

# BuildHome

SHOWCASING THE BEST IN HOME THEATRE & AUTOMATION BY



## TOUCH OF A BUTTON

Music systems

## COMPLETE SOLUTIONS

Multi-room fit-outs

## SAFE AND SOUND

Home security

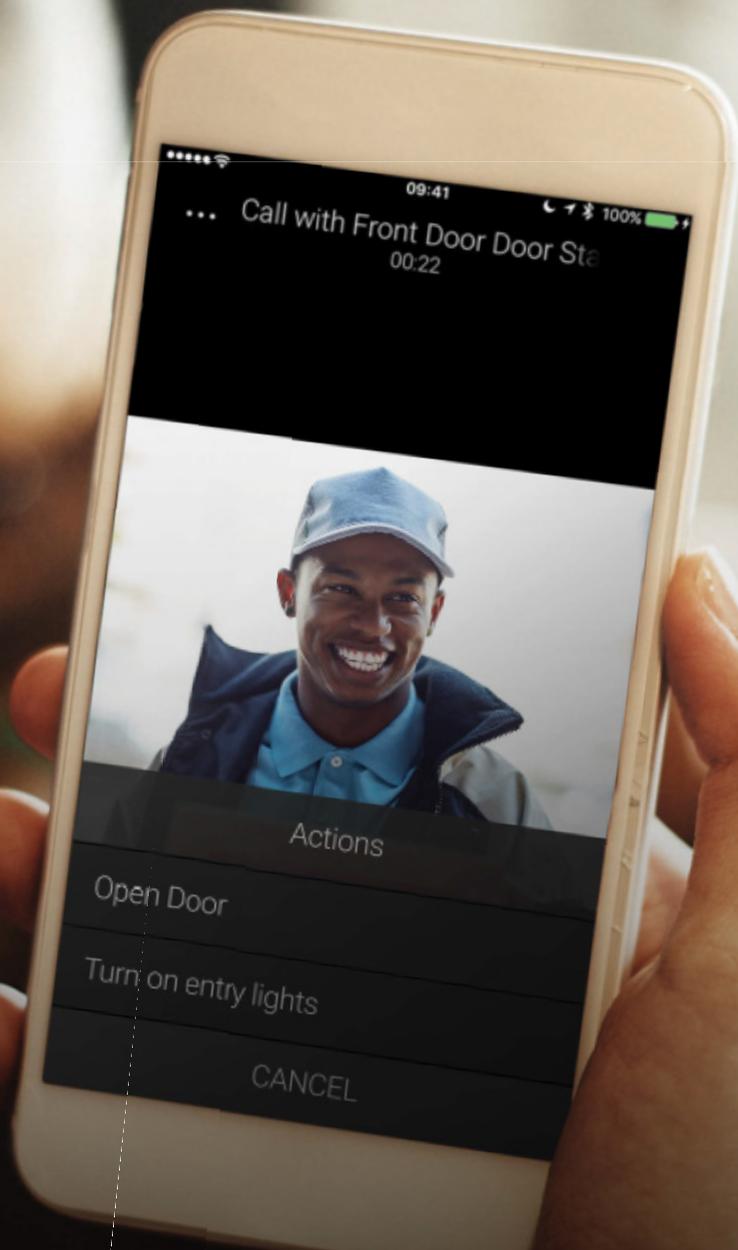
# 100

PAGES OF SMART  
HOME PROJECTS

**HOLLYWOOD AT HOME**

Custom home theatres

HOME CINEMA | HOME AUTOMATION | AUDIO-VISUAL PRODUCTS AND MORE



## INTERCOM ANYWHERE

### **CONNECT, COMMUNICATE, AND CONTROL LIKE NEVER BEFORE.**

When your mobile device is part of the intercom experience, you'll always know who's at the door. In crisp, clear video, you can see and hear who is calling before you decide to answer. And from anywhere in the world, tap a custom button, such as "Delivery", to disarm the alarm, turn on the light, and unlock the door. Once that important package is placed safely inside, another tap secures the house once again. You can also communicate with family members from your mobile device and be instantly video-connected to any or all of your touch screens.

**Control4 is putting peace of mind in the palm of your hand.**

---

CONTROL4.COM

Control4<sup>®</sup>

©2019, Control4 Corporation. All rights reserved. Control4, the Control4 logo, and the 4-ball logo are registered trademarks or trademarks of Control4 Corporation or its subsidiaries in the United States and/or other countries. All other names and brands may be claimed as the property of their respective owners. All specifications subject to change without notice.

# What is a smart home?

Enhance your home with added comfort, savings, convenience and peace of mind

**H**ome automation means you can turn your home into a smart home by having control of appliances and equipment automatically and remotely. Everything can work simultaneously for a more comfortable, convenient and enjoyable home. Start in just one room and expand throughout with smart lighting, multi-room audio, multi-room video, comfort, security solutions and more.

The future is here, with voice control, motion sensors and detectors for automated control of your lights, music, blinds, programming your home temperature, securing and arming your home — all programmed according to your needs.

Home Automation Systems make the electronic components and systems you already use work together, seamlessly. By integrating everything from lighting, music, video, climate control, security, cameras, intercom, access control, door locks, blinds and more; these can be tied together and you can then control them from anywhere.

## WHY CHOOSE CONTROL4?

Control4 makes it easy to control your entire house and virtually any device and appliance with home automation. Whether it's lighting, sound, television and entertainment, energy, or security, Control4 delivers an elegant way to control and automate all of these systems. Control4 products work simultaneously together so that everything is seamless and flows.

A wide range of beautiful Control4 interfaces give you choice in how you control and interact with your smart home. These include Keypads, In-Wall and Portable Touchscreens, Universal Remote Controls, External Door Stations and compatible interfaces from other brands.

Life Style Store is the largest and only Diamond Pinnacle-level Control4 dealer in Australia. Having delivered more than 850 Control4 systems, Life Style Store has the platform you need to control and automate everything in your home.

## MULTI-ROOM AUDIO-VISUAL

Stream music and video throughout every room of your household, play high-definition videos from almost any source on any TV, enjoy your personal music collection stored on your smartphone or tablet, or stream services such as Spotify and Tidal throughout your house.

A multi-room audio system will change the way you listen to music forever. Intuitive user interfaces make it a breeze to browse through your music collection and play any song you wish in any room of your house at any volume.



Control4 gives homeowners peace of mind. Receive alerts when someone enters the house, or when the garage door is left open. The intelligent safety and security system is controlled at your fingertips.

