

Taking the stress out of moving houses

MOVING house can be even more stressful than the process of buying a house with a new survey revealing 70 per cent of those who have moved in the past five years found it the most stressful thing they had ever done.

More than a third of those who responded to the survey by Origin said it was even more stressful than getting married and two thirds believed it was tougher than starting a new job.

January is one of the busiest months of the year for people to be searching for a new rental property according to Andrew Rechtman of realestate.com.au.

He said what made it so stressful for many was that they didn't organise themselves properly beforehand.

Origin general manager, retail marketing, sales and service, Rebekah O'Flaherty said the vast majority of respondents said having the power connected by the day of the move was one of the most important things.

Mr Rechtman said people should organise as much as possible in advance and save themselves running around by doing things online.

Five tips for making moving easier:

Get organised

Make a to-do list, prioritise and give yourself plenty of time to achieve your tasks.

Arrange to have the electricity and utilities connected well before moving day and do it on line.

"Having your energy connected at your new home on the day you move in is important for 86 per cent of people," the report found.

Be efficient

About 86 per cent of respondents said it was important to have utilities such as water connected by the day of the move.

Book a cleaner for your old place for the day after your move

The last thing you want to worry about in all the stress of settling into a new place is cleaning your old home.

Credit: Origin and realestate.com.au



Arron and Jenna Clark at their renovated Enmore home.

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WHEN Arron and Jenna Clarke first saw their Enmore home in 2012, they knew straight away that it was the perfect place for them.

"We loved the house because it was so sunny and light," Mrs Clarke said.

Mr Clarke added: "It was quite liveable but we could picture the floorplan of what we wanted and three years on we have renovated it to exactly how we like it."

Originally a two-bedroom, one bathroom terrace, the couple

transformed it into a three-bedroom abode with two bathrooms.

The two-storey home has a modern design with Oak timber floors, an open-plan Caesarstone kitchen and living area that flows out to an undercover entertainment deck.

"We wanted it to be functional as an entertaining house as well as a family home," Mrs Clarke said.

Her favourite spot was the combined kitchen and living room. For Mr Clarke, the upstairs bathroom was a highlight.

"It's the original second bedroom so it's a big bathroom which is a little rare in Victorian terraces."

The outdoor space, which has a pizza oven and landscaped gardens, is where the couple enjoy hosting gatherings.

"Our courtyard gets so much sunlight. It's got a green leafy outlook. It's a nice escape from the city," Mrs Clarke said.

The parents of one have loved the convenience of living in Enmore and its friendly neighbourhood.

"Everyone is really lovely. We are going to miss our neighbours," Mrs Clarke said.

The couple hopes the next owners will appreciate the home.

"I hope they can have their family and friends around and can relax and enjoy what we have created," Mrs Clarke said.

The three-bedroom terrace goes to auction on Saturday, February 13, at 10.45am with a price guide of \$1.15 million to \$1.25 million

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