



Award winners: Trevor Reitsma's Currumundi beach house, which pays homage to the homes of Palm Springs (above and below right); and Chris Vandyke's low-set house in Port Douglas (below centre).

Designs outside the square

Michelle Collins

AN "OUT of the box" design won the top award at Friday's Queensland Building Designer Awards.

The industrial-inspired Sunshine Coast home by Trevor Reitsma also won in the new homes between 351sq m to 450sq m category.

The family home is big on space, with four bedrooms, each with ensuite, a triple garage and a home office with its own waiting room that could also be converted to an extra bedroom or media room.

According to the judges, the design had a "striking but minimalist aesthetic that fits neatly into its surroundings."

Finishes include polished concrete floors on the lower level and large matte grey tiles on the upper level.

The kitchen has white cabinets, suspended lights and a feature



timber-look panel at the back of the island bench for contrast.

The landscaping is similarly understated. A large area of lawn has only a few sparsely planted fruit trees.

Trevor also won the new homes

251sq m to 350sq m category for a two-storey Currumundi beach house that pays homage to the post-modernist homes of Palm Springs.

On a corner block, it has a garage/workshop with a void over the top so

the owner can hang his surfboard collection from the ceiling and wall.

Chris Vandyke was commended in the same category for a three-bedroom low-set house in Port Douglas. Set in the prestigious Beachfront Mirage estate, the home was built to a tight budget and uses concrete blocks, aluminium joinery and tiled floors.

Other winners included Eco Blueprints (new homes up to 350sq m); Brad Read Design Group (new homes over 450sq m); Arenkay Designs (new homes less than \$1100/sq m); Mercury Design (new homes \$1100-\$1400/sq m).

In the renovations and additions categories, the winners included Local Concepts (up to \$150,000) and Norman Richards Building Design + Interiors (\$150,000-\$300,000) and Chris Clout Design (\$300,000-\$600,000 and \$600,000-plus).



You might want to sit down for this. The *Inside Out* team shares our favourite chairs from our September/October issue, on sale tomorrow.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Love a DIY project? This adorable children's chair comes flat-packed and ready to assemble, but with no tools or glue required. It's the perfect puzzle for some quality time with your kids. The '2-3' Junior Chair is available from Yellow Diva, call (03) 9421 8844 for more information.

JUMP RIGHT IN

Steer clear of the usual outdoor suspects and add an element of fun to your back

yard. The colourful Nook chair by Henry Sgourakis is reminiscent of childhoods spent on the family trampoline. Visit henrysourakis.com for more info.

LOUNGE ABOUT

Here's a sophisticated take on the classic deck chair. This deceptively simple design incorporates clean lines, a striking form and comes in a range of vibrant hues - offering a refreshing option for the poolside. Available from Top3 By Design, top3.com.au.

CUBISM

Don't forget about pattern. The Hot Mesh chair (far left) in powder-coated steel, suitable for both indoor and out, adds a graphic look with a geometric lace-like pattern. Available from Blu Dot in a host of striking colours, bludot.com.

DINNER IN PARIS

Brush up on your French and adopt the elegance that accompanies the classic bentwood chair. With a custom white painted finish and natural "sock" detail these dining chairs are sure to whisk you off to a café in Paris at every meal. The No. 18 chair is available from Thonet, call 1800 800 777.



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