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# Celebs swing by

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When furniture importers and wholesalers Karen and Roger Cartwright set about building their Monaco Street dream home they spared no expense.

The Cartwrights bought the Broadbeach Waters property in February 2000 and demolished the existing older-style residence to make way for a new house.

In its place they built a mansion with four bedrooms, a study with its own entrance, and five bathrooms.

It has lured celebrities such as radio broadcaster and TV personality Alan Jones, as well as other high-net-worth individuals, to soak up the atmosphere and stay a while.

During the three-year construction period of the new residence, the empty pool enticed international skateboard superstar Tony Hawk to perform some of his famous airborne revolutions while touring Australia.

Hidden behind a double set of ornate gates, a driveway leads to a 100sqm garage and formal entrance.

Beyond the doors a towering atrium gives an airy feel to the interior while floor-to-ceiling glass draws the eye to the river views and a 45mm-thick glass panel reveals a pebble stream under foot.

Decorative cornices and architraves, upmarket wall finishes and imported light-fittings add another element of sophistication.

The open-plan living and formal dining areas are located off the main foyer and on the western side is a media lounge.

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