.

Along one side of the main room is the kitchen. Stainless-steel benches and marble splashbacks give it a contemporary yet timeless feel and the cupboards are a lighter version of the feature-wall colour. A quarter-



circle balcony runs off the northern end of the living room, with strips of wood as a design feature up to roof level.

The smallest bedroom is carpeted and has floor-to-ceiling built-in wardrobes, ideal for hiding a multitude of sins. It also has the old-style casement windows, complete with clever opaque perspex "pop-outs" that you can insert to block out light or make the room more private. Off the bedroom is a large bathroom, with stone-coloured limestone on the floor, feature mirror, a white sink and a bath edged with white marble. Hidden in the bathroom cupboard is a laundry space for a washer and dryer.

Noise levels might be a problem for some prospective buyers but double glazing would solve that. Within walking distance of shops in High Street, Glenferrie Road and Orrong Reserve, this is a quirky, beautifully designed apartment, with lots of detail and charm.

Auction: 2pm
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- 1 The one-bedroom apartment has blond floors and a khaki feature wall.
- 2 Architects Neo Metro took advantage of the unusual shape of the block.

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