



## HOME TRUTHS

with editor Robyn Willis

### Time to take stock and give thanks

Whenever it gets to this time of year, I always find myself wondering where the time has gone.

Indeed, when I was little and the days seemed to stretch on forever, my grandfather warned me that time would speed up the older I grew – and he was completely spot on.

In our household, this year has been a blur of school exams, plans made and plans changed, dreams put on hold and others realised.

As the kids grow, the need to extend the house has subsided, although a shift in rooms may be on the cards to better accommodate study patterns.

The shed still needs attention but this will have to wait until our builder, who's more like a family friend, is back on his feet. For now, we're going with the slightly ramshackle vibe in the garden.

Although there's a Tower of Pisa-like lean to it, I'm not quite ready to let go of the old Hills hoist which still does a sterling job thanks to its prime position in the middle of the backyard.

Things have also changed on our street, with new neighbours relishing breathing life into the house next door after decades of neglect. For us, it's meant a long overdue fence and irregular conversations with our new neighbours and their family and friends who have turned up to lend a hand.

A former commercial site on the corner also looks set to be redeveloped for government use, ending a couple of quiet years for us. But with half of Sydney under construction right now, that's hardly unusual.

While it's a bit of a mixed bag, there's certainly a lot to be grateful for this Christmas, not least of which is having a place to call home when so many families struggle. So, on behalf of the Home team, we'd love to wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas.

We'll be back January 6, 2018.  
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#### MAKE LIKE A TREE

These wooden Christmas trees add a little Scandi style, \$10.49, from Adairs, adairs.com.au



#### ABOUT FACE

Always be on time with the Newgate Puntey oversized railway clock, \$139.99, from Yellow Octopus, yellowoctopus.com.au

## WISH LIST

### THIS WEEK'S MUST-HAVES

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#### ALL SHIP SHAPE

Channel a little nautical style with the Ahoy coffee table by Casa Uno, \$739, from Zanui, zanui.com.au



#### GARDEN PARTY

This takes outdoor rugs to the next level. Marien outdoor petal rug 120cm diameter, handmade in India from PET bottles, \$59, from Early Settler, earlysettler.com.au

## WE WANT!

Water  
People print, \$99  
per sq m, by Luxe  
Wall, luxewalls.com.au  
and National Aboriginal  
Design Agency,  
aboriginal.design.  
com.au



#### LIGHT BULB MOMENT

Stay focused with the Bryson floor lamp, \$229, from Oz Design Furniture, ozdesignfurniture.com.au



#### STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT

Mercer+Reid Christmas pot, \$20.99, from Adairs, adairs.com.au

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#### BUMS ON SEATS

Need an extra seat? Pull up the VASSAD folding chair, \$49, from Ikea, ikea.com.au



#### GOLD STAR

Channel Hollywood Regency style with the Artemis shelf, \$849, from Brosa Furniture, brosa.com.au



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## This week's cover

Our final cover of 2017 stars gorgeous little Eliot Bouclier unwrapping presents under the Christmas tree. The tree, decorations and table setting are from Target and it was shot on location at Eden Brae's Bristol 28 display home at Marsden Park.

Picture Bob Barker



## 'Tis the season to demolish...

Display Centre: **Homeworld 5 Display Centre**  
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Sunday by appointment

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