Control4 makes it completely effortless to arm and disarm your security system. You can even receive immediate emergency assistance directly from an intuitive user interface on a touchscreen, TV or mobile device.

Video monitoring your home with cameras that directly link the footage to your mobile device will show you live security camera footage, whether you are at home or away.

## SMART LIGHTING CONTROL

Smart Lighting Control by Control4 complements the aesthetics of the décor of a home, all while providing convenience and efficiency. One single touch can brighten or dim an entire room, sections of or your complete home. You can automate lighting to suit your life without any touch at all. Even when you're not home, your house will appear occupied thanks to advanced features such as 'Mockupancy'.

## COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE

Control the climate of your home with personalised Control4 comfort settings that can be activated on a schedule. Blinds and shades can be raised or lowered to suit your needs. Outdoors, turn off the settings for your pool and spa, automate your sprinklers and lawn systems or see who is at the front door, check on your sleeping baby, or call the family to dinner via the video intercom. Once you experience living in an automated home you will find yourself wondering how you ever lived without it.

# Living simply

The sky is the limit for this family, whose modern home utilises the best in home automation



**T**he owners of this Woolwich home wanted to create a resort-style living environment that could be controlled simply and easily. Exquisitely designed by BKH Architects to complement the magnificence of its iconic Harbour Bridge backdrop, this brand-new residence commands east-facing water views to the city skyline.

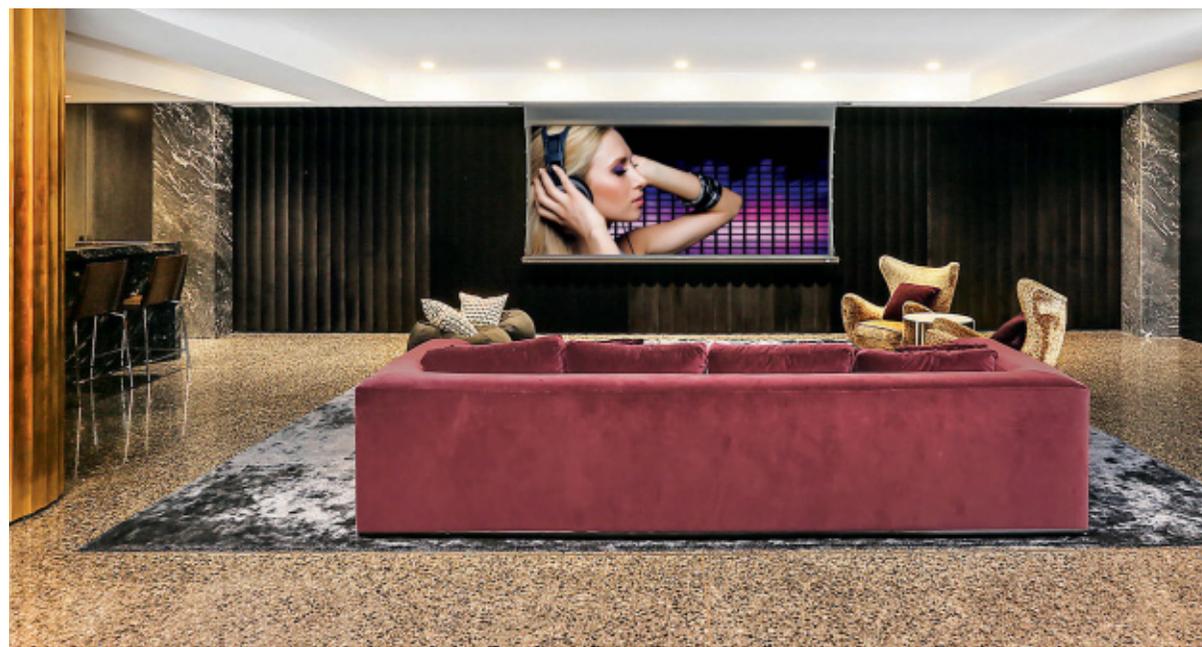
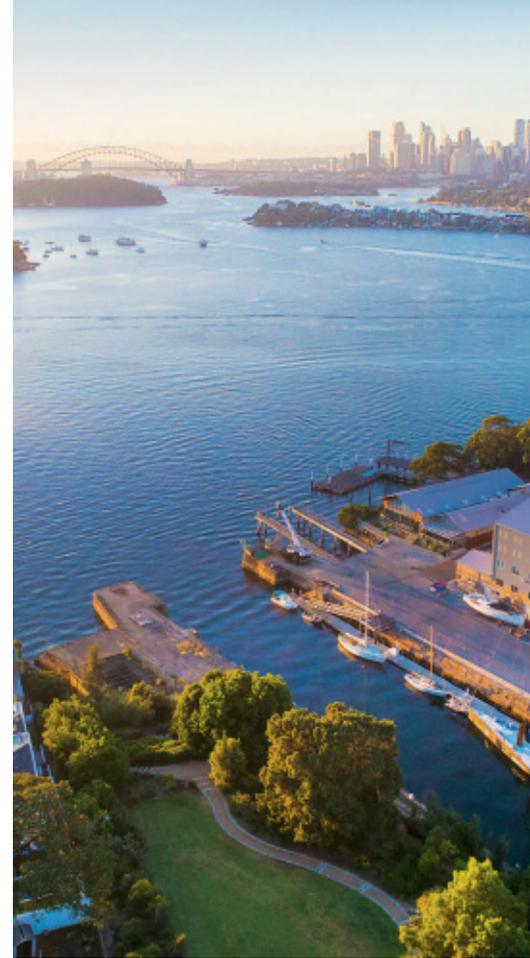
The owners requested a lot of automated home management, with individual scenes triggered depending on which family member was entering and exiting the house, and they wanted the ability to monitor this. The system to be designed had to cover all facets of automation — lighting, security, biometric access control, networking and audio-visual, including a home theatre.

The family consists of parents and their four teenage children, and the parents dreamed of creating an environment

so that their children would want to spend more time at home. Areas such as the gymnasium, theatre room and entertainment spaces were critical to achieving this goal.

The lower level of the house is dedicated to entertaining and socialising and features a formal lounge with custom marble wet bar, a complete concealable home theatre system, a large entertaining space, a fully equipped gymnasium and a steam room handcrafted in terrazzo.

The client's request was that the theatre totally disappear, yet still perform. A Barco projector was installed within an Ultralift motorised projector lift and a Screen Innovations CinemaScope electric screen was concealed in the roof cavity for the visual aspect of the theatre. Audio is provided by Anthem Statement electronics with concealed Martin Logan speakers. The front speakers were built into a custom front acoustic wall.



