

House of the week *style*



Resort-style living makes for a dream home for new Noosa couple

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A home for all seasons

fast fact:

Designer: Chris Clout Design, 07 5474 8107

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Design Brief: The clients wanted their new home to feel like a resort so the following was to be included in the design, split-level home to suit the contours of the land, lap pool with a water feature, an undercover spa and a sundeck for pool loungers, a water feature at the entry, four bedrooms with one to be used as a study, a gym, sauna, wine cellar, outdoor bar and barbecue area.

Migrating north for their retirement, this Hobart couple had a specific design brief for their new dream home in Noosa.

It entailed a residence offering resort-style living, complete with sauna, spa baths, lap pool and a wine cellar.

To top it off, there is a man-made natural creek running through the home which is illuminated by LED lighting.

As with each home designed by Chris Clout, this home offers exceptional design and interior decorating.

The moment you step through the wide timber and glass pivot door, you will be mesmerised by the window acting as a pool wall and looking glass to the home's living wing.

A frangipani planted in the middle of the pool offers a surreal imagery better than any piece of fine art-work.

Timber floors of Blackbutt lead the way around the pool and its sun deck boasting three sun loungers to the home's office and gymnasium. Shoji-style sliding doors on each room slide in two directions so views out to the pool are never obscured.

A pathway leads over the creek and its surrounding tropical indoor garden to the open-plan living, dining and kitchen area with an outdoor entertaining room on either side.

"One of the things that is remarkable with Chris is he can foresee things such as the weather so he pointed out during the summer

we won't want to sit on the western deck because of the hot sun, but it would be great in winter while this outdoor area is perfect for summer," proud owner Ross Cunningham said.

The crisp white tones in this living area are contrasted beautifully with the feature timber beading on the front of the thick Caesar Stone

to create a "fairy path" throughout the garden of gum trees for visiting grandchildren to enjoy.

Overlooking the lap pool was a second outdoor entertaining area with wet bar offering a wine fridge and liquor cabinet.

Through the pool fence a timber bridge leads to the other side of the home and acts as a short cut.

Choose to enter the second living room via a timber sliding door or walk around the home's exterior and sweat it out in the sauna.

The design of this home is amazing in the sense that every conceivable scenario has been thought of; the grandchildren will never walk wet feet from the pool through the home again, as this area also has access to the main bathroom where kids can dry off.

Surfers can wash the salty sand off under the outdoor shower and cut across the pool's bridge to whip up a feed in the kitchen.

The pool can be viewed from every room of the home except from bedrooms which makes this a safe-place for those with kids.

The design has been well-thought out and is impressive as is the construction according to Ross, a retired carpenter.

"We chose to use Chris because he had done the house next door and we were impressed with what they had done there," Ross said.

Chris' signature exposed timber battens beneath the eaves, angular guttering, shoji screens and stone feature walls have been used throughout the home.

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1. Perfect all year round

West facing home with dual outdoor living areas to cater for each season

2. Clever contrast

Beautiful contrast between warmth of the timber and the fresh light colours of the rendered walls and stone

3. Water features

Man-made creek runs through the house, past the courtyard and bridges, cascading down the levels to finish at the home's entrance.

Feature lighting was put in to highlight these cascading areas, behind water feature in pool

4. Design and shape

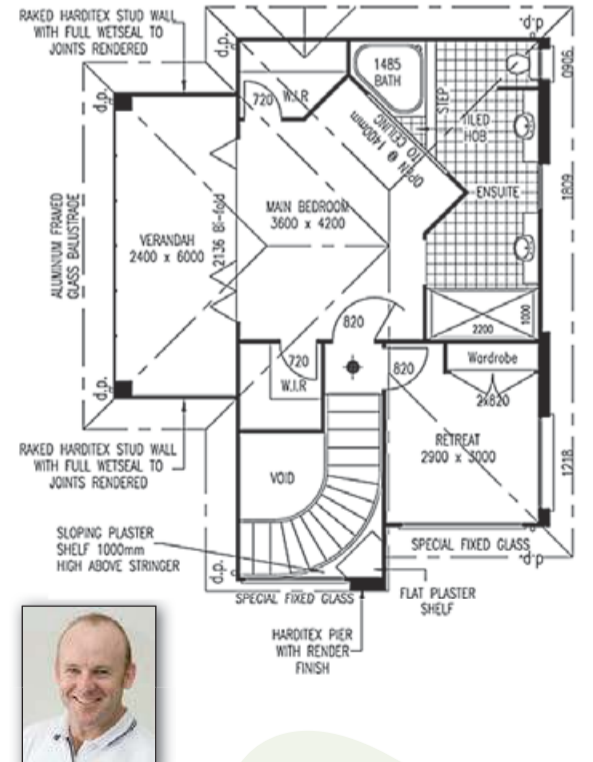
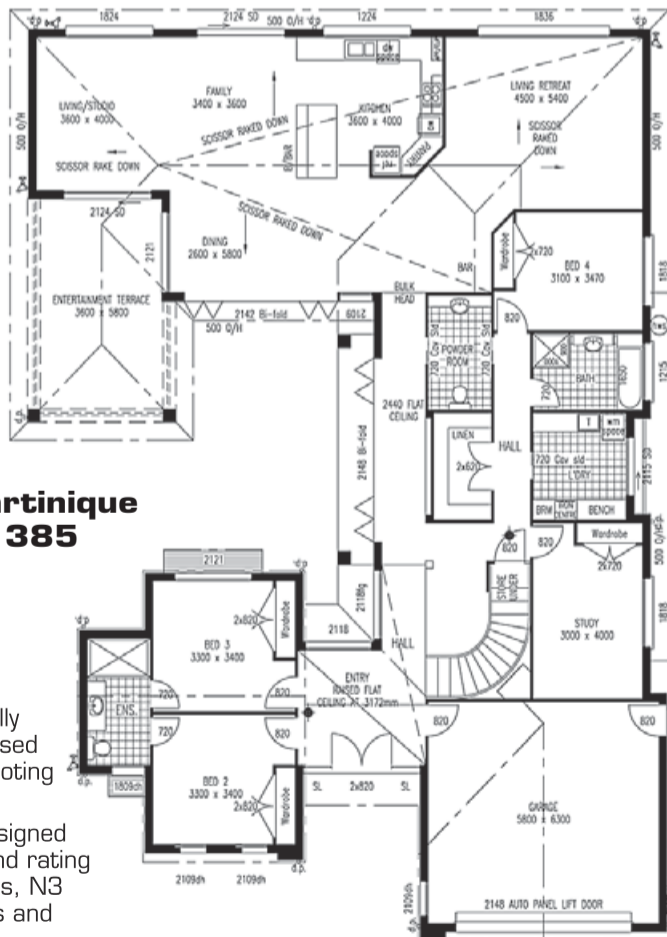
House wraps around the pool in U shape, making it private while also allowing for great views from every room of the house and providing protection from hot western sun.

5. Resort style

A sauna, electronic blinds, circular mirrors in bathrooms and powder room, shadow line cornices, bridge over pool, concealed butler's pantry and wine cellar.



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