



7 Things Every Homeowner Should Know Before Hiring a Carpenter on the Central Coast

Your practical guide to choosing the right carpenter,
comparing quotes fairly and avoiding costly mistakes.



Welcome

Whether you're planning a new deck, pergola, renovation or custom carpentry project, choosing the right tradesperson can make all the difference.

This guide has been created to help homeowners make informed decisions, avoid common mistakes and understand what to look for before starting a project.

1 Don't Compare Quotes on Price Alone

The cheapest quote is rarely the best value. When comparing quotes, make sure you're looking at the full picture:

- Materials & quality of timber
- Workmanship & finishing standards
- Scope of work included
- Warranties offered
- Realistic timeframes
- Site clean-up & waste removal

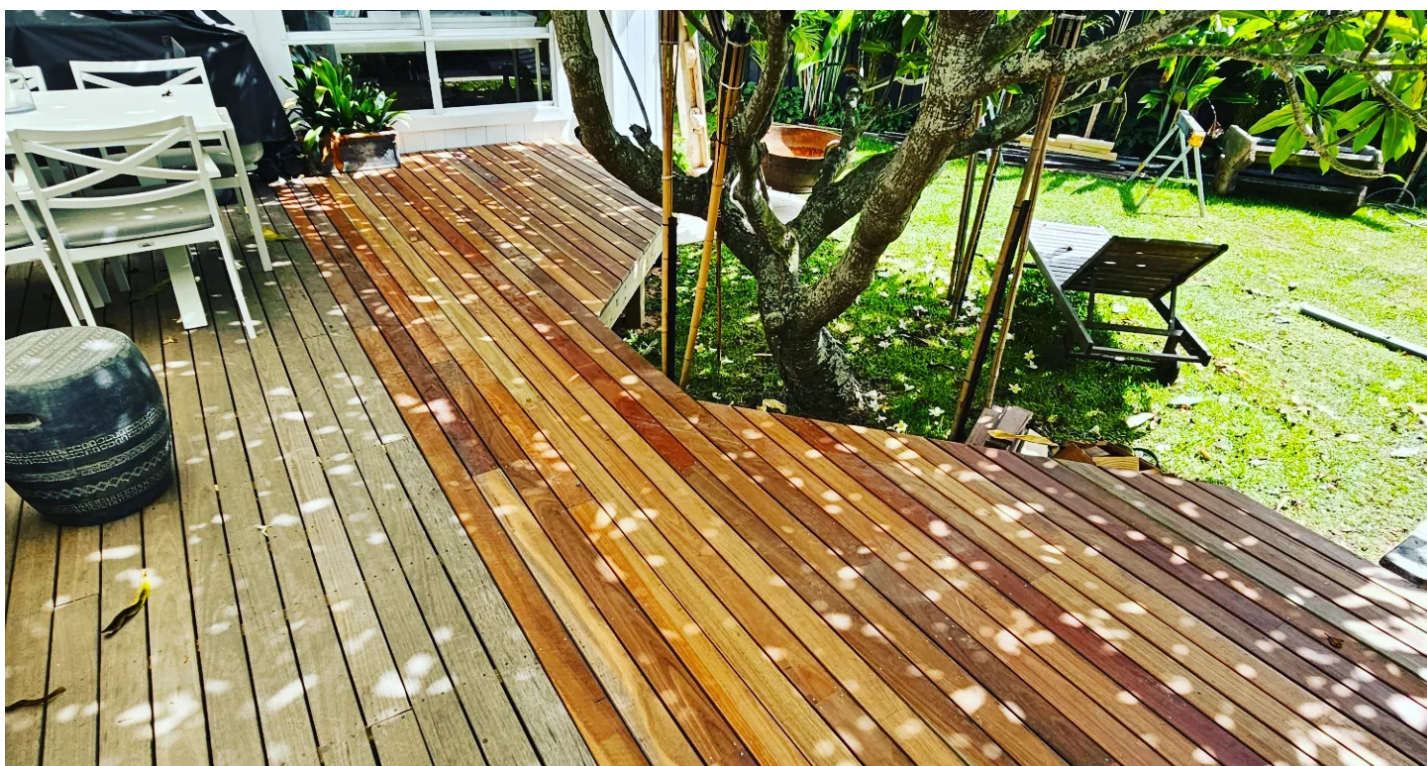


2 Ask About Similar Projects

Experience matters. A carpenter who has completed projects similar to yours will understand the challenges, materials and techniques required to deliver a quality result.

Ask to see examples of previous work. A reputable tradesperson will be happy to share photos, testimonials or even invite you to view completed projects in person.

This gives you confidence that they can handle the specific requirements of your build.



3 Check Real Workmanship

Photos can be misleading. Whenever possible, view completed projects in person to assess the quality of joints, finishes and overall craftsmanship.

Look for genuine customer reviews on Google, Facebook or industry platforms. Real feedback from past clients is one of the most reliable indicators of what you can expect.

A quality carpenter will stand behind their work and welcome scrutiny.