## project | woolwich



The main living level accommodates a spacious alfresco entertaining area with harbour views, as well as a living room with a motorised TV that allows visual sources to be displayed without using a fixed TV, which would have a negative impact on the space when not in use.

This living space and all bedrooms feature Stealth Acoustics invisible speakers that had to be integrated in the ceiling and installed among integrated heating and cooling systems built into the ceiling panels. The convection cooling and heating systems are monitored and regulated by Control4, as are the heated terrazzo floors throughout the home.

At the rear of the house is another entertaining area with a swimming pool and outdoor music.

Automation allows the family to control every area of their home and set entertainment scenes from the touch of a button. Lighting and blinds are also on timers to operate in conjunction with light levels, sunrise and sunset. “Control4 enabled us to achieve everything that the client desired in this

home,” explains Vinod Christie-David, managing director of Life Style Store. “Panelised lighting was used to automate all lighting and blinds within the home. A Control4 intercom system is combined with a biometric fingerprint reader and a Ness automated alarm system to provide security monitoring of the property and complete access control. Control4 is also integrated to the security cameras so that all cameras can be viewed within one app. A Pakedge network supplies the backbone to the complete system and allows the system to be monitored.”

Every facet of this home is incredibly detailed and impressive. From the awe-inspiring skylit foyer with wall-to-wall Italian marble, through to the heated terrazzo floors and gold leaf feature pieces throughout the home, no detail was overlooked.

This project is a stunning example of what can be achieved in a modern home that utilises home automation. It also showcases the level of detail that the team at Life Style Store goes to when completing a system of this nature for a client.

---

### The facts

**Approx. price:** \$350,000

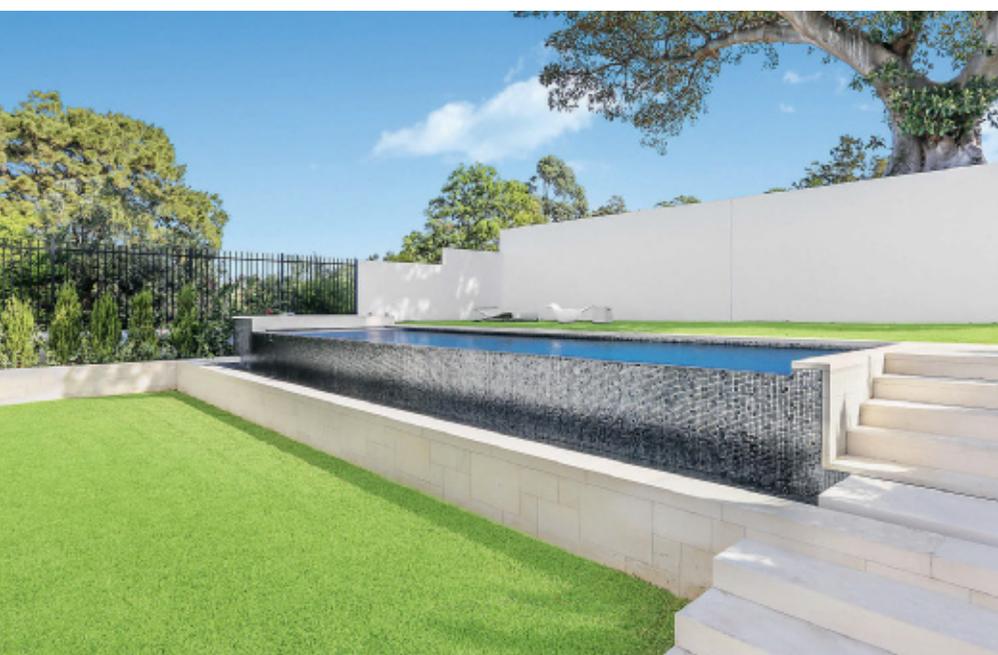
**Categories installed:** Custom home theatre, living room media system, multi-room audio-visual, home automation, lighting control, blind control, security, access control, network

**Year of installation:** 2017

**Suburb:** Woolwich

**Architect:** BKH Architects

**Builder:** Glenn Webster



## THE SYSTEM

■ **Theatre room equipment:** Barco Orion CinemaScope HD DLP projector, Screen Innovations 132-inch 2.35:1 Slate electric cinema screen, Anthem D2V Reference A/V processor, Anthem Statement Series A5 power amplifier, Anthem Statement Series A2 power amplifier, Primare BD32 Blu-ray player, Isotek Sigmas power conditioner, Martin Logan Edge in-wall main speakers, Martin Logan Edge in-wall centre speaker, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' rear speakers x two pairs, Paradigm Seismic 110 10-inch subwoofers (2), Control4 EA3 home theatre room controller

■ **Living room 5.1 system:** Samsung 65-inch LED television, Ultralift Mercury 65 motorised television lift, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' main and centre speakers, Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' rear speakers (2), Stealth Acoustics B30 'invisible' subwoofer, Stealth Acoustics 255R subwoofer amplifier, Control4 EA1 home controller

■ **Dining room:** Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers (2), Control4 zone amplifier and music streamer

■ **Kitchen:** Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers (2), Control4 zone amplifier and music streamer

■ **Main outdoor terrace:** Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers (4), Control4 zone amplifier and music streamer

■ **Powder room:** Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers (2), Control4 zone amplifier and music streamer

■ **Garage:** Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers (2), Control4 Zone amplifier and music streamer

■ **Gym:** Samsung LED televisions (2), Vogels pivoting arm TV brackets, Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' speakers (6), Stealth Acoustics B30 'invisible' subwoofer, Stealth Acoustics 255R subwoofer amplifier, Control4 EA1 home controller

■ **Steam room:** Paradigm Marine in-ceiling speakers (2), Control4 Zone amplifier and music streamer

■ **Swimming pool area:** Paradigm Garden 'Rock' speakers (2), Control4 Zone amplifier and music streamer

■ **Master bedroom:** Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers (2), Control4 Zone amplifier and music streamer

■ **Master bedroom ensuite:** Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers (2), Control4 Zone amplifier and music streamer

■ **Bedroom 2:** Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers (2), Control4 zone amplifier and music streamer

■ **Bedroom 3:** Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers (2), Control4 zone amplifier and music streamer

■ **Bedroom 4:** Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers (2), Control4 zone amplifier and music streamer

■ **Bedroom 5:** Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers (2), Control4 zone amplifier and music streamer

■ **Bathroom 1:** Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers (2), Control4 zone amplifier and music streamer

