

TROPICAL ARCHITECTURAL BRILLIANCE

Grand proportions, custom details, sophistication, luxurious elegance, effortless indoor and outdoor entertaining options, plus a family friendly feel with cooling breezes — all are included in this cleverly designed tropical residence by multi-award-winning builder Michael Buckley and his team at M&J Builders.

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The multi-layered skillion roof provides an open and tranquil vantage point in all directions.



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When presented with a tranquil bush setting in Noonamah, Michael's first consideration was the breezes. 'I've been building new homes in the Top End for more than a decade and, while air conditioning can be included in any home, why not make the most of passive design principles to maximise the impact of seasonal breezes and stunning views when you can?' he said. Incorporating these into the plans, M&J Builders oriented the house so the design maximises exposure to cooling breezes and reduces passive solar heat gains. Banks of louvres and breezeways ensure the clients can take full advantage of the natural climate. This is the owners' forever home but, with three young children, it needed to be adaptable to the family's growing needs. 'There's a variety of indoor and outdoor living and entertaining areas catering for everyone,' Michael said. 'The parents' retreat is like a separate self-contained apartment still under the same roof, providing privacy when required. We also chose a range of elegant, but low-maintenance finishes throughout. As we do for the majority of our work, we used local NT subcontractors and suppliers for all the materials, fixtures and fittings.' The superb four-bedroom, three-bathroom, one-washroom family home, completed in 2018, is truly world-class, and a testament to Michael's 2018 Master Builders NT Young Builder of the Year Award. 'The design and build are outstanding. The outcome and livability of the home is wonderful. Features and fittings are the highest quality,' the owners said. From the moment you enter you're encompassed by soaring ceilings and opulent contemporary finishes in the multi-level designer home. The open, light-filled living, dining and kitchen spaces flow through to the outdoor entertaining areas and pool, maximising the Territory's social lifestyle. The top floor of the home features warm spotted gum timber flooring, four generous bedrooms, a family retreat, and a large main bathroom with a freestanding stone bathtub. The master suite with generous walk-in robe, double shower ensuite with full-width window and outstanding views is separate, but takes prime position with a private balcony that captures the natural bushland and lake views. ⇨

