



RESTORATION AUSTRALIA

SEASON 4

RESTORING HERITAGE RUINS
INTO LIVING HOMES

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Australia is home to thousands of decaying heritage homes just waiting to be restored and brought back to life.

In this series, architect and history buff Professor Anthony Burke follows seven historic homes, all with incredible stories, as their owners embark on heroic journeys to save them from ruin.

But with tight budgets and time constraints, what begins as a passion project for these homeowners, often turns into a dreaded chore. Despite this, the stories are remarkable – from transforming an outdated and controversial mid-century relic into a 21st century family home, to an historic Signalman's Quarters which once relayed messages about escaped convicts, to a house which served as a 19th century post office filled with hidden treasures.

Restoration isn't for the fainthearted and in this series we witness heart-warming highs and gut-wrenching lows. We meet homeowners facing terminal illness, racing to finish so they can enjoy the time they have left. And we meet those overcoming personal loss – whose drive and determination is fuelled by the memory of a loved one.

Throughout the series, no homeowners are left wondering 'what if', and all eventually discover that elusive glimmer of light at the end of their long and winding journeys. Each episode ends in a final reveal, showcasing a finished renovation and a home ready to live in. Inspiring and surprising, the results are truly spectacular.

7 x 60'
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EPISODES

Baddeley Cottage

An amateur history sleuth and her novice restorer husband work to save a rickety colonial cottage perched perilously at the top of a sloping block. Along the way, they uncover clues that reveal the true story of its origins.

Lyon House

A couple is determined to retain the retro features of their mid-century modern 1950s house as they transform it into a home suitable for a family of four living in the 21st century.

Mount Airlie

Scott and Kate plan to restore a huge rundown Victorian mansion. After their daughter nearly died in a road traffic accident, they pledged to share the iconic property with their local community, but they'll need to strike a fine balance between modernising and restoring.

Seacroft House

Pieter and Nettie thought they had plenty of time to spruce up their dusty old weatherboard, but Pieter's shocking cancer diagnosis intensifies their efforts to complete the project so they can enjoy as much time in their forever home as possible.

Signalman's Quarters

A retired couple have spent the past decade contemplating how to restore an historic 1850s cottage in Hobart. Prior to their purchase the cottage underwent various iterations, some they want to restore, others they want to demolish.

The Lawns

Fed up with city life, Shannon and Liza have purchased a delightfully dishevelled Victorian manor house in need of a massive amount of work. This is a masterclass in authentic restoration, using highly skilled heritage tradespeople with a collective goal to resurrect this historic building.

Willow Cottage

A heritage gem in a multi-million dollar location, this 1850s workers cottage on Sydney Harbour has escaped development, but more than 150 years of neglect means that owner Martin Nix and his team of builders have their work cut out for them.

