



Architect **Jo Gillies** has been fascinated by architectural spaces since she took the ship to Australia as a 10-year-old from England in the 1970s. Once here, her new best friend turned out to be the daughter of a professor of architecture at the University of Sydney and she began a lifelong fascination with design. She has since worked in set and furniture design, all of which have informed her ability to help clients make the most of their domestic environments.

In the landscape ...

Lloyd Rees is a master of catching the beauty of Australian landscapes, especially when it comes to Sydney Harbour. **Evening #1 by Lloyd Rees**, \$40,000 courtesy of Eva Breuer Art Dealer, 9362 0297, evabreuerartdealer.com.au



Pull up a seat ...

These chairs are beautifully crafted and designed with attention to detail while still simple in form. They are the kind of chairs that you can grow old with because they age gracefully with you. **Cassina Cab chair**, \$1945 from Space Furniture, 8339 7588, spacefurniture.com

Some enchanted evening ...

I love Collette Dinnigan's work as a designer. Her clothes are beautiful, feminine and stand out special. **Collette Dinnigan Eyelet ribbons asymmetrical gown**, \$1450, from Collette Dinnigan, colletedinnigan.com.au



Our top 3

Exquisite napery, deck protection and retro beach umbrellas are this week's favourites



Table manners ... This range of table napery has picked up on the hottest colour and motif of the season. With its range of napkins, table runners and tablecloths in purple with a delicate floral butterfly pattern, it is an easy way to update your outdoor setting. **Keiko tablecloth**, \$43.95, striped napkin, \$6.95, and reversible table runner, \$22.95, from Rapee.

Hit the deck ... If your deck looks tired, it might be time to freshen it up before the start of the pool season. **Aquadeck** from Cabot's has Tripleguard protection with resistance to water, UV damage and wear. Being a water-based product it is easy to use, with shorter drying times. **Aquadeck from Cabot's**, \$67.43 for 4L, from leading hardware stores.



Summer lovin' ... We could not resist these fun and fresh beach umbrellas with their retro style and fun colour schemes. Choose from Marrakech, Bermuda or Sardinia for use at the beach or at home. At this price, you can afford to buy all three. **SunnyLIFE beach umbrellas**, \$79.95, from David Jones.

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Cabot's cabots.com.au **Rapee** rapee.com.au
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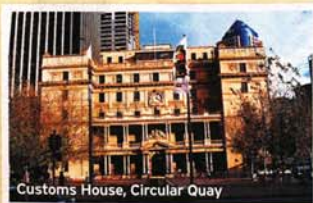
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■ Sydney is well-known for its natural beauty, but if you take the time to tear your eyes away from the sparkling Harbour you will see a number of interesting buildings surrounding it. On Monday, to coincide with World Architecture Day, the Sydney Architecture Festival will celebrate some of the best examples of the city's architecture.

The event will be held in and around Customs House, Circular Quay, and there will be talks by some of Australia's leading architects; walking tours and cruises highlighting some of the best examples of Sydney architecture; photographic and digital media exhibitions; and activities for the children, including the annual Giant Lego PlayStation, and the Kids Design Challenge.

The headline talk will be held onstage at the Sydney Opera House, with novelist David Malouf and celebrated architect Glenn Murcutt in conversation with Julianne Schultz about how the built environment shapes our lives, for better or for worse.

Go to sydneyarchitecturefestival.org for more information and the full program.



■ A BMW thrown in free with the house: that is one way to grab a home-buyer's attention. This offer from Norwest Land, while quite a deal-sweetener, is sure to cause some head-scratching moments down the track; as in, "I was sure my house was the one with the BMW parked out the front!"

The deal is that buyers of one of five new architect-designed homes at The Pointe in Bella Vista Waters who purchase before December 31, 2009, will receive a BMW 118i sports hatch, valued at \$55,177, on the road.

When completed, The Pointe will be a lakeside enclave of 17 homes in Bella Vista Waters. According to Norwest Land the idea of the promotion is that the BMW will "complete the dream lifestyle for The Pointe's newest residents".



The five four-bedroom houses are priced from \$1,050,000 to \$1,095,000 and feature two-and-a-half bathrooms and kitchens with stone bench-tops and Miele appliances.

The Pointe at Bella Vista Waters BMW Promotion is subject to terms and conditions. For a copy of the terms and conditions, call 9826 2966.