■ **Bathroom 2:** Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers (2), Control4 zone amplifier and music streamer

■ **Multi-room audio-visual system core components:** Control4 EA5 home controller, Control4 EA1 home controllers (4), Control4 16x16 audio matrix switcher, Control4 music streaming outputs (7), Control4 8-channel amplifiers (4), Control4 8-source 8-room HDMI matrix switcher, Control4 SR260 room controllers (4), Isotek Aquarius power conditioner, Isotek Polaris power conditioners (2)

■ **Home automation system intercom:** Control4 DS2 intercom station at front gate, Control4 DS2 intercom station at front door, Biometric fingerprint readers at front gate and front door, Control4 internal touchscreens (3)

■ **Security system:** Ness M1 automated security station, automated access control, Lilin 16-channel NVR, Lilin security cameras

■ **Automated lighting:** Control4 premium home automation controller, Control4 in-wall keypads (48), Control4 8-channel lighting dimmers (8), Control4 8-channel lighting and device control relays (21), Control4 8-channel IO relay extenders (2), Control4 5-slot lighting enclosures (6)

■ **Network:** Pagedge RK1 wireless router, Pagedge 24-port POE managed network switches (3), Pagedge network wireless manager, Pagedge high-performance wireless access points (8)

# A true entertainment experience

Selecting the right electronics for your home can be a daunting task, and installing and supporting them can be an even scarier thought for many people. But it can be made easier

**L**ife Style Store was started in February 2002 by three individuals with a passion for quality home and car entertainment products. Since then, Life Style Store has delivered more than \$100 million worth of home entertainment and automation systems, including more than 850 Control4 projects.

The company specialises in residential work and designing the right system to suit customer needs. Although the retail showroom is based in the fast-growing western suburbs/Hills region of Sydney, the store services customers from all over Sydney as well as regional New South Wales. The fact that the majority of work comes from repeat business and referrals is a testament to the solutions, products and services provided.

Life Style Store, one of Australia's leading providers for home theatre and home automation, is currently Australia's only Control4 Diamond Pinnacle-level dealer and has won many Dealer of the Year awards for leading brands such as Marantz, Dynaudio, Paradigm, Anthem and more.

While a competitive price is always important, the quality and suitability of the product is even more important and that is the mantra of Life Style Store. "We will design the right system with the correct components to provide you with the performance and functionality to suit your needs," says Vinod Christie-David, managing director of Life Style Store. "We don't import our own brands, but rather we offer a wide range of products from a carefully selected range of brands which we provide without any bias other than towards their performance, reliability and value for money."

## SHOWROOM

Life Style Store is one of the world's largest and leading retail showrooms for home and car entertainment. The showroom features 16 home entertainment demonstration rooms including seven dedicated custom home theatre rooms, two speaker comparison rooms and seven hi-fi music rooms, as well as numerous other demonstration areas. Spread over two levels, the showroom makes the selection process as simple or comprehensive as you would like it to be. Audition the true entertainment experience before you make your purchase.

## CONTROL4 EXPERIENCE AREA

The showroom is a Control4 Certified Showroom with a Control4 Experience Area where you can see how home automation works within a simulated home environment and understand how

smart home technology can fit into your life. When you visit the Control4 Certified Showroom, you'll be able to see firsthand how disparate home technologies can blend to work in unison, creating experiences that will make your life more enjoyable, convenient, comfortable, safe and secure.

Life Style Store's Control4 Certified Showroom staff are well versed in the art of "wow-ing" homeowners, designers, builders, architects — and anyone else who visits — through interactive storytelling, visually stunning displays, and hands-on demonstrations that bring technology to life in a way to help you envision smart living in your own home.

Whether it's one press of a remote that brings down the lights and activates a movie, or a voice command that triggers a cooking scene that turns on a playlist overhead, illuminates the kitchen lights, and lowers the shades, you'll get a satisfying taste of what's possible in your own home. The staff at Life Style Store are experienced smart home professionals, being Australia's largest Control4 dealer, and are ready to bring myriad orchestrated demonstrations to life.

There are also numerous motorised television lifts in this area including drop-down and fold-down television lifts, vertical cabinet lifts with motorised 360-degree swivel and even an outdoor TV enclosure.

## SEVEN DEDICATED CUSTOM THEATRE ROOMS

In addition to the multi-purpose theatre speaker demonstration rooms, there are seven dedicated home theatre rooms, designed to show you what is possible at varying price points.

Theatre systems include 5.1, 7.1 and Dolby Atmos demonstrations. With all levels of theatre systems, Life Style Store is also able to take care of all of the in-room theatre elements including room design and construction, wall and floor coverings, home theatre seating, motorised curtains, lighting control and, of course, the audio-visual equipment. The equipment in each room can be varied to allow Life Style Store to design and demonstrate a system that suits your needs and budget.

## SEVEN DEDICATED MUSIC ROOMS

The upstairs level focuses on music, with seven dedicated two-channel rooms featuring premium stereo solutions as well as three entry-level two-channel display areas featuring electronics from Rotel, Cambridge Audio and Marantz.

The speaker range includes world-renowned brands such as Sonus Faber, Dynaudio, PMC, Martin Logan, Paradigm, Klipsch, KEF, Vienna

Acoustics, Q Acoustics, Cambridge Audio, Triad, Stealth Acoustics, Amina and SVS.

The electronics include an extensive range from Audio Research, McIntosh, Devialet, Plinius, Moon, Primare, Rega, Marantz, Rotel Denon, Yamaha, Anthem, NAD, Emotiva, Audio Control, Chord, Cyrus, Pro-ject and Cambridge Audio. There is even a dedicated turntable wall with more than 25 turntables on display from Pro-Ject, Rega and other specialist brands.

### CUSTOM INSTALLATION SPEAKER WALLS

Two demonstration areas allow you to compare a large range of custom installation in-wall, in-ceiling and outdoor speakers. The first area features a large range of custom installation speakers, including eight pairs of in-wall speakers and 28 pairs of in-ceiling speakers. The second area features 14 pairs of surface-mount, weather-proof outdoor speakers. It also has 'rock'-style speakers, 'garden light'-style speakers and four in-ground subwoofers.

### STAFF

Life Style Store's home and car sales teams are supported by fully qualified and experienced in-house installation divisions that allow a full-service solution for customers. Installation services range from simple plug-in-and-play installations through to complete custom-designed systems. Sales staff will design a tailored system to suit your needs and budget and the installation division takes over from here to deliver your new dream system.

