



Family living is a breeze

THIS month, *home* tours the newly constructed family home of Darron and Katie Lyons. The couple moved in with their adorable daughters Sophie, 3, and Ally, 1 around three months ago and it still has that sparkling new home feel, somehow achieved in spite of having two active toddlers to contend with.

The contemporary home maximises beautiful breezes, even on a humid wet-season day.

Names: Darron and Katie Lyons
Ages: 37 (Daz) 32 (Katie)
Occupations: Building designer (Daz) and stay-at-home mum (Katie)
How long have you lived in Darwin? Daz, all of his life; Katie, since she was two.

What do you love about Darwin? Having our family here. It's easy and quick to get anywhere and we love the beautiful Darwin storms.

What suburb do you live in? Muirhead.

What do you love most about your suburb? Lots of parks for the kids.

Why did you choose to build in this area? Not much (affordable) land available elsewhere.

Where do you get your design inspiration from? Darron is a building designer (The Red Shed) and he wanted to design a place incorporating everything we love; high ceilings, and lots of louvres and openings to promote breezes and natural light. We wanted to blur the lines between indoors

and outdoors. You feel like you are sitting outside when the place is completely opened up. There is always a beautiful breeze. I guess that's why they call it Breezes Muirhead!

Would you ever embark on a renovation/build project again? Yes definitely.

How would you describe your home style? Contemporary. Minimalist. We kept it simple, but high quality. We incorporated sleek design elements such as induction cooking and ducted airconditioning. We also like raw materials such as stone, timber and copper – so we included these throughout. We love being outside and so we have an outdoor lounge and dining area. It works for us, and that's what custom designed homes are all about – and that's what Daz loves to do; design spaces specifically for the people who are going to be living in it.

What is your favourite space in your home and why? We spend a lot of time in the kitchen. It opens up out to the barbeque area, which we use most nights.

What would you change about your home and why? Nothing.

Wish it was a bit cheaper to build though.

What is your favourite activity to do with your family? Swim. We go for a swim most days. It's the best way to escape this heat.

What is your favourite childhood memory? When the big Darwin storms would come across at Christmas time, and fill the school oval with water and we'd jump and play and squeal with delight. Good times.

What is your favourite wet-season activity? Playing in the rain. Watching movies and snuggling up on the couch when it's dark and wet outside.

What is your favourite dry-season activity? Anything outdoors. We love a good barbecue with family, or breakfast at the sailing club.

Where do you like to brunch? We brunch at home. Daz cooks a mean bacon and egg fry up and we spend the morning in and out of the pool. It's easier to be at home than be at a cafe with a potential baby / toddler break down. No thanks!





What is your ultimate Darwin dinner destination? Evoo. Always been a favourite, but we haven't been there for a VERY LONG TIME.

Where is your favourite place to holiday when you need a getaway? Anywhere there is a beach and waves. We love the beach.