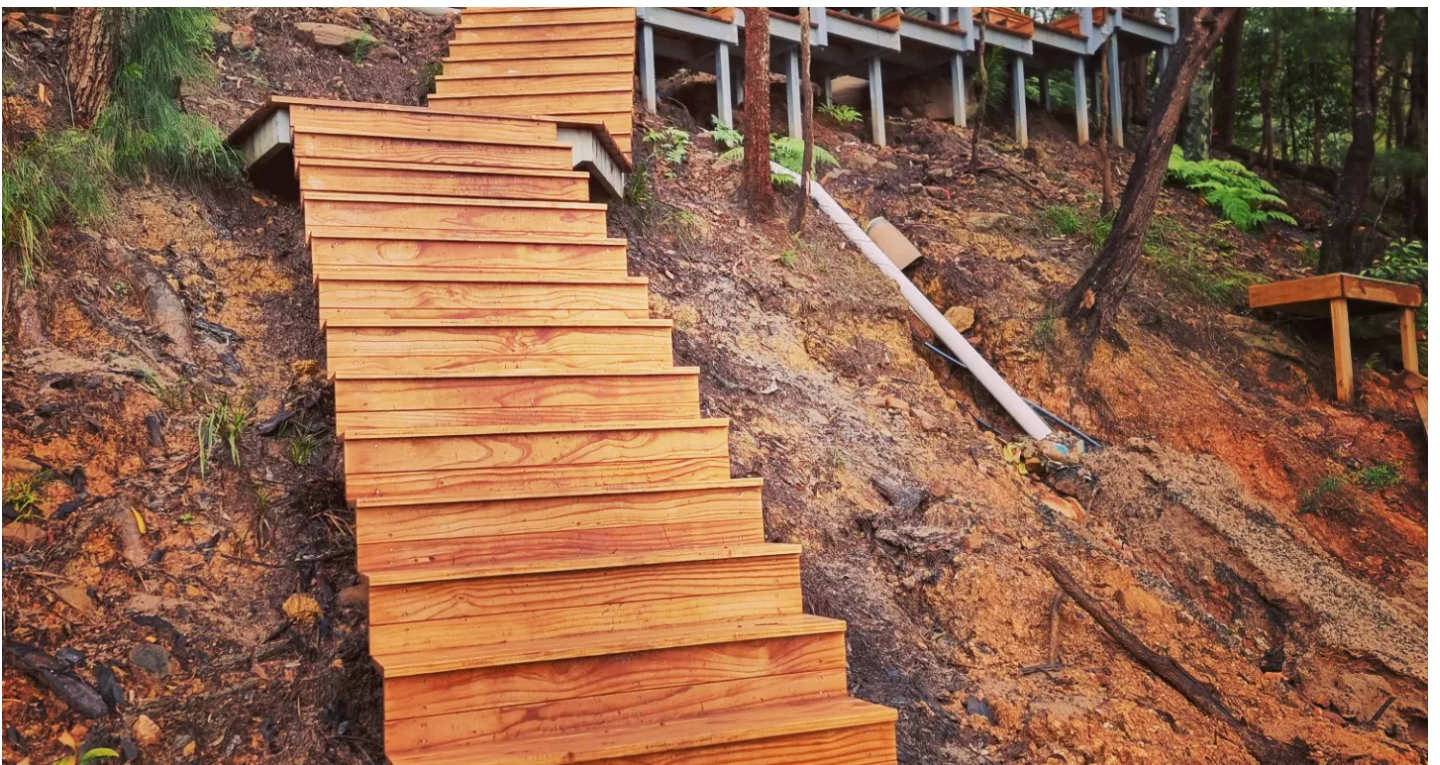


4 Licensing & Insurance

Always confirm that your carpenter holds a current licence and adequate insurance before any work begins.

In NSW, any residential building work over \$5,000 requires a licensed contractor. Ask to see their licence number and verify it through NSW Fair Trading.

Public liability and workers compensation insurance protects you from financial risk if something goes wrong on site. A professional tradesperson will have no hesitation providing proof of coverage.

