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RESTORATION AUSTRALIA

SEASON 1

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Across the country, **thousands of heritage buildings lie in ruins** – forgotten, neglected and slowly decaying into the landscape. But these are more than just crumbling old homes – **they are touchstones to our past.**

Over each episode, **host Sibella Court, renowned author and stylist,** follows homeowners across the country as they **restore Australia's great buildings. From countryside homesteads to grand inner-city terraces, from iconic modernist masterpieces to inner-city industrial sites,** we start at the beginning of the homeowners' restorations as they take the keys to their rundown properties in desperate need of some love, care and attention. Sibella helps the renovators **fall in love with their properties,** by **investigating the history of the home and its original owners** – uncovering stories of ghosts, bushranging rogues and outback explorers along the way.

Their vision of **re-creating the properties to turn them into 'forever' homes** isn't simple. With greater budgets and increased time pressures, homeowners discover just how tough it is to create a home suitable for 21st century living. Their **ambitious restorations** are a journey of discovery for both renovators and viewers alike, with **takeaway tips** for audiences that can be applied to everyday home renovations. **Inspiring and surprising, the results are truly spectacular.**



EPISODES

Keith Hall

Built in 1885 by a stone mason from Aberdeen, Keith Hall is no more than a pile of granite. Clay is planning to rebuild the original building, manhandling the stone blocks entirely on his own.

Woodcot Park

Attempting to leave the ghosts of the Kinglake fires behind them, Jo and Marcus bought Woodcot Park. They find that they have taken on not only a restoration but also the ghost of the original Scottish owner.

Harrington Street

The little shop at 121 Harrington Street is one of the oldest timber buildings left in Hobart. Vacant and derelict, it has been the victim of two arson attacks. To avoid demolition, owners Haydn and Penny need to act.

Gervasoni Homestead

Marnie and Dale dream of converting 'Gervasoni Homestead' into a family home. But with the buildings near collapse and a modest budget, has the romance of these buildings gone to their heads?

Emmaville

'Emmaville' could be the lost birth place of bush poet and composer Banjo Patterson. The cottage is precariously sited under threat from developers, and the Community must act quickly to save it.

Keera Vale

Built in 1843 of convict bricks, Keera Vale has suffered severe damage and needs love and care. Jen and Harold have fallen for 'the house on the hill', but is love enough to save this grand old dame?

Holowiliena

Holowiliena was settled in 1853 by the Warwick family and their descendants still live on the property. With no money or heritage skills, the Warwick's want to save the original settler's buildings.

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