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most meals. Getting there is half the fun!

get a bit gung ho without thinking,"

down the middle of his lounge room

to make a room for his daughter but

he didn't take out the lounge room's

never be turned on because it was a

"Then there was another guy who

central light. And that light could

fire hazard - the bulb was leaning

ripped an oil heater out of the wall

without checking if there was any oil

in the tank. Oil started flooding right

True to its name, DIY Rescue

property owners who find themselves in such predicaments. But it's not like

the team does all the work while the

homeowners take a four-day holiday

the people who started the renovation

have to help finish the renovation as

across the room, impregnating the

offers much-needed assistance to

against this new wall.

floorboards.

"We've had a guy who stuck a wall



You started renovating your place with the best of intentions. But somewhere along the way, other things took precedence and you just never got around to finishing the job, did you? Have no fear, the DIY Rescue crew are here to help, as Guy Davis discovered when he spoke with team member Tara Dennis

Rescue ranger

ara Dennis has got my number "Don't you know someone who has started renovating a property and hasn't finished? ou must! Everyone does! It's robably you!

At this point in the conversation, I

ust make my confession o the host of Nine's new ome renovation gram, DIY Rescue: n the kind of guy who inks about renovation projects but never gets around to starting them.

"That's probably the safest and cheapest way to do it," she laughs.

It would appear that I'm in the minority when it comes to renovations,

because Tara and the DIY Rescue team have encountered plenty of would-be handymen who have taken on home improvement jobs, only to pull the plug on the project halfway through "It's one reason why I think this

show will appeal to everyone everyone's a candidate," says Tara.

We all have jobs around the house we haven't finished, whether we rent or own. It's a pretty big problem, actually, because the interest rates are low right now and people are excited about getting into property. They may have spent all their money just getting in the door and then they get all revved up, all excited about renovating and start ripping things out without realising the cost and the enormity of the job, not to mention how long it will actually take.

"So many people bite off more than they can chew, basically. It's a very common occurrence.

Tara admits that shows like Changing Rooms, Room for Improvement, Backyard Blitz and the like could well have played a part in the average homeowner's eagerness to give their place a once-over.

"I think we make it look so easy on

the telly, and people sit there and think,

'That looks easy. I could have a go at

that'. So DIY Rescue is good because

some small way by going out and

fixing the problems!" she laughs.

we can pay back our debt to society in

dreadful", she's not exaggerating. In one case, the team was faced with a concrete slab surrounded by a timber frame that they had to transform into a kitchen, laundry, bathroom and

the drawer."

What's truly amazing about the unfinished renovations the DIY Some have even remained incomplete for over a decade.

More often than not, though, it's a "We try to get them to invite all case of overly-ambitious home their friends as well," says Tara. "We bring all the qualified people for the handymen finding they've taken on jobs they're needed for but it always projects that are beyond them. "People

helps if they've got a friend who's a carpenter or a landscaper. If there are as many people on site as possible, we welcome that - we're not the kind of show that hides what happens. Everyone's on camera and we shoot it the way it is, so the more the merrier. "Our show's about achieving good, practical resolutions using great new products and ideas. It's also about

Work in progress: Luke Van Dyck, Grea Norton. Leah McLeod and Tara Dennis fix up botched home improvements on DIY Rescue.

"It's great to take them from something that's really quite dreadful to a beautiful home in just a few days"

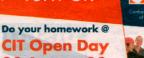
Rooms, where we're imposing our ideas onto them. If we can take their ideas and go one step further, making them better than they imagined, that's what we do.

working with them to get what they

want to achieve - it's not Changing

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Another house they tackled had no ceiling and no walls: "We turned that into the most amazing kitchen-dining room-living area," says Tara. "By the time we left, there were teaspoons in

Rescue team takes on is that many of them have gone unfinished for years.