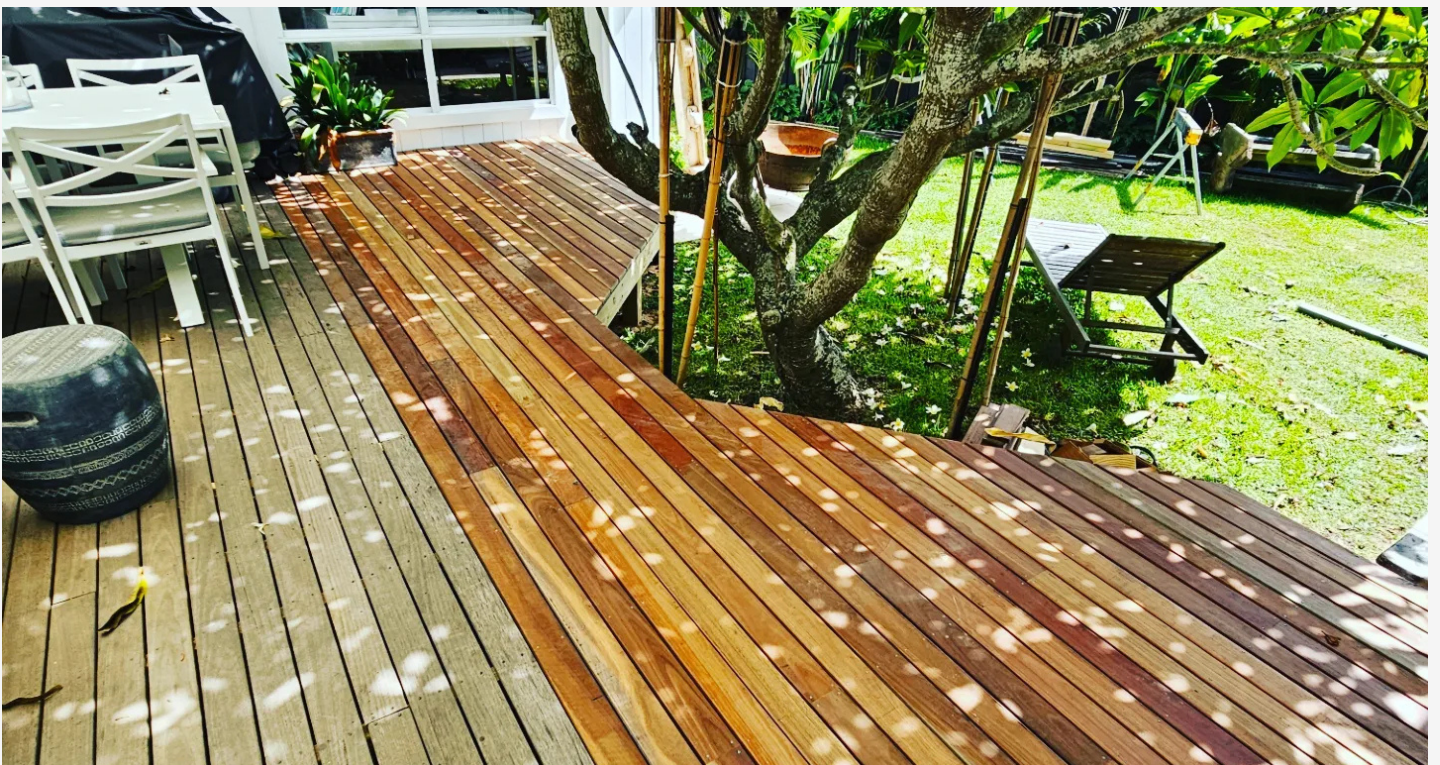


5 Communication Matters

Good communication is the foundation of a smooth project. From the first enquiry through to completion, you should feel informed and confident about what's happening.

A reliable carpenter will provide clear timelines, explain any changes or challenges as they arise, and be easy to reach when you have questions.

If communication feels difficult before the project starts, it's unlikely to improve once work is underway. Trust your instincts.



6 Think Long-Term

It can be tempting to choose the cheapest option, but quality workmanship and premium materials will save you money over time.

A well-built deck or structure should last decades with minimal maintenance. Cutting corners on materials or labour often leads to premature deterioration, costly repairs and frustration.

Investing in quality upfront means fewer problems down the track and a result you can enjoy for years to come.



7 Choose Someone You Trust

At the end of the day, you're inviting someone onto your property and trusting them with your home. Technical skill matters, but so does honesty, reliability and genuine pride in workmanship.

