

KNOCK DOWN

& Rebuild

FAQs



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What is a Knock Down Rebuild (KDR)?

A KDR is when a client loves their location, but their current home has outgrown their needs or is in disrepair. It's particularly popular on larger blocks. Essentially, you get to stay in the area you love but with a brand-new home that suits your current lifestyle.

What are the primary benefits of choosing a KDR over a traditional renovation?

With a KDR, you're starting from scratch, which means you can design the home exactly to suit the block and your needs. It allows for better energy efficiency, and you can really take advantage of the site's aspects, meeting all the latest star ratings.

How long does a typical KDR project take from start to finish?

It really depends on the planning stage, but depending on the size and complexity of the project, it can take anywhere from 12 to 24 months from the time you first meet with us.

What are the main costs involved in a KDR project?

The main costs include demolition, planning, and the build itself. It's about removing the old and bringing in the new.

Are there any hidden costs that clients should be aware of?

We do our best to quote and forecast everything upfront, but sometimes unexpected things come up. For example, one of our builds uncovered an old well under the ground! Other than that, we provide a fixed-price contract unless changes are made along the way.

How does financing work for a KDR project? Can clients use their existing mortgage?

Yes, it can be set up using the equity in your property. Once we provide a quote, it can be sent to your surveyor to get the process moving. Keep in mind that you'll need to find a temporary rental while the build is underway.

What initial steps should clients take when considering a KDR?

First, consider where your home is—are there any heritage overlays? Are you happy with the location, or does your house no longer feel like home? Once you're ready, reach out to us. I'll personally meet you at your property to discuss your ideas. From there, we'll help you refine your wishlist and begin quoting the project.

How involved can clients be in the design process of their new home?

We love it when clients get really involved! Depending on your situation and wishlist, we typically go through three rounds of changes before finalising the working drawings and engineering.

Can clients incorporate eco-friendly and sustainable features into their new home?

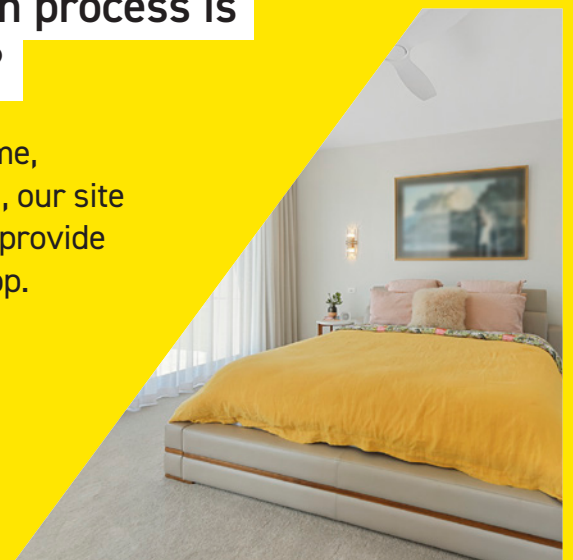
Absolutely! Many clients are interested in solar panels, water tanks, rainwater harvesting, and double-glazed windows. We focus on passive design principles so your home costs less to run and is more sustainable.

How do you ensure clients' construction process is as smooth and stress-free as possible?

From the start, it's a team effort. You'll be in touch with me, Abbey, and Nicole until the construction begins. Then, BJ, our site supervisor, takes over the management of the build. We provide fortnightly updates, making sure you're always in the loop.

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What are some common concerns or fears that clients have about KDR projects?

The biggest concerns are usually time and where to live during construction. The planning stage can be unpredictable, especially with council approvals. We're upfront about the timeline. Some clients also worry about the cost, but it's really about other factors like location, schools, and the neighbourhood. Lastly, people want to know if we handle everything—and we do! We even set up a WhatsApp group to discuss design ideas and communication.

Can you share any success stories or testimonials from past KDR clients?

One of our standout projects was an existing farmhouse—the Hammond Home. We've also done a beautiful rammed earth home in Emerald that I'm really proud of. I'd love to show you some pictures!

How do you ensure a high level of craftsmanship and attention to detail in your KDR projects?

We always use the same trusted tradespeople. They know our standards and deliver the craftsmanship we're known for.

Do you offer landscaping or outdoor living space design as part of the KDR package?

Yes, we can take care of everything, including landscaping and outdoor living spaces. We've even done pools! Whatever you need to complete your home, we can make it happen.



Rammed Earth KDR Home - Emerald

And finally...

What sets Allchin apart from other builders in the KDR market?

We're known for quality, safety, and reliability. With 16 years of experience, we pride ourselves on delivering a high-quality finish. We know the West Gippsland and inner-Eastern area inside out and always strive for the best results.

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