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Recipient so young and talented

CHRIS Clout Designs took home four BDAQ Regional awards including best residential interior, best pool or water feature, best use of Colorbond steel and best bathroom for the Saltwater House at Noosa Waters.

Chris was also the youngest recipient of the national 2009 Design Excellence Award, receiving the prestigious award at only 25 years of age.

The Design Excellence Award means Chris's designs were the stand-out designs in all of Australia which ranked him number one designer in BDAQ.

Chris was only the second Queenslander to have won the award.

Since he was a little boy Chris took joy in building elaborate and stable cubby houses from bits and bobs in the backyard.

His love of construction led him to a carpenter's apprenticeship before he left to work with his uncle, designer Paul Clout.

Chris designed and built his first home at the age of just 16.

Everything from the furniture to the lighting was a Chris Clout design but as Chris explained, it's simply not enough to just create the house.

"Aspects such as lighting, landscaping, cabinetry and joinery designs, as well as even furniture design, are all important elements in bringing to life the vision we have, and the atmosphere we are endeavouring to create," he said.

Working closely with the client, as well as each individual environment, Chris's designs are fast-becoming known for their style, passion and innovation as they strive to create what Chris described as a resort home.

His designs draw on inspiration from



The Saltwater House features a magnificent pool and custom made gutters to resemble traditional temple rooftops.

south-east Asian resorts and beach houses, with an added modern Queensland touch.

Water, natural light, stone, timber and an innovative use of other natural materials feature heavily in Chris's designs to help create seamless indoor-outdoor living environments.

The Saltwater House is no exception.

Resembling a beautiful Asian-style beach resort, the home features a magnificent pool, custom-made gutters to resemble traditional temple rooftops, a beautiful bathroom hidden behind Shoji-styled doors and a breathtaking but practical interior.

Chris Clout Designs offers clients concept designs, detail plans, full interior design, detailed cabinetry and joinery, colour schemes, and organises all the necessary approvals and permits ready to build.

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The winners are...

Custom designed home under 250 sq m
Norman Richards Design

Custom designed home between 351-450 sq m
Reitsma + Associates

Custom designed home more than 450 sq m
Mojo Design

Best residential alterations and/or additions, total construction costs less than \$200,000
Kidd + Co Designers

Best residential alterations and/or additions, total construction costs more than \$200,000
Kidd + Co Designers

Small lot housing
Reitsma + Associates

Low density multi residential
Kidd + Co Designers

Medium density multi residential
Andrew McKellar Design

High density or high rise multi residential

Brad Read Design Group

Commercial building
Kidd & Co

Best commercial interior
Brad Read Design Group

Best residential interior
Chris Clout Designs

Environmentally and sustainable and energy efficient buildings
Paul Clout Designs

New homes constructed at a cost between \$1001 and \$1400 per sq m

Steven Claridge Building Design

New homes constructed at a cost between \$1401 and \$1800 per sq m
Norman Richards Design

Best use of Colorbond Steel
Chris Clout Designs

Best bathroom design
Chris Clout Designs

Best pool or water feature as part of the building design
Chris Clout Designs