CHECKLIST

Veranda on decking: checks before you build

- [ ] Check the deck for rot, loose boards or sagging joists and repair before cutting
- [ ] Measure joist spacing and mark post positions to avoid cutting structural timber
- [ ] Lift a board to see what's underneath — soil, concrete or gravel
- [ ] Decide on footings, post shoes or ground spikes based on the ground below
- [ ] Cut deck boards at post positions and seal all cut edges with preservative
- [ ] Dig footings or fix post shoes, then set posts vertical and secure
- [ ] Fit trim or sealant around each post base to keep water out of the deck structure
- [ ] Check post bases each spring for movement and tighten or reset as needed