



# An award-winning home

Combining ocean views with stylish luxury living

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**P**erched like a king in a throne at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac the luxury home of 8 Egret St, Peregian Beach, takes in coastal beauty with sweeping ocean views.

With only a handful of other houses and nature reserve between it and the ocean, peace and quiet can be enjoyed in abundance.

Designed by Sparks Architects, and built by Coast builder Altum Constructions, this unassuming abode fuses relaxed, contemporary beach living with a warm, homely feeling.

The award-winning home has been honoured for features such as its light and airy living spaces, reduced reliance on water and electricity, and durable timbers.

Capturing a 180-degree panorama, from Lions Head to Point Cartwright, ocean views can be enjoyed from every room.

Comprising five bedrooms, split over three levels, all enjoy plush carpets and ceiling fans. A Juliet balcony runs the length of the two upper levels.

The double lock-up garage has internal access and mezzanine storage space for the handyman's tools or family's camping gear.

The mezzanine is strategically placed so it is easy to back the four-wheel drive in and load it up. On the other hand, it's easy enough to unload the groceries through the trap door from the garage straight into the pantry. There is also an undercover park for the boat or a caravan.

At the back is a flat, grassy area that is great for the kids. Fraser Island creepers have been planted against the polycarbonate wall so, from the inside, the shadow of the vines can be admired on the wall.

"We created a green wall on the western side of the house which, when fully grown, will insulate the house further, providing warmth in winter, shade in summer and a beautiful silhouette on the inside wall of the house all year round," says Rob McCready of Altum.

The upper level offers itself to the open-plan kitchen, lounge and dining area.

Any chef would enjoy cooking in the kitchen. Below the stone bench tops are plenty of soft-close drawers and an integrated dishwasher, fridge and freezer. There is an lve five-burner gas cook top and Blanco extra-wide oven. Timber floorboards and exposed framing throughout make you feel at home and a profusion of louvres allows for

cross ventilation, acting as a natural breezeway.

Ducted air cools the house on super hot summer days and a wood fireplace makes it cosy in winter.

A three-zone sound system is also built in.

There are two bedrooms on the uppermost level, one of which is the guest bedroom with an adjoining powder room and shower, which services dinner-party and overnight guests.

The main bedroom offers white-water views from your pillow, features plywood wraparound walls and ceiling, and has its own integrated sound-system volume control.

There is extensive his-and-her cupboard space or use the extra room for storage. This property is on 1083sq m and is located 200 metres from the beach access and one kilometre to the village of Peregian Beach. Sustainability is ensured with LED lighting throughout, a three-kilowatt solar-power system and a back-up battery power system to keep appliances working through black-outs.

Take a dip in your heated plunge pool or walk down over the sand to your other pool – the ocean – and enjoy beachside living at its best.

## Checklist

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**Features:** 180-degree ocean views, award-winning architect and builder, solar power, water storage, heated pool, indoor-outdoor entertaining, air-conditioning, Fraser Island creepers have been planted against the polycarbonate wall to insulate the house and provide a beautiful silhouette year round

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