



# GIVE ME A MANSION AMONG PALM TREES, WITH A SEA BREEZE

## MELANIE BURGESS

WITH a penchant for sky-diving, mountain climbing, base jumping and hang gliding, 60-year-old Ian Bishop could be mistaken for James Bond.

So it's only fitting he should live in a \$10 million beachfront mansion, complete with helipad and sea-plane hangar.

The sprawling 1400sq m home, dubbed Heaven's Gate, sits on a 30ha Whitsunday block and is currently on the market.

Mr Bishop, who bought the property new in 2006 with his wife Sissy, said it was private, tranquil and unlike anywhere else.

"We watch the sun set every night of the year over the water," he said.

"On the east coast, that shouldn't be possible.

"We've got the archetypal picture-perfect clear blue sea; we've got dugongs in the bay, turtles nesting on the beach, crayfish and crabs. We're very, very lucky."

The home features a cinema, wine cellar, gym, tennis court, pool and not one spa but two.

It also has a separate caretaker's house and 12 car parks.

Mr Bishop said the six-bedroom home had become too large for just himself and his wife, so they planned to build a small log cabin on their other 30ha block just next door.

Mr Bishop, an engineer by trade, is a self-confessed adrenaline junkie.

He has been a parachute

instructor, survived a plane crash, explored underwater caves, and was part of the team that sent the first hot air balloon over Mt Everest – a mountain he has also climbed.

He has broken bones both base jumping and hang gliding but isn't planning to give up his daredevil lifestyle just yet.

"My wife is trying to stop me," he said.

"I'm a slow learner."

The Bishops' home at 860 Gloucester Ave, Hideaway Bay, is being marketed by Mark Beale at Ray White Whitsunday.

Mr Beale said it had been quietly listed for a while but the campaign was now ramping up with pressure to sell as Mr Bishop had invested in a gold mine in Proserpine.





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... PLUS: A spa or two, a killer view,  
dugongs in the bay, helipad out the  
front, and some new rockin' chairs.





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