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A kitchen that's all about the finer things in life

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Part of the Whitsundays in Queensland, Hamilton Island is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful corners of the earth. Dubbed Coral Bay, this residence was created from scratch, taking full advantage of the unrivalled views offered by Catseye Bay.

The home was designed by local architect Chris Beckingham — the man behind the iconic Hamilton Island hotel qualia — and built by Coastal Edge Construction. Sydney firm Andrew Waller Design was called on board to create a contemporary space that's all about balance.

"The property is a completely new build on level land facing north onto Catseye Bay," says interior designer Andrew Waller. Given the family's size (four kids, two adults) and propensity for entertaining, it was essential there was plenty of room for visiting friends and family. "The main reception space needed to be open plan for living and dining, and include a large kitchen with a covered barbecue area," says Andrew.

The family of six were keen to establish an interior that was influenced by the home's locale, which was also a source of inspiration. "We were asked to design a contemporary Hawaiian/islander-influenced interior where we referenced the landscape through colour and materials while allowing the views to take prominence," continues Andrew.

The kitchen is just steps away from the outdoor space and connects with the natural environment. Timber cabinetry adds warmth, while the stone benchtop and splashback add a luxurious element to the space. Stained bamboo bar stools with teal cushions tie in with the interior scheme and offer the perfect spot to enjoy a quick bite.

With views for days and a blissful natural environment, this home is a restful respite that's all about relaxing in style. ♠
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