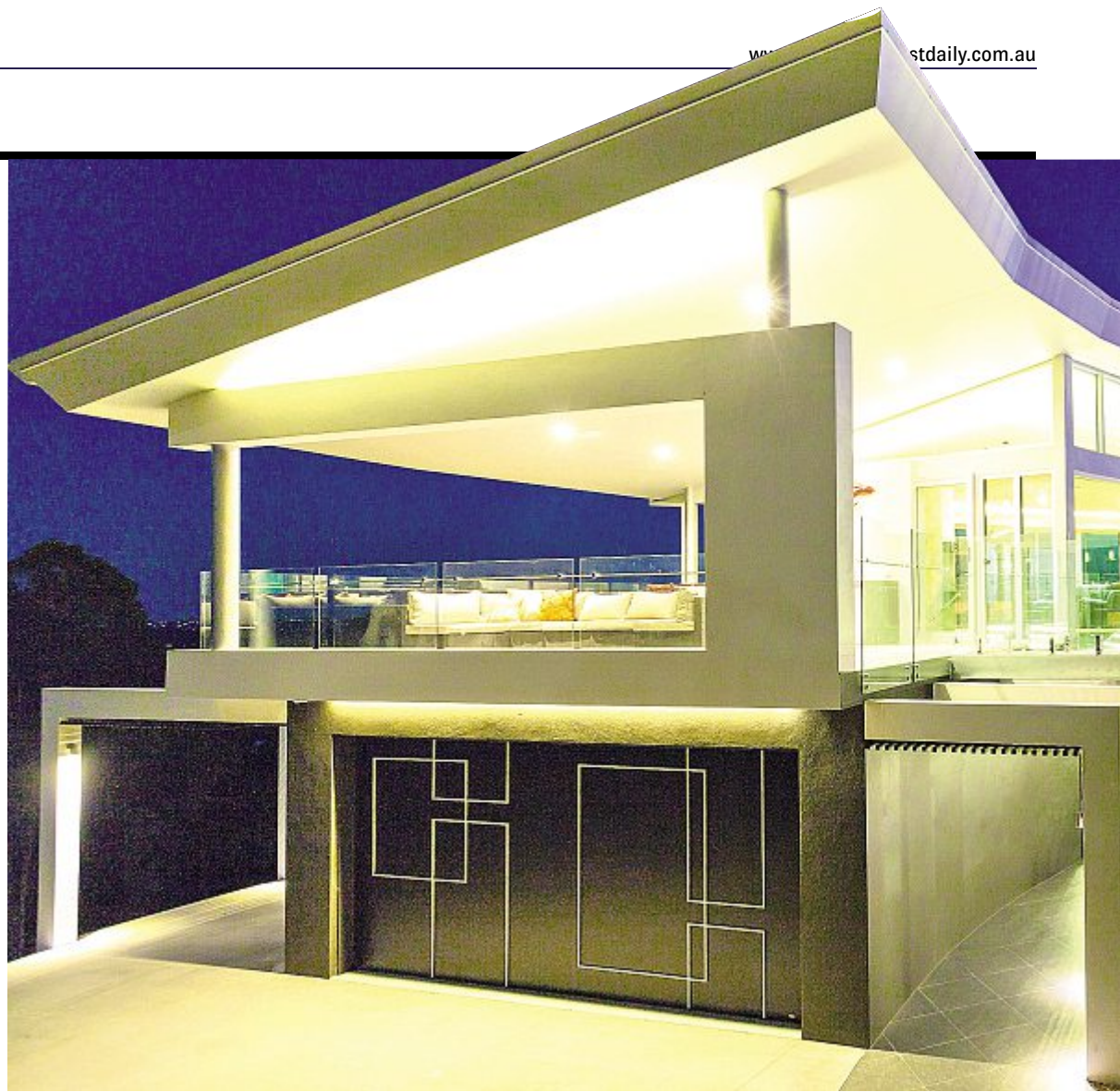


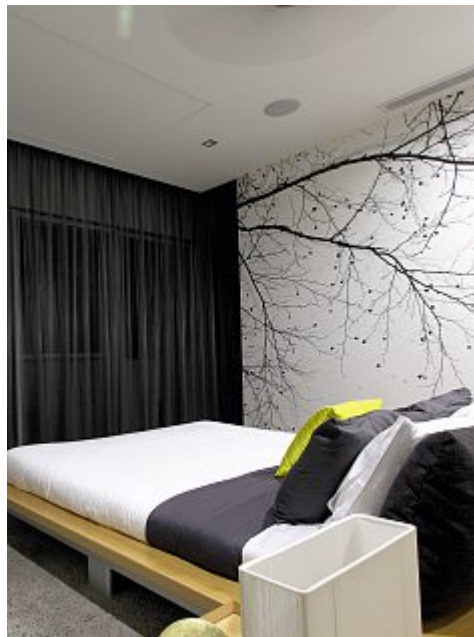
WEEKEND

Award-winning homes



SLEEK DESIGN: Building Designers Association Queensland award-winning homes on the Sunshine Coast, Riverhouse (top), Cubby House (bottom) and Ocean Vista (main).

Home to innovation



PERFECTION: Award-winning homes Ocean Vista (left) and Phillips Project (right).

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THE Sunshine Coast is home to some of the best houses in Queensland.