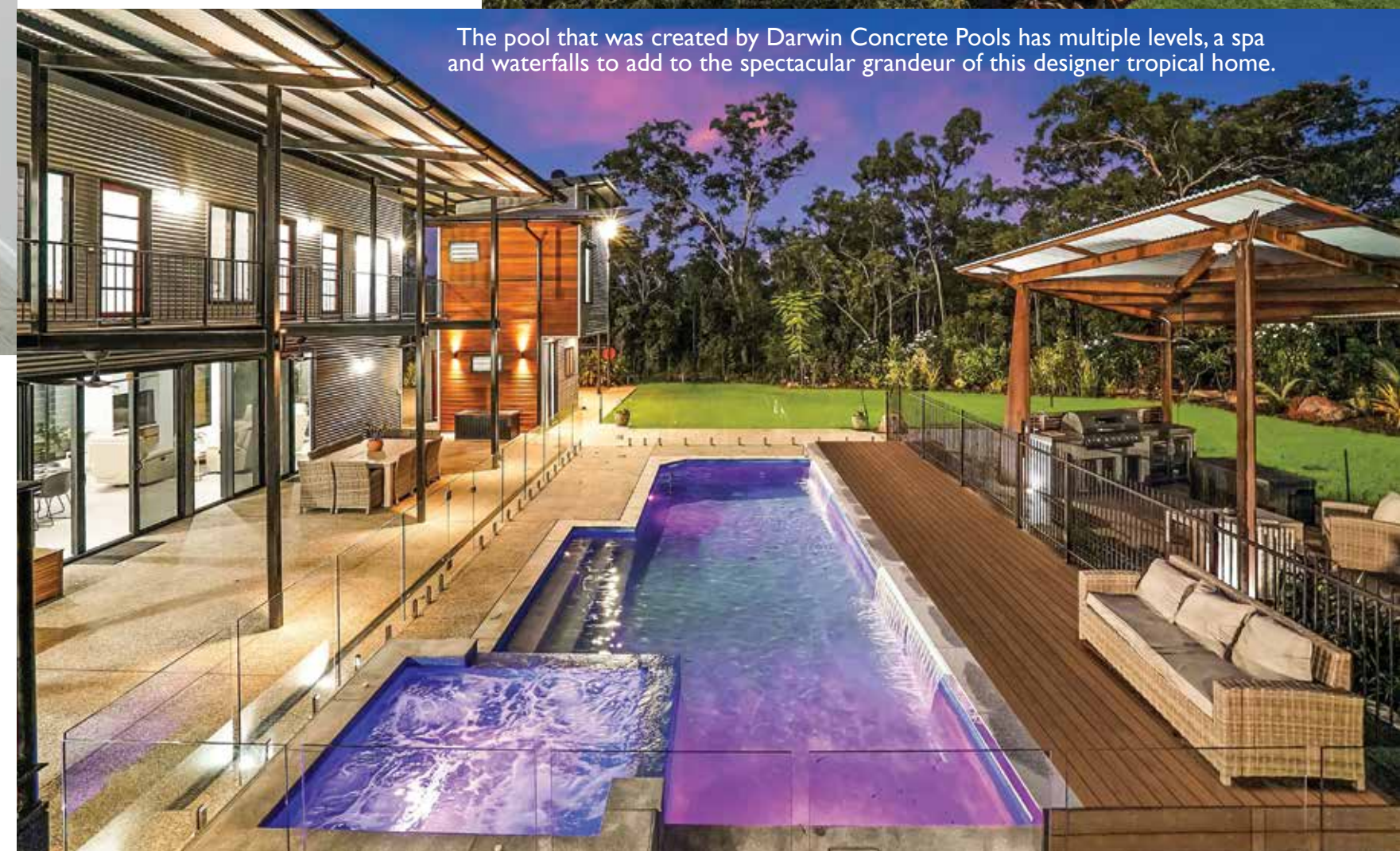




Cool tones of grey for floor and bathroom tiles from Northern Tile Gallery complement the corrugated iron features through the home.



The pool that was created by Darwin Concrete Pools has multiple levels, a spa and waterfalls to add to the spectacular grandeur of this designer tropical home.



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Looking out over the surrounding native flora and fauna, it's difficult to believe you're just a 35-minute drive from Darwin's CBD. Every room enjoys a peaceful outlook, with all living spaces on both levels seamlessly flowing from indoor to outdoor through glass sliding doors. The wide verandas provide multiple relaxed entertaining areas, including one with outdoor lounges, a television screen and a man-cave bar.

'Throughout the house we've maintained a neutral palette, which continued in the bathrooms and ensuite,' Michael said. 'Sourced from Northern Tile Gallery, the Spanish metallic and glass hand basins, large grey stone floor and wall tiles, and a black and white deco feature tiled wall off-set the large picturesque windows perfectly.'

'Darwin Concrete Pools created an amazing resort-style pool over multiple levels, with the deepest area reaching 1.5 metres. It includes a spa, in-pool step and seating area, a lap section for the energetic and waterfall features. The in-pool lighting adds a wow-factor from the deck or when you're by the covered barbecue area or poolside fire-pit.' The gourmet open-plan kitchen is designed with longevity in mind. The clean lines, white gloss finishes, ample storage, walk-in pantry and vast bench spaces create not only a functional area, but a fun gathering hub for family and friends. The expansive dining and living area exudes sophistication and elegance, with the timber and glass staircase taking centre stage.

Overall, the creative design has been well thought out, and is strong and practical. This tropical architectural Noonamah property has the feel of a boutique luxury resort, promising the owners an outstanding natural lifestyle in a stunning Top End rural setting.

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