



Take these tips when building

Jamie Nesci, from Gawler's Frank Nesci Homes, has been building houses for 22 years, but long before that he was gaining insight into the trials and tribulations of building as part of the family business.

"I was born with a trowel in my hand," he said.

Over the years, Mr Nesci has seen the building industry evolve, opening up to new technologies and materials.

With the changing industry, coupled with the growing popularity of renovation television shows, Mr Nesci has seen an increase of people taking up the challenge of building their dream home.

Accordingly, he has provided *The Bunyip* with his top tips before building.



Jamie (left) and Frank Nesci have decades worth of experience in building houses.

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1. **Build what you can afford** – only undertake projects within your means.
2. **Research the market** – research and understand all of the opportunities available for your budget.
3. **Carefully select your block of land** – consider all aspects, like sloping blocks, the position of services, encumbrances on the land and easements, because sometimes these are things not thought about in the initial stages.
4. **Carefully select your materials** – we are a firm believer of using the right tools for the right

job. Careful selection of the flooring and taps is not only important for price but for aesthetics, comfort and peace of mind. You have to love it today and into the future.

5. **Get good advice** – family members, friends and professionals can give important advice. The people building a house do not always understand everything on the plan. Other people can be a wealth of knowledge for how taps are positioned or whether a footpath needs to go in etc.
6. **Take advantage of views and northern aspects** – sometimes

we build houses for people who have wonderful views, but they put the garage on that side and other times we see beautiful, big houses with a northern aspect on their house and they put the bathroom or laundry on that side. So we aim to get living areas that are north-facing.

7. **Consider insulation values** – spending a bit more money upfront on insulation definitely gives long-term financial and comfort benefits.

8. **Communication is key** – keep in contact with your builder and financiers. Make sure everything is spoken about upfront.

Mr Nesci has been working in Gawler since 2009 and enjoys every aspect of the building process: meeting new people, helping them plan their design and then following them through construction until the key hand-over, but his priority is hearing the positive responses from people once they're living in their dream house.



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