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— FREE GUIDE — CHRISTCHURCH & CANTERBURY

The Essential Guide to Renovating Your *Home*.

What every homeowner needs to know before starting a renovation — how to protect your budget, choose the right team, and get a result you'll love living in for years to come.

INTRODUCTION

A great renovation transforms the way you *live*.

A renovation done well is one of the most rewarding things you can do for your home. A renovation done badly is one of the most stressful. The difference almost always comes down to planning, the right builder, and knowing what to expect before you start.

We've been renovating homes across Christchurch and Canterbury for over twenty years — from kitchen and bathroom upgrades to whole-home transformations and complex architectural renovations on the Port Hills.

20+

Years Renovating Canterbury Homes

300

Point Quality Checklist

10yr

Master Build Guarantee

The best renovation is one where you barely notice the disruption, but can't stop noticing the result. That's the standard we hold ourselves to on every single job.

— Tim Lowe, Director, Concept 2 Construction



— WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR

Where renovations *go wrong...*

Understanding the most common renovation pitfalls is the fastest way to avoid them.

**Underestimating the scope**

Renovations almost always reveal surprises once walls come down. Budget 10–15% contingency, choose a builder who flags risks upfront.

**Variations that weren't discussed**

Every variation should be priced and approved in writing before work continues. No exceptions.

**Poor sequencing and subcontractor coordination**

Multiple trades in a tight space in a specific order. If the sequencing is wrong, delays cascade and costs blow out.

**Late selection decisions**

Tiles, tapware, cabinetry, and appliances need to be specified well in advance. A good builder gives you a selections timeline and holds you to it.

**Rushing the finish**

Paint preparation, stopping, and sanding — the finish is only as good as what's underneath it. Premium prep takes time.



STEP ONE

Getting your *budget* right.

A renovation budget that isn't realistic from the start will cause stress at every stage.

The golden rule: Get a detailed scope of works prepared before you get any quotes. Quotes priced against vague scopes are not comparable and cannot be relied on.



What's behind the walls

Older homes can have hidden wiring, plumbing, or structural issues only visible during demolition. Factor in contingency.



Specification and finishes

Stone benchtops vs laminate. Porcelain tile vs ceramic. These decisions compound quickly across a renovation.



Consent requirements

Structural changes, plumbing relocations, and additions may require a building consent. Your builder should tell you early.



Your timeline

Rushing a renovation costs more. Good tradespeople book out weeks in advance. Start planning earlier than you think you need to.



— STEP TWO

What a well-run renovation looks *like*.

A renovation without a clear process is heading for trouble. Here is the process we follow on every project.

01

Site visit and discovery

We walk through with you, understand what you want to achieve, and give an honest early read on cost and feasibility.

02

Scope and preliminary budget

Written scope of exactly what's involved — and what's not. A realistic budget with contingency built in from the start.

03

Design, consent, and selections

A clear selections timeline so every decision is made before it's needed on site — not under pressure.

04

Programme and trade coordination

Every trade booked and sequenced. A detailed programme that shows what's happening each week.

05

Construction with weekly communication

Regular updates on progress. Variations documented and approved before work proceeds.

06

Completion, sign-off, and follow-up

Defects walkthrough before we consider anything finished. 3, 6, and 12-month post-build care programme.



What we stand *behind.*

Every renovation backed by our 5-Point Guarantee — real accountability, not just words on paper.

BUDGET ASSURANCE

Every variation priced and approved before work proceeds. Unexpected costs are covered by us.

ON-TIME COMPLETION

Financial credit for every week of delay without justification.

TRUST & INTEGRITY

Full deposit refund if we fail on transparency at any point.

COMMUNICATION

Regular updates — what's happening, what's next, what decisions are coming.

QUALITY CRAFTSMANSHIP

300-point checklist. If our work doesn't meet our standard, we fix it at no cost.

10-YEAR GUARANTEE

Qualifying renovation work backed by the Master Build 10-Year Guarantee.

What you agree to is what you receive. Honest pricing, honest communication, and a premium building experience built on professionalism and care.

— TIM LOWE, DIRECTOR



Our commitment doesn't end at *handover...*

Most builders hand over the keys and move on. We don't. Every Concept 2 Construction client receives

our full post-build care programme — three structured touchpoints in the first year designed to protect your home and your peace of mind.

3 Months

Personal phone call from Tim to check how you're settling in and catch anything early.

6 Months

Site visit — full inspection, paint touch-ups, and a written report. We'll also ask if you'd like to share your experience in a short video testimonial filmed at the home.

12 Months

Annual meeting with Tim. Warranty review, maintenance advice, and a conversation about what's next.

And beyond the first year — a personal Christmas message every December, a 2-year check-in text from Tim, and a maintenance reminder to keep your home performing at its best for decades to come.

We treat every client's home as if it were our own — and that doesn't stop the moment we hand over the keys.

— TIM LOWE, DIRECTOR, CONCEPT 2 CONSTRUCTION



— READY TO TALK?

Your renovation starts with the right *conversation.*

Whether you're in the early stages of planning or you have a clear brief ready to go, we'd love to hear about your project. Your first conversation is always honest, always obligation-free, and always with Tim personally.

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