

# Why this house was a family affair for Chris

**S**ALTWATER House is a stunning, Japanese-inspired home where space, comfort, outdoor living and atmosphere are key elements of design.

The 2009 Building Designers Association of Australia National Design Excellence Award winner Chris Clout was the brains behind the multi-award-winning house in Noosa Waters, which he designed for his parents, Peter and Janet Clout.

Striking street appeal, resort-style pool and no real boundary between indoors and out were part of the client requirements. The brief stipulated a need for space, yet a comfortable feel and, most of all, a sense of peace from the outside world with street and near-neighbour privacy.

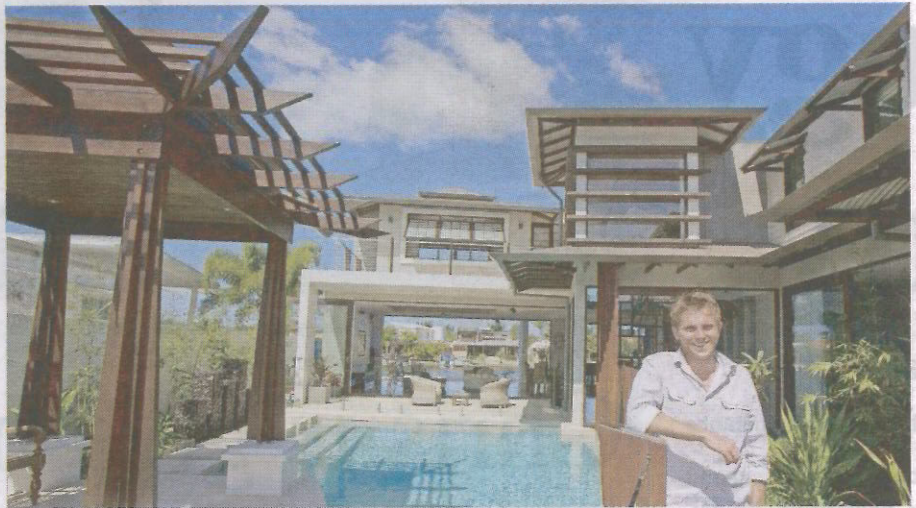
While meeting a design brief is hard enough, the toughest client has to be family. They will not hold back with concerns or questions.

A builder himself, Peter Clout takes enormous pride in Chris's success, but he can also take a great deal of credit.

"This is what we do" he said. "It is an investment.

"We get Chris to design a house for us every few years. We build it, live in it and after a period of time, sell it.

"It is a similar investment strategy to that of most home owners over time where they might buy a house that needs renovating, do it up and then take a



Chris Clout and the multi-award winning Saltwater House. Picture: Patrick Oberem.

capital gain. The difference is that we give Chris free rein to design something innovative, to push the envelope.

"It is a strategy that supports Chris, is an investment for us and also gives us an enjoyable family home."

Peter said the most impressive thing about working with Chris as the designer was the huge amount of detail.

"Virtually every item is custom made," he said. "All windows, cupboard doors and the front door were custom made.

"The pool and the pond are designed

for this space. All the internal joinery, kitchen and vanities, staircase and handrails were all custom made.

"The Colorbond gutters including the gutter brackets were all also especially made.

"Nothing was standard or off-the-shelf."

However, Peter and Janet Clout are already planning their next adventure and the home is now on the market with Tom Offermann Real Estate agents John Dover and Petar Markanovic.



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Dallas Flanders, Ashley Flanders and Stephen Simmons

## Revved for success

UNTIL October last year Noosa four-wheel-drive enthusiasts had to drive to Maroochydore to fit out their pride and joy.

But thanks to Tyrepower Noosaville owners Dallas and Allison Flanders, they can source all their needs locally.

Dallas and Allison saw an opportunity to expand their business within a niche market and opened the new Tyrepower

4x4 tyre and accessories store in October last year.

Dallas said they had received a good response from the public and car dealers and a lot of business had been generated through word of mouth. The new workshop supplies and fits everything from bullbars to slide-out awnings, has a pick-up and drop-off service and is a licensed distributor for Cooper tyres.