Not only do we have a fantastic array of talented building designers on the Coast, we have a near-perfect climate to enable grand designs that would be impossible to achieve elsewhere in Australia.

Our warm summers encourage outdoor living where extensive use of bi-folds can blur the lines between inside and out.

And winters are just cool enough to allow for a fireplace or outdoor fire pit.

The Coast also benefits from picturesque landscapes from beachfront to countryside enabling wide

windows to frame the vistas.

With such freedom for design, our homes are not only functional but impressive works of art in their own right.

The Building Designers Association Queensland recently held their state awards for 2014 and seven Coast designers came home with awards.

Winning the top gong, the Queensland Premier Award was Chris Clout, of Chris Clout Design from Sunshine Beach.

The Premier Award was one he had always strived for but did not expect.

"I was very surprised actually, but very honoured. I have been working very hard to win this award," Mr Clout said.

"After winning the Design Excellence Award in 2009,

this was another goal of mine," he said.

The winning home known as the Ocean Vista House, has a sweeping curvilinear form that takes in spectacular coastal views. These views can be enjoyed from all areas of the home and include views of the circular swimming pool and spa.

Such a grand design comes with its challenges though.

"The roof design (was the biggest challenge) as it was curved and I wanted to achieve the floating affect, and so was the slope in the site," Mr Clout said.

He also took home an award for his own home, called the Cubby House.

Winning the award for Residential Alterations/Additions



"I am a lot more confident now and I can actually see my dreams coming true."

Hannah

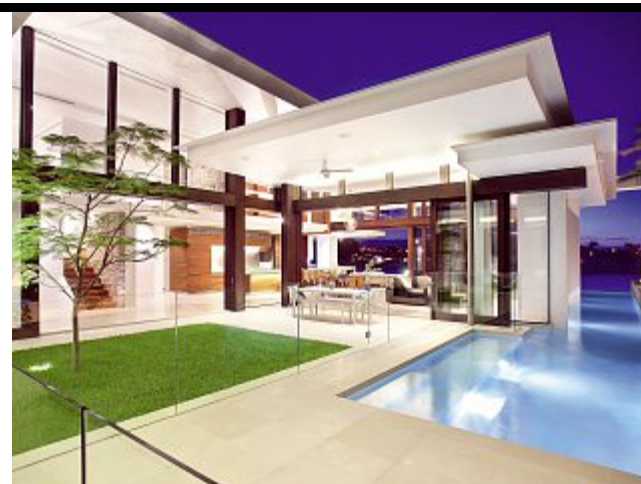
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DREAM HOMES: Cubby House (top left), Riverhouse (top right), Ocean Vista (bottom left) and Riverhouse (bottom right). PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED

style and design

\$150,000-\$300,000, the Cubby House is a playful home featuring astro turf on the exterior façade, a six-star master suite and a roof top deck capturing 360 degree ocean views.

Both these homes are also finalists for the national awards held in October.

From Little Mountain, Trevor Reitsma, of Reitsma and Associates, took home three coveted awards, including Best New Home over 450sq m for the Phillips Project.

The hotly contested category includes projects with construction costs anywhere from \$1 million to \$6 million.

"Designing a home of this size and complexity is what every designer dreams of," Mr Reitsma said.

"One of the key challenges was to incorporate a total of 25 different rooms/zones, of which five of these spaces were ensuite bedrooms, all within a limited building envelope on a 580sq m site, along with a triple garage."

He admitted other challenges he faced included the block's south-facing features of Mount Coolom and a lake. "Our solution to this involved a 4m long skylight along the centrally located staircase and void which allowed light to penetrate from morning through to early evening."

The luxurious design makes the most of the site, with extensive use of white-on-white and screens for privacy and originality.

Best Affordable Housing was another win for the

Reitsma team, for a single-storey home set on 400sq m in Maroochydore.

The project showcased sleek design using innovative products, concealed stacker doors, concrete island bench and polished concrete floors, as well as flexibility with a semi-detached multi-purpose room.

Eumundi's Ecolibrium Designs also took home three awards, including Best Sustainable Building Design for their Hunnam House which focused on functionality, materials, and finishes including high eco-sustainability.

More winners at the awards night included Gerard Smith Design, NG Building Designs, SSB Design Studio and Aaron Waters, a Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE student.



PICTURESQUE: A room in the Riverhouse.

BUILDING DESIGNERS ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND STATE AWARD WINNERS 2014

- Chris Clout Design**
 Premier Award for QLD for the Ocean Vista House – Chris has never won this before.
 Best New Home 351-450sq m for the Ocean Vista House.
 Best Alterations/Additions \$150,000 - \$350,000 for the Cubby House.
 National finalist for Cubby House.
 National finalist for Ocean Vista House.
- Trevor Reitsma & Associates**
 Best Affordable Housing, New Home between \$1101-\$1400 per sqm.
 Best New Home over 450sqm.
 Best Multi-Residential Project up to six dwellings.
- Ecolibrium Designs**
 Best New Home up to 250sq m.
 Best Sustainable Building Design, Residential Buildings.
 Best Use of Colorbond Steel.
- Gerard Smith Design**
 Best Residential Interiors
 Best Use of Timber.
- NG Building Designs**
 Best Residential Alterations/Additions less than \$150,000.
- SSB Design Studio**
 Best Sustainable Building Design Commercial Buildings.
- Aaron Waters**
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