

Designs on success

PASSION, attention to detail and an aversion to “plain bits” have helped steer Noosa building designer Chris Clout to win five awards at the Queensland Building Design Awards.

Chris, who opened Chris Clout Design two years ago, won awards for Best Residential Renovation over \$600,000, Best Residential Interior, Best Bathroom and Best Commercial Interior. He received a commendation for Best Pool, with an interior glass spa.

“I try to be really different but being different doesn’t necessarily mean good,” he said. “I spent some time overseas this year, studying the best in the world, took all the best pieces in and looked at



STYLISH: One of Chris's award-winning designs.

what people like.”

He said with no formal interior design training, winning awards for his interiors, including a national award last year, had been the biggest surprise.

“I think it shows the level of detail and passion you have to put in,” he said.

He likes to use new materials, eco-friendly designs and work with lighting and colour.

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