Look for a tradesperson who listens, offers honest advice (even when it's not what you want to hear), and clearly takes pride in delivering a quality result.

The right carpenter will feel like a trusted partner in your project, not just a contractor.



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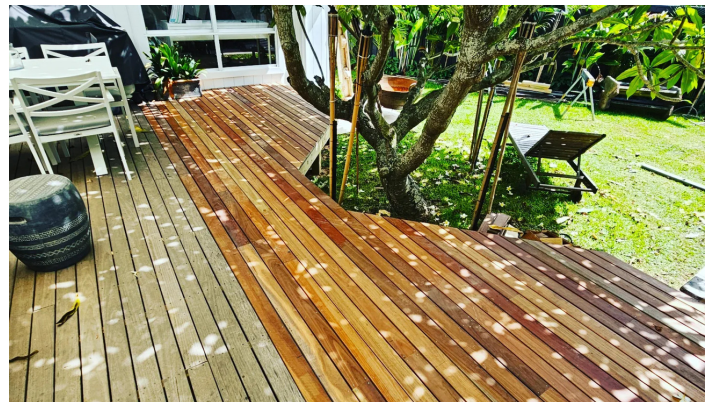
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Frangipani Deck Extension



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Why Choose Shore Carpentry?



Quality Craftsmanship

Built with precision and pride, every joint and finish is held to the highest standard.



Premium Materials

We source quality timbers and materials that look beautiful and stand the test of time.



Attention to Detail

From planning through to completion, nothing is overlooked or rushed.



Honest Advice

We'll always give you straightforward guidance, even if it means a simpler solution.



Custom Solutions

Every project is tailored to your home, your lifestyle and your vision.



Local Central Coast Builder

We live and work on the Coast. We understand the climate, conditions and community.

Ready to Start Your Project?

Whether you're planning a new deck, pergola, renovation or custom carpentry project, Shore Carpentry is here to help.

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