Life Style Store currently employs more than 25 full-time staff in the installation division, including installation technicians, automation programmers, alarm and security specialists, IT network specialists, project managers, support staff and team members specially trained to deliver and hand over your new system in a timely manner.

Whether you are after a hi-fi solution, a custom theatre system, multi-room entertainment, home automation or a complex security system, Life Style Store can install it all so that all you have to do is enjoy your new system.

The company's online installation gallery is a great source of inspiration and is always being updated with newly completed work. For great ideas and to see more examples of work completed by Life Style Store in addition to those projects featured in the magazine, visit the online gallery at [lifestylestore.com.au](http://lifestylestore.com.au)



# Total control

A Federation-era home on Sydney Harbour  
is brought into the future and beyond

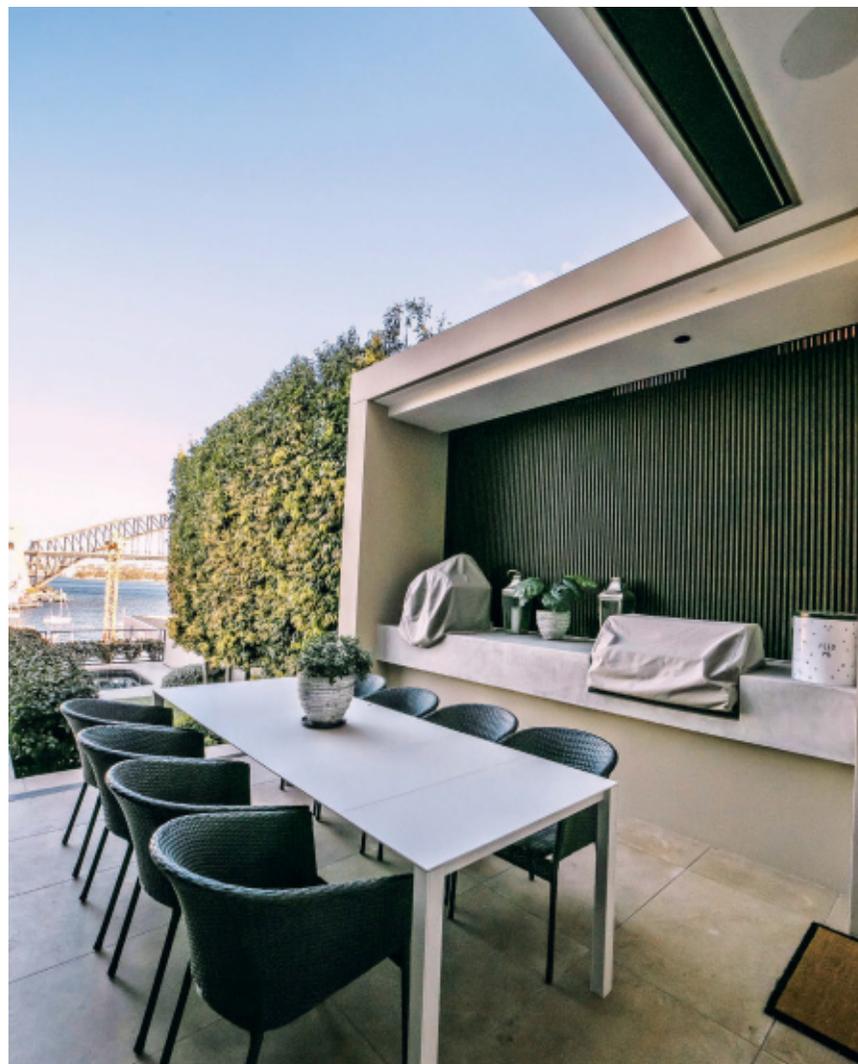


**T**hese Lavender Bay homeowners were renovating what was to be a property for them to enjoy as they approach the period of life following child rearing. Their previous three homes all featured automation systems completed by other automation and audio-visual providers. Having experienced the ups and downs of previous systems, the client actually considered not automating their new property. They also were tending towards only installing soundbars for audio-visual for similar ease-of-use reasons.

One of the core requirements of the client was simplicity. Reliability and ease of use were much more important than pure product performance for this client. They were prepared to sacrifice performance for rock-solid reliability.

The waterfront property with views of Sydney Harbour was from the Federation era and was being renovated to the point of almost being a new construction. The client needed all items in the home to integrate into the style of the property and once they came to realise that they couldn't live without automation, they set upon the path to finding a home automation provider. After multiple meetings and discussions, the client engaged Life Style Store to deliver a fully automated home that didn't appear to be taken over by technology. This was achieved by the team at Life Style Store and Corben Architects via careful product selection and placement.

To ensure reliability and system stability, a Control4 home automation system, security integration, distributed audio-visual and a complete Packedge network were selected. "Since we have completed this work, the client has referred a



## project | lavender bay



number of clients to us, which is a testament to how happy he is with the solution we have provided,” says Vinod Christie-David, managing director of Life Style Store.

“The professionals at Life Style Store were a joy to work with and the Control4 system has been easy to use yet powerful in what it can do in our home,” says the homeowner, who thoroughly enjoys the system that has been delivered and the cutting-edge technology, already embracing voice control throughout the home for the Control4 system.

Life Style Store was proud to win the Best Lighting Project — Australia award at the 2018 Control4 Dealer Awards for

this project. “Control4 enabled us to achieve everything the client desired in this home,” says Vinod. “Panelised lighting was used for automating all lighting and blinds within the home. A Control4 intercom system is combined with a keypad, access panels and a Ness automated alarm system to provide security monitoring of the property and complete access control. The security cameras are also integrated to Control4 so that all home functions are controlled and accessed by one app. A Packedge network supplies the backbone to the complete system and allows the system to be monitored remotely via Bakpak.”

