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DHAN, THE FIRST IN THE HAPPY HAUS SERIES, IS CRANED OVER THE PANDANUS AND BANKSIA TREES ON STRADBROKE ISLAND, LEFT, BEFORE DOCKING ONTO SCREW PILE FOUNDATIONS. ABOVE: A LIVING PAVILION IS COMPLEMENTED BY A SLEEPING PAVILION BEHIND. THE TWO WILL BE CONNECTED BY A COVERED WALKWAY AND FIREPLACE ZONE.



## PACK LIGHT

Shrugging off prior associations is a pre-made home with absolutely pre-fabulous results.

WHEN A "DREAM site" came up for sale on North Stradbroke Island recently, architect Brian Donovan (of Donovan Hill) was quick to move. Not only does the magical hilltop ledge enjoy one of "Straddie's" most breathtaking coastal views, but the spot held nostalgic value for Donovan, who'd lived in an old house there as an architecture student and erstwhile surfer. It was also the perfect launching pad for his company's latest experimentation with pre-made housing and exploration of sustainable, adaptable modules.

Thus Dhan was born, the first in the Happy Haus series; a venture directed by developer Toby Lewis. Dwellings designed by leading architects are made in a factory near Brisbane and transported via truck to whichever piece of paradise their owners have selected. In the case of the Stradbroke Island structure, craning onto the site was also required. Modules can be multiple or single, depending on size and inhabitants' needs. The good news is they arrive completely finished (and superbly so) inside and out, with only the window and door shades to clip on, and services plugged in. Happy holidays. MARGIE FRASER

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