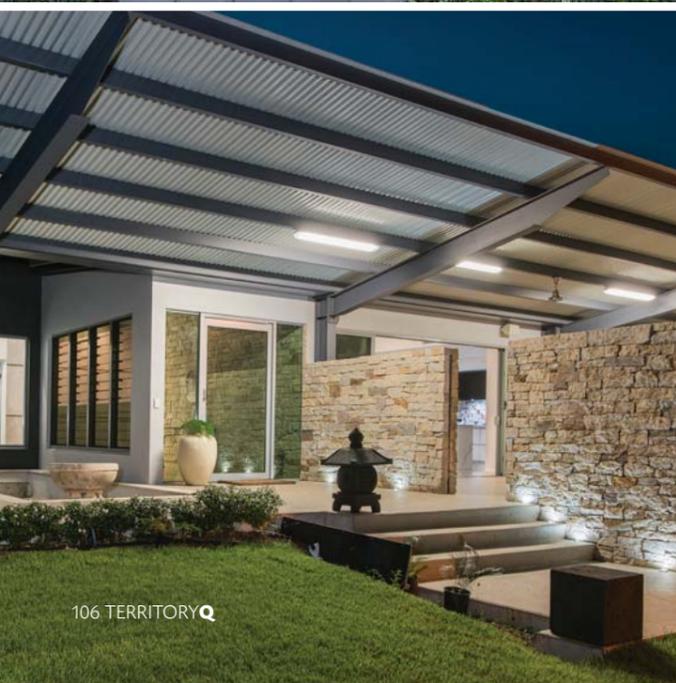




**RED SHED
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EXAMPLES OF THE RED SHED'S WORK ... IT DESIGNS EVERYTHING FROM CARPORTS TO LUXURY HOMES, COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES TO INDUSTRIAL WORKSHOPS



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Building Designer Darron Lyons enjoys the creative aspect of his job.

But, most of all, he loves developing relationships with his much-loved clients.

“I love designing homes but what I love most about my job is working with my clients,” he says. “Designing a home takes a lot of time and I have clients who will come back and have a number of meetings with me to get the design just right, but I don't mind at all. It shows they really care.”

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Darron's award-winning Darwin-based building design company, The Red Shed, is a leader in innovative custom design.

They design everything from new homes on a budget to large luxury homes, new carports and verandahs, to commercial complexes and industrial workshops.

An increasing volume of Darron's work nowadays is home extensions.

“Lots of people love their homes and don't want to move,” he says. “But they want more space.”

“Having an extension designed and built is often easier and cheaper than moving.”

“Buying a new home means you have to pay stamp duty, and it is very rare someone will buy a new place and not want to do some renovations. Everyone wants to change it, to put their own personality into it. So sometimes it is just easier to renovate your existing home.”

Darron has designed many of the most eye-catching homes and extensions in Darwin. But he has also designed more humble but stylish homes for clients on tight budgets.

He as good as rebuilt one house, turning it from a rundown old home with no outdoor entertaining area to a luxury tropical home.

“It's now got a huge decked entertaining area, overlooking a lagoon type pool, which blends in with the greenery and surrounding gardens.”

“At first, some people questioned what I was doing with it. Now that it's finished, they all say the entertaining area is fantastic and the best feature of the house.”

The Red Shed uses the latest drafting software, which allows clients to “walk through” the virtual completed project. Darron is a creative professional who prides himself on his ability to design properties and extensions suited to the tropical environment.

“I always like to take advantage of natural light and ventilation to open up a home and create a seamless connection between indoors and outdoors. And I ensure my work blends in with the surrounding environment because every block is unique.”

“I look at the views, street appeal and natural features, such as parkland, and make sure the owners can enjoy those features as best as possible.”

Darron worked for a building designer in Darwin for more than five years before going out on his own.

He admits starting up his own business was “daunting,” but work soon started coming in and he enjoys the flexibility of having his own business.

He wants to spend as much time as possible with his two young girls, Sophie, aged three, and one-year-old Ally.

Darron also operates a design review panel, which checks whether new properties in estates such as Breezes

Muirhead and Bellamack meet the design caveats, such as aesthetic appeal, proper breezeways and louvres.

“Some people complain about design caveats but then they realise that they help the overall look of a development. Nobody wants to invest a lot of money in building a new house only to find something really ugly has been allowed to be built next door.”

Darron is the president of the NT Building Designers Association and The Red Shed has won several design awards.

“At the end of the day, I want my clients to be happy. If I can design a place they love, and help them on their design and build journey, then I feel I've done my job.”

The Red Shed has received many touching third-party endorsements over the years.

Andrew and Chanly Chin contracted Darron to design their home in the new suburb of Lyons.

“Being fussy clients, we wanted our house designed to every fine detail.”

“Darron listened to our needs and was able to come up with innovative ideas and designs to satisfy our requirements. He provided an excellent service to us.”

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