

Roll out of bed on to the beach, really.

To quote Grand Designs guru Kevin McLeod, there are two kinds of people in the world, those who have a beach house and those who want a beach house.

“A beach house situated right on the sand is a very rare piece of property these days,” said QM Properties Manager at Pacific Harbour, Annette Mengel.

Most councils in Australia no longer approve direct beach frontage for residential buildings. Consequently many are set back with a stretch of bush, a walkway or a public road separating the home from the beach. Only existing dwellings are allowed this position, and to keep the original footprint owners can only renovate, not demolish and rebuild.

“It may seem a small negative to be separated from the beach by a public thoroughfare, but it makes a huge difference to the home owner,” said Annette.

Direct beach frontage, especially in a quiet village, could be called the ultimate lifestyle situation, according to Annette. This is the case with a home that has just gone on the market at Bribie Island which has direct beach frontage and a council owned park at the rear.

“You can literally roll out of bed on to the beach,” she said

“This home effectively has its own private beach, stepping off the wide back deck onto the sand,” she said.

The architect designed home on 1100 squares of land features six bedrooms, four bathrooms and a separate guest suite. The owners Philip and Judy Beveridge work in the property construction and development business and built the home to high spec standards usually only found in commercial buildings. This can be seen in features like the steel structure, width of guttering and bespoke cabinetry.

“The owners really needed the guest quarters, as they can enjoyed the company of a constant stream of friends and family from interstate attracted to this luxury lifestyle,” she said.

The home has been designed like a small exclusive resort. The architect has taken the colours and textures of the classic laidback beach houses and the natural environment of Bribie Island and reimagined them into the features and layout of the home.

The waves of the ocean are reflected in the roofline on the beach side, pavilions floating from other angles, stone fireplaces, soft sand floor tiles, timber and pebbles all speak of the language of Bribie.

He has also used corrugated iron creatively, on skillion roof lines as well as interior features like the wet bar, splashbacks and exterior cladding.

The outdoors flows inside the home with deeply shaded decks and alfresco dining and living zones.

The landscape architect has also created outdoor garden ‘rooms’ that blend tropical foliage with beachside native plants of the area.

Royal palms, fragrant frangipanis and vivid cordylines create a lush landscape around the pool, echoing the tropical resort feel of the home.

The guest suite is fully self-contained with its own kitchen, lounge and dining room, bedroom and ensuite, opening directly onto the pool.

“The guest suite has its own entrance as well,” said Annette. “So it also would be suitable for teenagers or an elderly parent to have their own private space.”

For the core of family life, the kitchen, dining and living space with a cosy fireplace spread spaciouly over the upper level.

The deck extension covers an outdoor lounging space with the dramatic ocean beach view taking centre stage.

The designer has worked with a ‘beach’ colour palate of sand, stone and driftwood, but has cleverly injected pops of cerulean blue in furnishings, splash backs and tiles. A heavy nautical rope acts as a cornice in the living and lounging zone, adding another salute to the ocean.

“This colour and the wave shapes incorporate a feeling of floating on the ocean, it’s such a relaxing home,” said Annette.

The ground floor flows from a party room complete with wet bar, billiard room, media room and a second alfresco dining area around the pool and lounge zone.

The six ‘Hollywood’ style bedrooms and ensuites all open onto the decks, with the master suite featuring its own fireplace to cosy up on cold winter evenings.

The master ensuite also boasts its own spa and rainforest double shower.

“This is a spectacular home, one of the best properties on the island,” said Annette.

“We are expecting a lot of interest, not only due to its stunning beachfront position, but also the size and quality of the finishes.”

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Property Snapshot

Address	7 The Boulevard, Bongaree Direct beach access
Bedrooms	6
Bathrooms	4
Garage	3
Price	\$2, 400, 000
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