### The facts

**Approx. price:** \$210,000

**Categories installed:** Living room media system, multi-room audio-visual, home automation, lighting control, security, access control, network

**Year of installation:** 2017

**Suburb:** Lavender Bay

**Builder:** Yuncken Constructions

**Architect:** Mohit Keni, Corben Architects

**Interior designer:** Louise Bell



## THE SYSTEM

### ■ Living room:

Samsung 75-inch UHD LED television  
 Bose Lifestyle 135 soundbar system for TV viewing  
 Oppo BDP105D Blu-ray and media player  
 Paradigm Elite Series 8-inch in-ceiling speakers for music  
 Sonos Connect amplified zone player  
 Isotek Aquarius power conditioner  
 Control4 EA3 home controller  
 Control4 10-inch portable touchscreen

### ■ Dining room:

Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers (2)  
 Sonos Connect zone player music streamer  
 Audio Control Rialto 400 power amplifier

### ■ Formal lounge room:

Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers (2)  
 Sonos Connect zone player music streamer  
 Audio Control Rialto 400 power amplifier

### ■ Kitchen:

Samsung 40-inch LED television  
 Vogel's pivoting wall-mount TV bracket  
 Paradigm Elite Series 8-inch in-ceiling speakers for music  
 Sonos Connect amplified zone player

### ■ Study:

Samsung 55-inch UHD LED television  
 Paradigm Elite Series 8-inch in-ceiling speakers for music  
 Sonos Connect zone player  
 Marantz CD6005 CD player  
 Pro-Ject Signature 10 turntable and Ortofon 2M black cartridge  
 Control4 EA1 home controller  
 Control4 10-inch portable touchscreen

### ■ Main outdoor terrace — deck 1:

Paradigm Elite Series 8-inch in-ceiling speakers for music  
 Sonos Connect amplified zone player

### ■ Main outdoor terrace — deck 2:

Paradigm Elite Series 8-inch in-ceiling speakers for music  
 Sonos Connect amplified zone player

### ■ Swimming pool area:

Origin Acoustics Seasons Landscape garden speakers (2)  
 Sonos Connect zone player music streamer  
 Audio Control Rialto 400 power amplifier

### ■ Front courtyard area:

Origin Acoustics Seasons Landscape garden speakers (2)  
 Sonos Connect zone player music streamer  
 Audio Control Rialto 400 power amplifier

### ■ Home automation and automated lighting system:

Control4 premium home automation controller  
 Control4 in-wall keypads (31)  
 Control4 8-channel lighting dimmers (10)  
 Control4 8-channel lighting and device control relays (5)  
 Control4 5-slot lighting enclosures (3)  
 Blind and curtain control  
 Full-sized equipment rack

### ■ Intercom:

Control4 DS2 intercom station at front gate  
 Control4 DS2 intercom station at front door  
 Control4 fixed internal touch screens (3)  
 Control4 portable touch screens (3)

### ■ Security system:

Ness M1 automated security station  
 Automated access control

### ■ Network:

Pakedge RK1 wireless router  
 Pakedge 24 Port POE managed network switches (2)  
 Pakedge network wireless manager  
 Pakedge high-performance wireless access points (5)  
 UPS battery back-up power supply

profile

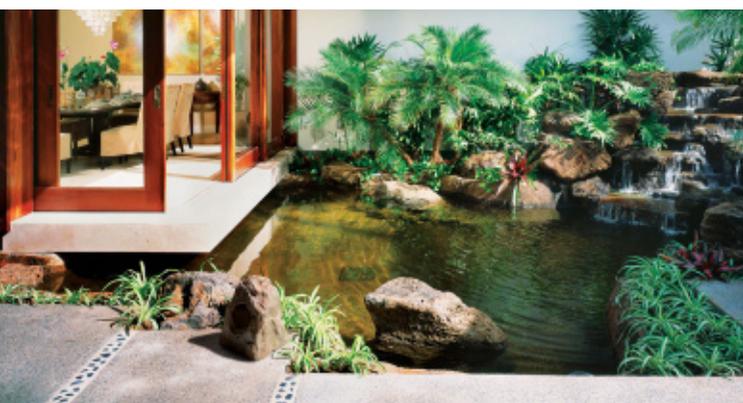
# Paradigm

With patented innovations, proprietary materials, and in-house Canadian manufacturing, Paradigm makes a bold, luxurious statement, bringing music and home cinema to life

**P**aradigm loudspeakers are still designed, engineered, and crafted in its headquarters just outside Toronto, Canada and it's been that way since 1982. That's when co-founders Jerry VanderMarel and Scott Bagby wanted to build high-performance loudspeakers locally. They wanted to custom-design their speaker components based on science and to make them available at prices that everyone would appreciate.

On these pages, we showcase the Paradigm range of traditional speakers, custom speakers, outdoor and garden speakers and subwoofers, ranged at Life Style Store.





## TRADITIONAL SPEAKERS

■ **Cinema Series:** Paradigm's most affordable collection, Cinema speakers are designed for smaller spaces but despite their compact size, provide a blockbuster music and home theatre experience. Cinema speakers give a seamless music and home theatre soundstage that brings movies to life and makes music sound "live."

■ **Millenia Series:** Featuring sophisticated state-of-the-art Paradigm Reference technology in a sleek design to complement today's flat-panel televisions. These speakers feature satin-anodised pure-aluminum domes, mica-loaded polymer bass/midrange cones, polypropylene bass cones and a highly polished black chrome finish. Available in a compact satellite form factor or an on-wall design available in two sizes.

■ **Décor Series:** Custom-length speakers, built from your exact measurements, deliver high-performance sound, for the ultimate bespoke flat-panel TV installation. Paradigm Décor Custom Collection loudspeakers are available in an array of driver formats, with up to three audio channels in a single enclosure. Use one, or combine them, to build a slim, stylish, high-performance audio system tailored to the length and height of any television. Décor speakers are available in both horizontal/sound bar and side-mounted/vertical configurations.

■ **Monitor SE Series:** Imagine lifelike musical performance in any listening space; breathtaking effects and realistic imaging details that bring movies to life. The stylish and affordable Monitor SE Series of speakers is the perfect introduction to the world of high-performance audio and is packed with state-of-the-art technology.

■ **Premier Series:** Step up from mass-market audio to a superior sound experience, with the Premier Series of affordable high-performance loudspeakers, Crafted in Canada. Exclusive audio technologies are backed by industry-leading research and furniture-grade finishes.

■ **Prestige Series:** Whether you seek a more lifelike realisation of your music sources, or want an earthshaking home theatre experience, the Crafted in Canada Prestige series offers the best seat in the house. From the precise workmanship of the non-resonant cabinets to beautiful premium-grade finishes, Prestige is hand-built for performance. Floorstanding models benefit from a rigid polished stainless steel and aluminium base that isolates and defeats performance-altering vibrations. The Prestige range includes a range of bookshelf, floor-standing and surround speakers with matching subwoofers.

■ **Persona Series:** Paradigm's Persona line is a showcase of vanguard materials and its most advanced technologies, all entirely designed, engineered, and crafted in Canada. One of these materials is Beryllium, regarded as the best diaphragm material, and Persona features Beryllium in its tweeters and midranges. Persona's exceptional craftsmanship and meticulous attention to detail makes a bold, beautiful statement and delivers an unprecedented level of realism. The top-of-the line Persona 9H received the esteemed The Absolute Sound Editors' Choice Award in 2017 and 2019.

