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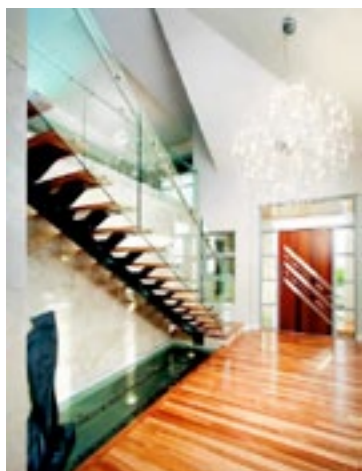
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The owners have thought of everything, including a pizza oven.



Family first in this entertaining layout

Creating a home that would work for four teenagers was the challenge for the designer, as **Ingrid Waltham** reports

With four teenagers at home, everybody's personal space becomes a priority. In this spacious and very luxurious double-storey home close to the beach in the Port Coogee estate, intelligent planning has provided spaces for each member of the family to retreat to, along with shared living and entertaining spaces straight out of a designer magazine.

Daniel Lomma, of Daniel Lomma Design, was given the brief to create a large family home that would keep everybody happy. "Zoning was definitely a priority," he said.

"The parents have upstairs, while downstairs is 'kid central'; a place they can relax with their friends without disturbing the household.

"The two girls also have their own bathroom, separate from the boys — that was a specific request!

"Another priority was maintaining the views, so we put a second big balcony down the south side facing the park, so even if some views are built out, there's still an open aspect."

The imposing home — 18 months to construct — has magnificent ocean views from

its westward aspect, but is equally mesmerising looking inwards.

A spectacular travertine-lined entry foyer boasts a crystal chandelier that bursts from the soaring void-height ceiling like a shimmering waterfall. Ponds have been installed under the entry decking and the floating staircase in the foyer.

"They were a last-minute inclusion," Mr Lomma said. "But the owners loved it, and it's lovely walking up the stairs and seeing the water below.

"It creates a definite entry statement." Travertine marble, blackbutt timber, stone, stainless steel and glass are some of the high-end finishes the owners have incorporated; softened by the luxurious carpets, elegant wallpaper and window coverings, and stunning lighting.

Custom-made bevelled glass doors open to a home office with access to a courtyard.

A refrigerated cellar has tumbled bare limestone walls, and a large viewing window to a living/games room with a kitchenette/bar.

Glass bi-fold doors open the living room to the rear entertaining area — a resort-style area with an undercover pool and a separate raised spa and decking.

The two girls and the two boys each share a suite of two big bedrooms and a fully tiled bathroom. Upstairs, a dedicated home theatre has tiered seating, a huge built-in screen and a deep coffered ceiling with hundreds of tiny starlights.

The main suite would be at home in any five-star resort, with its huge bedroom and integrated spa, an open ensuite, and a walk-in robe/dressing room to die for.

Sliding doors directly access the southern balcony, which has a built-in stainless-steel kitchen and pizza oven.

Living and dining rooms are separated by a central "indoor-outdoor" balcony. Bi-fold doors can close the balcony off internally, or include it as part of the dining and living space.

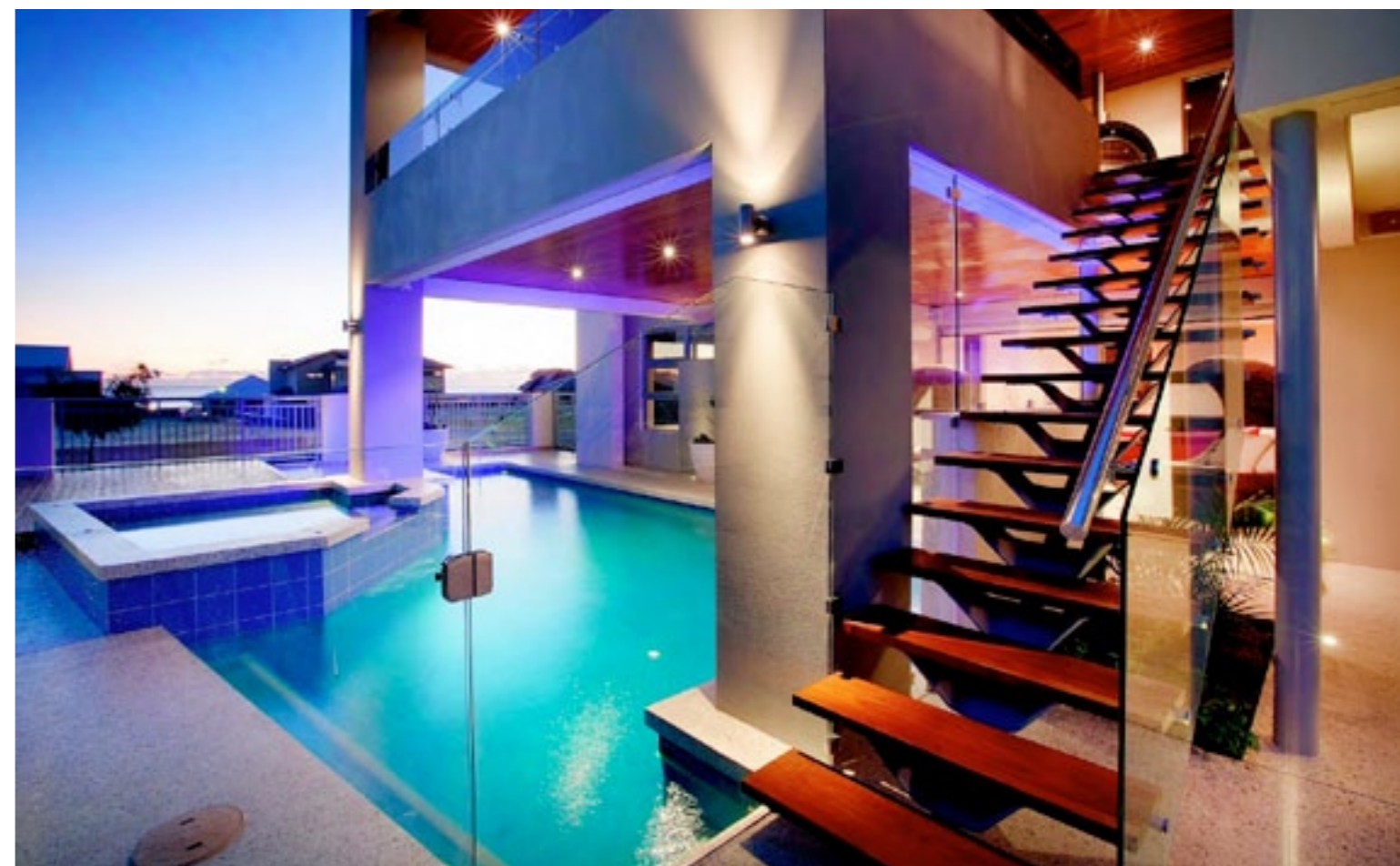
More glass stacking doors can enclose the balcony or open it to the elements.

"The two balconies came about because the owners wanted to use a balcony as a living area and enjoy the views all year round," Mr Lomma said. "It really works well — with the internal bi-fold doors open and the gas fire on, it's really cosy even in winter."

The gleaming white stone kitchen has been fitted out with all the designer elements, including a second "wet" kitchen and scullery.

"It's our family home, and it works really well," the owner said.

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The luxurious Port Coogee property flows seamlessly from indoors to outdoors.

