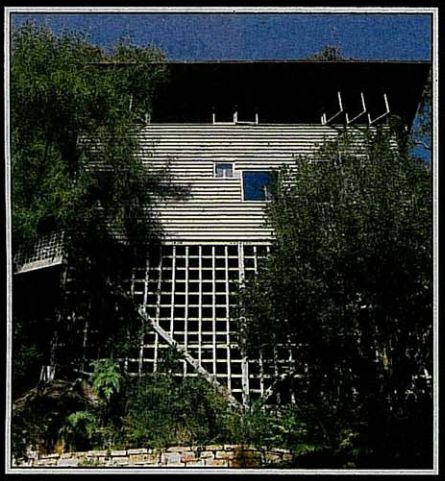
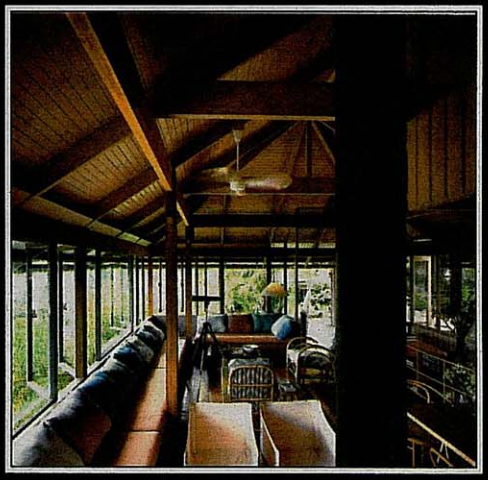
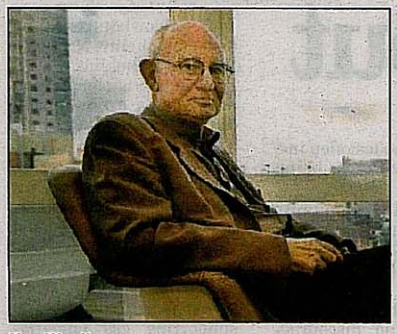


The house comes with plans for a top storey.

All yours, but you'll need a cool $3.5m



The open-plan house has spectacular views.



Ken Woolley.

Kathryn Welling

ONE of Australia's most awarded architects is selling his own home, complete with plans for an extension and all his furniture.

Ken Woolley's home overlooking Palm Beach goes to auction early in April and bidding is expected to top $3.5 million.

His home is modest by Palm Beach standards with three bedrooms, two bathrooms and an open-plan lounge and dining room.

But it is its position only 150m from the beach, and the fact it was designed by one of the nation's greatest architects, that is expected to create interest.

Mr Woolley, 74, has already drawn up plans to build another level on to the top, adding another three bedrooms and large living areas.

He is known for relaxed and informal homes and already some of his early homes have heritage status.

His former home in Mosman, which was designed in the early 1960s, is now heritage-listed and its owners have bequeathed it to the Historic Houses Trust.

Mr Woolley also designed the award-winning Fisher Library and the State Office Block in Sydney and his Palm Beach home, at 21 Florida Rd, won the Robin Boyd Award in 1987 for Australia's Best House and the Wilkinson Award for the best house in NSW.

Now 74, Mr Woolley thought he would have retired to Palm Beach by now, but he discovered he still likes working and designing and has decided to settle permanently in a home office in Paddington.

He is offering his north-facing home in Palm Beach fully furnished, allowing someone an instant weekender at the prestigious southern end of the beach.

Raine & Horne Palm Beach are the marketing agents and the auction is booked for Thursday, April 3.