

Local duo are hot property

THE Block Glasshouse will make its anticipated debut on July 27 and this time we'll be able to barrack for some hometown talent.

Gold Coast good sorts Michael and Carlene, both 31, will have a crack at the toughest challenge the reality TV juggernaut has ever thrown up.

While the reality pressure cooker is notoriously tough on relationships, friends say the pair have the strong foundations to see them through - they've been together for 12 years and married for seven, with a son Paddy, 5, and daughter Stella, 3.

Michael, a project manager and chippie, also has more than a few tradie tricks up his sleeve.

Nearly every couple in this series has at least one partner who is a reno pro, although Carlene, a university communications officer, is set for a baptism of fire.

The five couples on Channel 9's proven ratings winner are charged with transforming an abandoned 1980s office building in Melbourne, sprawling across three storeys and 540 square metres.

"This is without doubt the most challenging *Block* yet," Gold Logie winner and host Scott Cam says.

"We broke records last series, but I think buyers are going to go even more ballistic for these apartments."



Gold Coast couple Michael and Carlene will be competing on *The Block Glasshouse*.

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