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### HOME TRUTHS: ALISA FRASER

#### WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

In Adelaide in a beachside home near Glenelg, with my husband and our sons, Nate and Dash.

#### WHAT'S YOUR PROPERTY PROFILE?

I'm a proud homeowner of the 1925 bungalow we live in and also own an investment property in Queensland. (Twin sister) Lysandra and I have also bought a Victorian terrace in Albert Park. We have been working hard on it, creating a new extension spanning three levels. The house is in a heritage overlay area. We can finally say we are about a month or so away from finishing it. Our online series

about the project will launch soon after the house is complete.

#### ONE THING YOU'D CHANGE ABOUT YOUR HOME?

I renovated my home before Lysandra and I went on *The Block* — so, way before I had a clue about anything. In retrospect, I would have designed my bathrooms totally differently. It's the one thing that really bugs me. My

husband refuses to let me rip them out because there is really nothing wrong with them — in his eyes.

#### ARE YOU A KEEN OR RELUCTANT BUYER?

I'm obsessed with the property

market, so I've always got my eyes peeled. I think if you buy smart, do homework and renovate accordingly, property is a really great investment.

#### THE HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR PROPERTY JOURNEY?

Without doubt, our current Albert Park project has been the most exciting property I've worked on. As it's in the most sought-after suburb in Melbourne, every design aspect has been carefully considered. It's definitely our passion project and I feel it will be our most rewarding yet.

#### BEST PROPERTY ADVICE YOU'VE HEARD?

Buy the worst house in the best street. Our Albert Park terrace was no gem when we bought it. Once we are done, we are hoping it will be one of the finest terrace homes in the area.

#### WORST PROPERTY ADVICE?

You may as well buy a house that is beyond your means because the bank will always just lend you the money anyway. Terrible advice.

#### ANY TIPS FOR HOMEBUYERS?

First, do your research. Secondly, don't pay too much for a property as there will always be another one that comes along. And, finally, don't buy a home if you're forced to

live on baked beans just to pay the mortgage.

#### FUTURE PROPERTY PLANS?

Lysandra and I plan to flip more properties. We love our jobs as interior designers, but it has been really nice working on our very own project. We are on the hunt to find our next flip project, so stay tuned.

Along with twin sister Lysandra, police officer-turned-interior designer Alisa Fraser starred twice as a contestant on *The Block*.



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