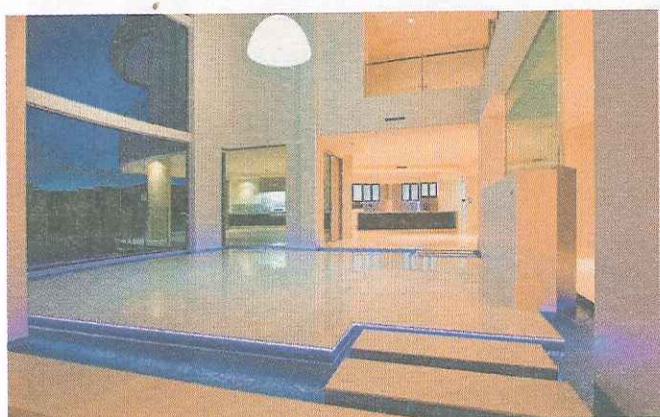
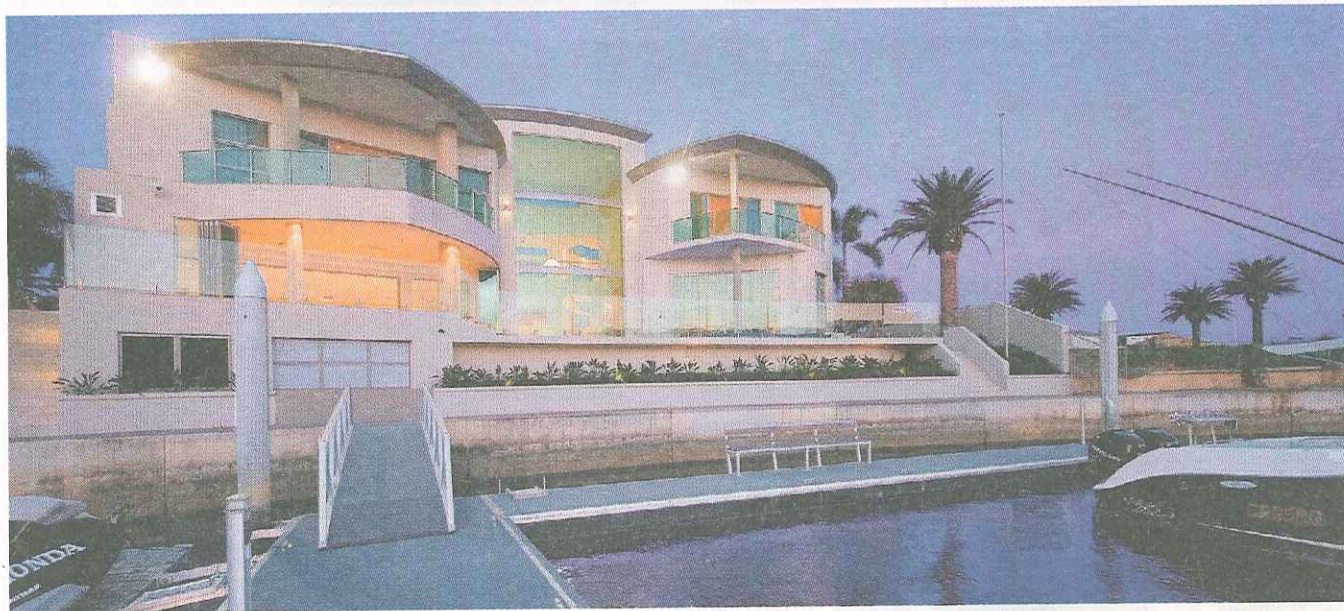




Utopia
The Sovereign Mile,
The Sovereign Islands



DESIGN something totally unlike anything else at The Sovereign Islands' was the brief given to building designer Michael Tomlinson by the builder and original owner of this stunning mansion.

"Utopia" located on two blocks on The Sovereign Mile set a sales record in November, 2009, when it sold for \$9 million at auction.

Mr Tomlinson said he was given free rein when designing the home, constructed over three levels, much of which takes its inspiration from the frangipani leaf seen in the design of the feature marble staircase and exterior balconies.

The original owner and builder was Scott Widdicombe of Civic Construction.

He said one guiding principle when drawing up the plans was "it had to be unique and grand".

A stone facade creates warmth and the roof line is framed by Alpolc metal cladding.

The green glass "throws a different element into the mix", Mr Tomlinson said.

Inside the seven-bedroom and eight-bathroom rendered blockwork home are two wings; one children's wing and the master bedroom wing with a bridge connecting the two.

There is also a dedicated library, a 12-seat cinema, steam room, temperature-controlled wine cellar and parking for 12 cars in the basement.

A large alfresco area can be fully enclosed by bifolding glass doors.

An unusual feature inside is the dining area which is surrounded by a water feature, effectively a moat fed by a cascading wall of water and one of the first things visitors see when they walk through the front door.

Mr Tomlinson said the home took four months to design and there were no constraints imposed, apart from council building codes.

He described it as the pinnacle of his career which displayed the opulence of the pre-GFC period when homeowners were trying to outdo each other at The Sovereign Islands for bigger and grander homes.

"You drive down the street and it sticks out above everything else," he said, adding it was a unique home but one to which everyone could relate.