



Chinese character

Relocating from Hong Kong to Australia, Dotty and Brian Knott wanted to create a taste of Asia in their new Noosa home

Dotty and Brian Knott have already created some wonderful memories in their new house.

Since they moved in just three months ago it has hosted their wedding, Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations as well as a Chinese house blessing. "Everything seemed to happen all at once and so it already feels like home," Dotty says.

After 10 years in Hong Kong, the expat pair – Dotty hails from the US and Brian from Australia – decided to slow down and find an idyllic place to retire.

With fond memories of holidaying at Noosa, they were enticed by its natural beauty and lifestyle and found a great spot to build within months.

Overlooking the Noosa waterways and hinterland, the location was ideal. However, the unusual triangular block saw them enlist building designer Chris Clout to maximise the site's full potential.

With a preference for a modern home with an Asian aesthetic, the couple gave Chris an open brief, merely stipulating the number of bedrooms they wanted and the desire for a three-car garage where Brian could restore old classic vehicles.

"Chris is a prodigy and we were excited to tap in to his energy," Dotty explains. "As soon as we saw the first designs we were blown away. The level of detail was incredible and it really helped us to visualise how it would turn out."

Designed as several pavilions with a central skillion roof, the split-level house was orientated to capture magnificent 180-degree views.

The kitchen, media room, main living areas and bedroom are on the upper floor while the guest bedrooms, bathrooms and a lounge and bar area reach off from the pool downstairs.



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