## CUSTOM SPEAKERS

■ **CI HOME Series:** This range addresses the important considerations when selecting custom installation speakers: truly superior sound, easy installation, and a new bezel-free micro-perforated grille with an incredibly discrete aesthetic. The Home Series includes a model with an angled baffle for use within the ceiling

cavity as front speakers in a home theatre application, a format available in all Paradigm custom ranges.

■ **CI PRO Series:** Crafted in Canada, this series takes performance to the next level with patented technology, step-up components, and hallmark Paradigm sound quality. Impressive performance, unrivalled at its price points, has made it one of the most popular custom speaker models at Life Style Store.

■ **CI Elite Series:** Also Crafted in Canada, this series has all the technology advantages and grille aesthetics of CI PRO, plus oversized voice coils and X-PAL™ pure aluminium cone technology for the ultimate in sound performance.

## SUBWOOFERS

■ **Defiance Series:** The new Defiance range includes the entry-level V series and the superior X Series, available with 8-inch, 10-inch, 12-inch and 15-inch drivers. Defiance subwoofers deliver pure power, unleashed by clean, efficient amplification in six models, from entry-level to ultimate performance. The V Series delivers the best bass at an unbeatable value while the Crafted in Canada X Series offers massive SPL output, thanks to heavy-duty, internally braced cabinets, and Active Ridge Technology (ART™) for maximum driver-excursion. From the V10 upwards, all models feature app control and Anthem Room Correction (ARC®), so you'll have powerful, perfectly balanced bass.

■ **Seismic Series:** Unlike many subwoofers on the market, the Seismic™ 110 has no off-the-shelf parts and is a completely custom build.

■ **RVC Series:** How do you get Reference-quality performance (i.e. phenomenal output, breathtaking clarity, superb extension and speed) out of an in-wall subwoofer? The RVC-12SQ in-wall subwoofer is free from the constraints of conventional in-wall design, boasting dual state-of-the-art 14-inch drivers in a cutting-edge Vibration Cancelling Design Architecture and has a custom in-wall MDF enclosure available.

■ **Prestige Series:** Paradigm builds some of the most powerful subwoofers available and the new Prestige 1000SW and 2000SW are no exception. Designed, engineered and hand-built in Paradigm's Canadian facility, Prestige subwoofers feature a clean design with front-mounted controls. Available in 12-inch and 15-inch models with up to 2000 watts of RMS power and PBK room correction these subwoofers will take your movie experience to unprecedented levels.

## OUTDOOR/GARDEN SPEAKERS

■ **Garden Oasis:** Enjoy superior audio performance with a rugged weatherproof design and innovative Paradigm RED™ technology in Paradigm's first landscape loudspeaker. Garden Oasis speakers are scalable, unlike many other garden systems, so you can start with a pair of satellites and add more speakers or a subwoofer as your needs or budget change. With two speaker models and two subwoofer sizes, Garden Oasis can fit any size space. Mount the speakers on the ground, on a deck rail, in a tree, or under an eave.

■ **Stylus Series:** Bring Paradigm high-performance sound outdoors. Stylus outdoor speakers brave the elements with weather-, water- and UV-resistant outer enclosures.

■ **Rock Monitor Series:** These high-performance single-speaker systems provide two channels of left/right sound outdoors. Rock Monitors are ideal in small outdoor areas less suited to a stereo pair of speakers or where a single speaker is preferred.

# Functionality and fit

Regardless of whether these homeowners are at home, interstate or overseas, automation systems provide them with user-friendly control of their home's various functions



**L**ife Style Store was involved in the building process for this stunning modern-industrial, multi-level house from the initial design stage. The company worked with the client and Corben Architects to design and deliver a user-friendly, high-end home that's easily controlled by the Control4 home automation system.

The homeowners are both extremely busy and travel a lot for work, so needed a home that could be managed at the touch of a button from within and also while away interstate or overseas. Monitoring the status of the home was also a key requirement.

"Functionality and fit for our lifestyle was critical," explains Cammeray homeowner Libby. "We're a busy professional couple with several pets, and we travel frequently and like to entertain. Automation means that we can program the house to fit our lifestyle and makes entertaining friends and family really easy."

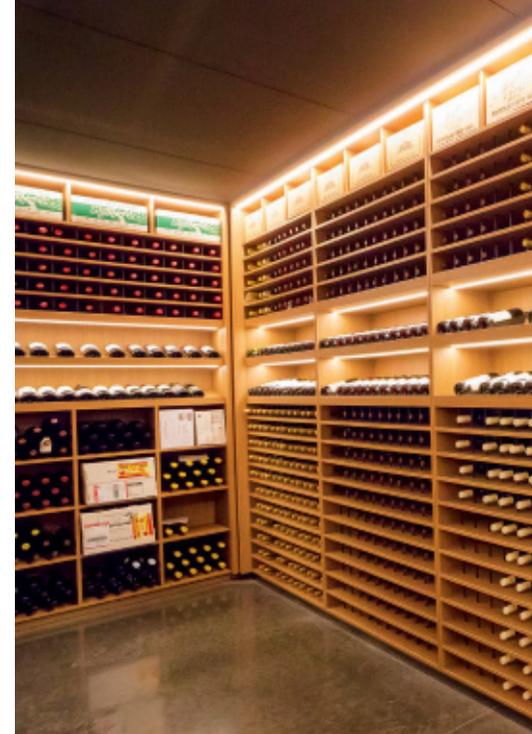
Libby and her husband requested a family home that works functionally during the week and is relatively low

maintenance, but on the weekend is a comfortable, relaxing place in which to unwind.

Entertaining within the home was of major importance and a premium custom home theatre and multiple multi-room audio-visual zones were installed with a selection of high-quality, reputable brands to provide sound and picture throughout the house. Stealth Acoustics 'invisible' speakers were installed throughout most areas of the home so that the speakers do not impact on the visual aesthetics of each room. The external alfresco and garden areas feature multiple in-ceiling and garden speakers for premium sound when entertaining.

Control4 plays a major role in the automation of multiple components and is operated from touchscreens, portable tablets, phones, remote controls and many schedules, timers and sensors.

The Control4 home automation system allows the homeowners to have control of air conditioning; motorised blinds and curtains; automated lighting; the front door, external gates, garage door and the boat house (all monitored





by a Ness M1 Alarm); motorised television lifts; and the security alarm and security cameras.

