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This property has a classic, commanding presence on its street in Bella Vista Waters, a purpose-built community development in the north of Sydney which offers comfortable living close to landscaped parkland and leisure facilities.

Though the outside is classical the inside has open-plan living areas that can be as formal or casual as you want them to be.

Designer Russell Garnett describes this home as “a carefully blended palette of dramatic Asian and European classical architecture with arduously considered design and intelligent functionality”.

The accommodation includes such impressive inclusions as a dedicated home theatre, a study, a library, a billiard room and an outdoor pavilion with a jacuzzi. Each room offers a creative take on modern living.

As you enter the beautiful solid-cedar door you are greeted with a spacious six-metre-high hallway, from which a curved timber, steel and glass staircase rises to the upper floor. The open-plan dining room is a few steps down and this is separated from “The Great Room” — a formal lounge area with a treasury ceiling — by a very contemporary open fireplace with a marble benchtop.

A funky home theatre leads off here, which has an 85-inch fixed screen, a Sanyo Z3 projector and Dolby Digital and THX surround-sound systems.

Off The Great Room is the kitchen and family area, again with hardwood floors and detailed bulkhead ceilings, which rise to four metres high.

Everything is finished to the highest standard, no more so than in the kitchen, which

has American cherry veneer and polyurethane joinery, marble benchtops, a five-burner cooktop, Teppanyaki grill, deep-fat fryer stainless-steel and chrome fittings and sand-blasted glass finishes.

Also accessed from the formal living area is the spacious billiard room, a snooker player’s dream which, like the rest of the home, is perfect for entertaining.

The property, which was a finalist in the 2005 Hills Building Design Awards for Custom-Built Homes and Landscaping, has a lower level with a self-contained office, library and guest area with its own ensuite, kitchenette and a separate entrance.

Upstairs is an expansive master suite featuring a walk-in wardrobe with fitted cabinetry, an ensuite with spa bath (with provisions for a TV), a shower and his-and-hers vanities.

There are three further bedrooms, one with an ensuite and another bathroom.

Outside an indulgent jacuzzi, barbecue, fireplace and lots of entertaining space make this home pure class. ●

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**Opposite top** The home theatre has an 85-inch fixed screen, a Sanyo Z3 projector and Dolby Digital and THX surround sound systems  
**Opposite bottom** The large master suite features modern design elements and an ensuite **Above** The kitchen features a bar, hardwood floors and four-metre ceilings  
**Below** The classic home is in Bella Vista Waters, Sydney



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