

# Location a A SHORE THING

Top design tips and sound building advice ensured this Seven Mile Beach reno not only allowed the owners to maximise the gorgeous views but also enabled them to create a stunning, relaxed and robust home, writes **JARRAD BEVAN**

**A**TION of careful planning and preparation ensured that Brendon and Emily Gannon's beachside home renovation was certain to be a success.

The couple bought an all original, early '70s home at Seven Mile Beach a few years ago in part because they loved the area — a few steps from the sand — but also because and it suited their family's (which includes two sons Oliver and Toby) lifestyle.

After buying the home, the family originally chose to live there for a year without renovating, to give them the breathing room to work out exactly what they wanted.

Initial plans for their reno' were initially quite extensive but over time and with the assistance of their designer and builder's expertise, the Gannons refined their plans to include only what was most important to them.

In keeping with the era, the tiles, wallpaper, plumbing and electrics of the original structure all dated back to the '70s and needed upgrading.

The project also included the installation of a new roof, a new kitchen, an ensuite, bathroom floor heating, a new front deck — and that is just the tip of the iceberg.

Emily said creating a connection between the beach and the home's main living area was an important element of their extensive renovation.

"Our routines influenced the brief that we gave to Greg at Eade Design and Drew from Drew Moore Constructions," she said.

"The sort of things we considered were what the boys need now and will need in the future; robust sand and childproof surfaces; ways to bring the outdoors in; and the fact that I start work very early but don't want to wake the whole house!"

Brendon said the original house had almost no insulation and timber window frames that were passed their used by date. He said improving the energy efficiency of the home and the soundproofing was key.

The Gannons could not speak highly enough of their builder.



Brendon said Drew was upfront about how he would deliver the quality of home they desired — from his detailed estimates to perfect communication to the professionalism of the team, "in fact, every aspect of the build was top notch".

"They were meticulous," he said.

Emily said they can see themselves living in this house forever. Brendon agreed saying it was a privilege to come home to a house with such a lovely, relaxed feel.

"It's exactly what we wanted, we wouldn't change a thing," he said.

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ABOVE: A stunning reno at this Seven Mile Beach home, by Drew Moore Constructions, allowed the owners to bring the outdoors in.

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