

Note From the Owners

2608 Yardarm

After looking at all the Gulf islands, we bought this lot and the small cottage on it on our first trip to Pender and made an offer on our way back on the ferry to the mainland.

The only regret Callum says is that we didnt do it sooner! We wanted to experience a more relaxed lifestyle and to live closer to nature and Pender Island and this property has fulfilled all that. With a lookout over Shingle Bay and another view looking to Rowe lake and the park, we feel cocooned by nature.

I have sat in my hot tub in the morning and have recorded the orchestra of birds on my phone to send to my family on the Mainland. I remember coming from the city and for the first time hearing a bird fly overhead.

I have seen my moon shadow on our back deck when I stand out to look at the stars. I watch Ospreys, eagles, deer, otters, whalepods all from my kitchen or living room window. I love watching the ferrys, sail boats, kayakers and paddle boarders on the water. I love the two giant fir trees, that bring this beautiful precense. I love our home, but more then anything I love our view.

We started the process of building our current home in 2011. We ended up completely removing the little cottage to build this Eco friendly home.

Roof has R50 rating for isulation, walls R35 and with very little effort this home is warm in the winter and cool in the summer. This house was built for our retirement, so its all one level. We orginally had planned to do wood trim on the outside, but when Callum saw our 80 year old neighbour repainting his wood siding, he changed his mind. The metal roof and siding are super low maintenance and good for another 25/30 years.

The trex decking just needs a wash in the spring and then looks great all year. The on suite bathroom has a California drain shower, so if you ever needed to put a stool in or couldnt step over a bath edge it would be easy.

The house feels spacious, with plenty of room. Someone can watch TV, others can sit in the livingroom, while someone can be cooking in the kitchen without feeling like we are in each other's way. I can be inside and safely let the grandkids play outside in the fenced yard. I can see them from every window. I love how the skyline comes through the top row of windows. It is the first thing I see as I open my bedroom door and step into the living room each morning.

One of the bedrooms doubles as a yoga place/office and guest room thx to the Murphy bed.

There is also a sleeping loft enjoyed by our many nieces and nephews. We built our daughter a commercial kitchen. We built it with the thought if she expands and moves out, this could be another bedroom & bathroom. The floor at the same level as the main house, so it's all set to put a door through the tv room and then the whole house is connected.

Callum has run a successful business out of the shop/garage. He needed more space, so put up the shop shelter. The structure is on a 24X 32 cement pad. The roof trusses covered with a 25 year teflon tarp are supported by pallet racking. There is a wood stove for cold winter days. Although extremely useful to us as a shop, it can be changed to a garage for parking or the structure is easily removed to have an easy place for vehicle turn around. This structure, along with the covered carport, were not permitted as we considered them temporary structures with durable tarp roofs that can be removed.

We waited until our kids were up and gone to move here. Not thinking they would actually follow us and then raise their family here. We are now just embarking on a new journey with them at a multi-generational home & property. We will miss the neighbourhood. I am the emergency contact and know the people who live on Yardarm, they are kind and considerate. Our next door neighbour has their full time home on the Mainland, so they are often not here, but when they are here they are really good neighbours.

-Caroline and Callum

