

Stretch out and relax in Balinese-style paradise

The island's soothing influence spreads throughout this superb property from its 'pondok' or cottage through to its ironbark timber floors and lush tropical gardens

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It was a case of love at first sight for the owners of this striking residence with a prime position in the heart of Mermaid Beach. The three-level resort-style home is being sold by printing industry identities Murray Bertrand and Denise Barclay.

The couple, who owned Styleprint and Paradise Printing before they retired in 2004, say they fell in love with the house straight away when they saw it 11 years ago.

"We had a home on Albatross Ave and were undecided over whether we were going to renovate or buy another home," Denise says. "We saw 8 Ventura Rd was on the market and on a whim we went to the open house. We walked in and said, 'Wow' and the decision was made."

The house, which had been home to ironman

Trevor Hendy, features white limestone floors and bi-fold doors opening to a courtyard entertainment area and pool surrounded by gardens and a separate two-storey guest cottage.

Two of the main bedrooms are on the first floor of the main residence while the master bedroom is on the top level. A fourth bedroom is on the second floor of the self-contained cottage or "pondok", providing ideal accommodation for guests or teenagers.

The home takes full advantage of its beachside location with stunning views of the Pacific Ocean and north to the Broadbeach skyline.

Denise says they will miss the Mermaid Beach home but are intent on enjoying their retirement at their beachside home in New Brighton in northern NSW.

ON THE MARKET

8 VENTURA RD, MERMAID BEACH

4 bed

3 bath

2 car

Agent: Luke Henderson - Professionals - Mermaid Beach

Features: Guest cottage, pool

Area size: 405sq m

Auction: April 9, onsite, 3.15pm

Inspections: Saturday and Sunday, 10-10.30am

