

# property renovate



## Your chance at a \$10,000 makeover

QUEST Community Newspapers is offering readers the chance to win a share of \$17,000 towards a home makeover. Complete the coupon in your Quest paper and send it in to enter a draw. The grand prize allows one reader \$10,000 to spend at one or a number of businesses participating in the Home

Makeover promotion. In addition, one lucky reader from each newspaper area will win a \$500 voucher to spend, also at one of these participating businesses. For your chance at some great prizes, post your entry form, also available online at [questnews.com.au](http://questnews.com.au) and at participating

businesses, to Home Makeover Competition, Locked Bag 999, Kelvin Grove DC 4059. The competition runs for six weeks and closes on May 13. Winners will be drawn on May 23 and announced in the newspaper the following week.

# Benchmark relocation

BY JODIE GRINSTED  
[grinstedj@qst.newsitd.com.au](mailto:grinstedj@qst.newsitd.com.au)

“MOVING house” is a challenging task at the best of times, but residential designer Anna Harrison did it in the most literal sense.

The house, a beachside weekender on the Sunshine Coast, was originally a post-war home that had outgrown its inner-city function in Brisbane.

The owners were reluctant to demolish the home because of its solid structure and commissioned Anna with the relocation and renovation.

The resulting beach house is not only a study in sustainability, but has given rise to some interesting design principles which could easily be applied to low-set brick and tile homes.

Anna said the relocation was made easy by specialist teams, but it wasn't all smooth sailing.

“Aside from filling out the necessary permits with council, the house-moving company took care of the rest,” Anna said.

“There was one funny thing with this one though. The truck took the house and made its way to the Coast, and I got a call at 4 o'clock in the morning to tell me that the guys had put the house on the truck the wrong way.

“They had to find a vacant block somewhere and spin it around.”

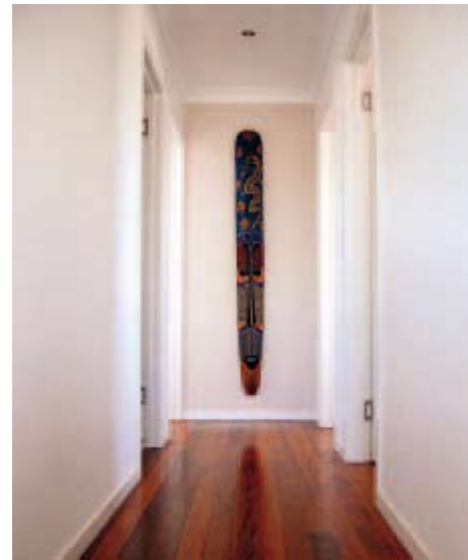
At its new location in Warana, the house was lifted to provide more space.

“Underneath the home has become a play area for the kids and it's all in the shade, which is obviously very conducive to Sunshine Coast living.

“Structurally speaking, we didn't change very much in the house. The bedrooms and the bathroom are all where the original spaces were and we just removed the walls in the living area to make it open plan,” she said.

The home was given a cosmetic “face-lift” throughout, but Anna said the real pay-off came when the original roof was replaced with a new skillion structure.

“When the new rafters were installed, a decision was made to leave them exposed in the family area. Once painted, the ex-



### Our top 5 tips

#### ANNA HARRISON SAYS:

1. Understand how the home will be used. A weekender has different requirements than a permanent family home.
2. Raise the roof, or expose the rafters. A relatively inexpensive way to solve the problem of dark and poorly ventilated spaces.
3. Insulate the roof. You will be amazed at how much cooler the interior will become.
4. Direct your dollars to where they will have maximum impact. Every project has trade-offs, knowing what will generate return on investment is key.
5. Assume nothing. If it's not in writing, it will cost you more.

posed rafters added an unexpected structural quality and lightness to the space.

“The rafters have another side benefit – they get used as surf storage racks between sessions.”

>> For more information, visit [www.annaharrison.com](http://www.annaharrison.com)

