

# Reach new heights

**E**xpansive ocean views on one side, luxurious pool views on the other.

This five-bedroom Sunrise home owned by Miffy and Donald McKill makes the absolute most of its high beach position.

Ascending two-and-a-half imposing levels, the home is built on top of a prominent rise.

The views out to the ocean are superb and the McKills have taken full advantage of them by having designer Paul Hindes put the living and entertaining areas one level above entry.

Once through the front door and up the timber stairs, the living space – comprising kitchen, dining and lounge area – sprawls out to a walled undercover deck, almost another room with large table setting and built-in barbecue.

Looking out to the ocean is excitement enough, but looking back through the house across the living space to the courtyard pool is further delight.

The pool rises from this second level up to the third level and, with its high copper-tiled and glass-panelled facing acting as a wall in the courtyard, it makes a dramatic statement. The feeling here is of being surrounded by water, space, views ... luxury.

"The house works really well,"

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Ann Rickard finds a home by the beach with the lot.



Miffy McKill said.

"When the sun hits the copper tiles on the pool wall, the tiles change colour. And it is safe because I can see the children in the pool from both levels."

The courtyard area around the pool has been luxuriously furnished with quality outdoor furniture, making another welcoming space.

The spacious family-style area and media room on the next level means the children can be as energetic as they like without disturbing the grown-ups entertaining outside on the

enclosed deck. "It's great when friends bring their kids over.

"We can all have our own space," Miffy said. "The house has a really good feel."

The children's bedrooms and guestroom lead off a corridor on this second level and up a few stairs to the next half level, Miffy and Donald have created their own master-suite space.

A large sitting area flows to the spacious bedroom, which leads out to a deck where, in season, the passing whales are easily spotted.

"We watch the parent whales come down with their calves,"

Miffy said. "They stop right out in front of us and have a teaching session. The mothers teach the young how to breach."

The house has been built in a fan shape out towards the ocean and has masses of glass and louvres for natural air-flow.

Built by Alba Projects with cabinetry by Gull Brothers, the house has been tastefully decorated and furnished by the McKills in keeping with the needs of a young family, yet it has the laid-back luxury that such an arresting home by the beach demands.



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Miffy and Donald McKill's home makes the best of its high beach position.

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