

Home out of this world

REVOLVING DOORS



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Q John and Joan Pring have spent five years trying to persuade people they don't live in a spaceship. They maintain it is much more akin to a large penthouse.

"However, whenever I order something that has to be delivered and give directions they always reply 'Oh, you mean the spaceship'," Joan said.

This very distinctive home sits high above Snapperman Beach in Palm Beach looking west and has 270 degree views of Pittwater from The Bahai Temple to Pearri Beach.

It was designed years ahead of its time with two floors of semi-circular accommodation high above the road.

"It really is like a huge penthouse with no neighbours and no body corporate," explained Joan.

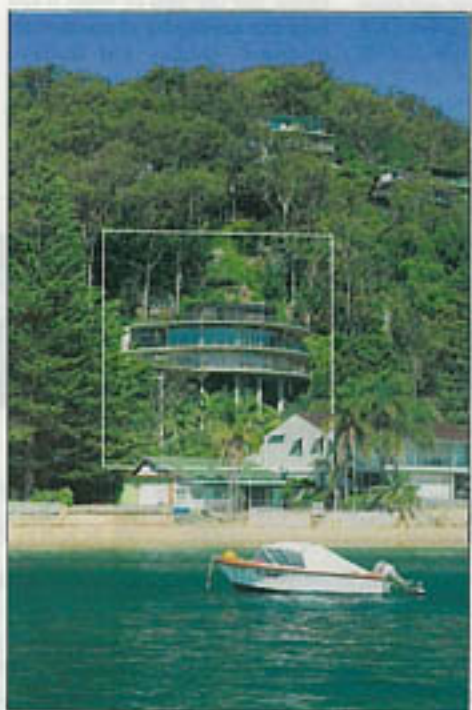
The couple have overhauled both levels extensively as well as refurbished the lift which whisks them up from their triple garage to both storeys of their home.

"We don't like stairs so we use the lift all the time," Joan said.

Number 1094 Barrenjoey Rd, Palm Beach has two massive wraparound verandas, a swimming pool, four bedrooms and three bathrooms.

The upper level is dedicated to living with family, dining and living areas plus a new gas kitchen with Smeg appliances. Double doors open to the semi-circular veranda.

On the first floor is the master bedroom with new ensuite and walk-in wardrobe, three more bedrooms with built-ins, a large laundry and two more bathrooms.



The stunning house at 1094 Barrenjoey Rd is a landmark, even at Palm Beach, with incredible views enjoyed by previous owner, Joan Pring (top right), from the inside (above centre) or from the pool (above right).

Six different doors open to the even bigger veranda which extends to incorporate the in-ground swimming pool.

Then at street level there are low-maintenance tropical gardens that provide a welcome entry all year around.

The actual block size is 734sq m.

John has been a keen member of the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club and Joan still enjoys her regular bridge games with a Narrabeen club.

This home has given them a bird's eye view of the world without any stairs or awkward access.

It is for sale for \$4.5 million.

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Q What is it about real estate agents and sport? If they are not watching sport they are out playing it, and often very successfully.

The latest agent/sportsman to juggle two pursuits is Adrian Hybner of Eilers Real Estate Mona Vale. Adrian leaves for Hawaii on Tuesday for the Canoe World Championships.

He is competing in the solo outrigger canoe race which is a 50km course from one island to another.

He is the only entrant from the peninsula and he is sitting at a

top 20 position.

"My current training program includes paddling more than 100km a week and being on the water at 5.30am daily to make sure I can get the hours in at work," he said.

His agency is backing him with his entry fee and providing a support boat.

Now, no mention of being up a creek...



Adrian Hybner