For managing and monitoring the security of the property, the home features a Lilin NVR (network video recorder) for monitoring cameras, integrated through Control4; nine Lilin day and night outdoor security cameras; a Ness M1 Gold alarm system; Control4 intercom stations at the main entry and boatshed entry; seven Control4 in-wall touchscreens and outdoor lighting sensors wired to Control4 I/O extenders.

Lighting control is handled by the latest Control4 panelised lighting system incorporating more than 170 relay and dimmer channels. More than 55 lighting keypads and seven Control4 touchscreens allow control of each lighting circuit, lighting scene or any other connected device within the home.

A comprehensive, fully monitored Pakedge wired and wireless network installed within the home

supports all connected devices. It includes an advanced router, multiple POE Network switches and wireless access points to cover all of the home's internal and external areas.

This amazing home is another excellent achievement by Life Style Store and an exemplary case of how modern living should be. "We actually love all aspects of our home," says Libby. "The home cinema is great fun and the entertaining areas work really well.

"Life Style Store is always responsive and you feel like the team truly want the best for your project. It is not just another cookie-cutter project — they work hard to achieve your objectives and make sure it works for you. And when things don't go exactly as planned — which happens on big, complex projects — they are there to troubleshoot the problem. They have a great team and are a pleasure to deal with."

---

### The facts

**Approx. price:** \$400,000

**Categories installed:** Home theatre, multi-room audio-visual, home automation

**Year of installation:** 2018

**Suburb:** Cammeray

**Architect:** Mohit Keni, Corben Architects

**Builder:** Hoi Construction

**Interior designer:** Woods and Warner



## THE SYSTEM

### LEVEL 1:

■ **Rumpus room:** Samsung QA75Q7F 75-inch QLED television, Vogel's articulating TV bracket, Video sources from HDMI matrix, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling main speakers, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling centre speaker, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling rear speakers, Paradigm Seismic 110 10-inch subwoofer, Marantz SR6012 A/V receiver, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Gym:** Samsung QA65Q7F 65-inch QLED television, Vogel's TV bracket, Video sources from HDMI matrix, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 zone amplifier, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control, Custom mirror wall to house the TV

■ **Steam room:** Paradigm PRO P80RX 'Marine' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 zone amplifier

■ **Deck 1:** Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 zone amplifier

■ **Main garden and swimming pool:** Paradigm Go-4 garden speakers (8), Paradigm in-ground 12-inch subwoofer, Paradigm 850-watt subwoofer amplifier, Control4 zone amplifiers for the speakers

■ **Boathouse:** Samsung QA43NU71 43-inch LED television, Vogel's articulating TV bracket, Paradigm Pro Series in-ceiling speakers (inside boathouse), Paradigm Stylus 470 on-wall outdoor speakers (outside boathouse), Control4 zone amplifiers

■ **Fire pit entertaining area:** Paradigm 8-inch rock garden speakers (4), Control4 zone amplifiers for the speakers

### LEVEL 2:

■ **Home theatre room:** Sony VPLW320ES 4K UHD projector, 120-inch 16:9 fixed premium cinema screen, Anthem MRX720 A/V receiver, Video sources from HDMI matrix, Paradigm SA30 in-wall main speakers, Paradigm SA30 in-wall centre speaker, Paradigm SA30 in-wall rear speakers (4), Paradigm Prestige 1000 12-inch subwoofer,

LED Starlight ceiling, Control4 EA3 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control, Custom joinery and wall panelling by client

■ **Bedroom 2:** Samsung QA43NU71 43-inch LED television, Vogel's articulating TV bracket, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 zone amplifier

■ **Bedroom 2 ensuite:** Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 zone amplifier

■ **Bedroom 3:** Samsung QA43NU71 43-inch LED television, Vogel's articulating TV bracket, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 zone amplifier

■ **Bedroom 4/home office:** Samsung QA55Q7F 55-inch QLED television, Wall-mount TV bracket, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 zone amplifier

■ **Bathroom:** Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 zone amplifier

### LEVEL 3:

■ **Living room:** Samsung QA65Q9F 65-inch QLED television, Ultralift motorised TV concealment panel, Video sources from HDMI matrix, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling main speakers, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling centre speaker, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling rear speakers, Paradigm Seismic 110 10-inch subwoofer, Marantz SR6012 A/V receiver

■ **Dining room:** Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 zone amplifier

■ **Kitchen:** Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 zone amplifier

■ **Deck 3:** Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 zone amplifier

### LEVEL 4:

■ **Master bedroom:** Samsung QA55Q7F 55-inch QLED television, Ultralift Mercury motorised TV lift, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling main speakers, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling centre speaker, Stealth

Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling rear speakers, Stealth Acoustics B30 'invisible' subwoofers, Stealth Acoustics subwoofer amplifier, Marantz SR6012 A/V receiver, Control4 EA3 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Master bedroom ensuite:** Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 zone amplifier

■ **Garage:** Paradigm Elite Series E65R in-ceiling speakers, Control4 zone amplifier

■ **Core components:** Control4 home controller, Control4 4 zone amplifiers (4), Control4 Triad 24 x 24 audio matrix switcher, Control4 eight-source, eight-zone HDMI matrix switcher, Oppo UDP205 Blu-ray player, Apple TV 4K players (2), Foxtel boxes (2), Control4 music streaming outputs, Sonos Connect music streamers, Isotek Aquarius power conditioner, Isotek Polaris power conditioners (3), Full-height A/V equipment rack

### HOME AUTOMATION:

■ **Lighting control:** Control4 EA5 home controller, Control4 8-channel lighting dimmers (11), Control4 8-channel 0-10V dimming controllers (7), Control4 8-channel lighting relays (11), Control4 lighting and home control keypads (55), Control4 5-slot lighting enclosures (6)

■ **Access and home control:** Control4 DS2 intercom station at main entry, Control4 DS2 intercom station at boathouse entry, Code keypads for external gate access, Control4 7-inch in-wall touchscreens (6), Control4 7-inch portable touchscreen, Coolmaster air-conditioning interface

■ **Security:** Ness M1 Premium alarm system, Internal motion and contact detectors (45), External motion sensors (7), Liiin 16-channel NVR, Liiin day/night outdoor security cameras (9)

■ **Data network:** Pagedge RK-1 network router, Pagedge SX-24P 24-port POE network switches (3), Pagedge SE-8P 8-port POE network switch, Pagedge SE-8i 8-port network switches (3), Pagedge NK-1 wireless network manager, Pagedge WX-1 wireless access points (6)

# Living made easy

Repetitive daily actions in this high-end home are now simply controlled by a home automation system



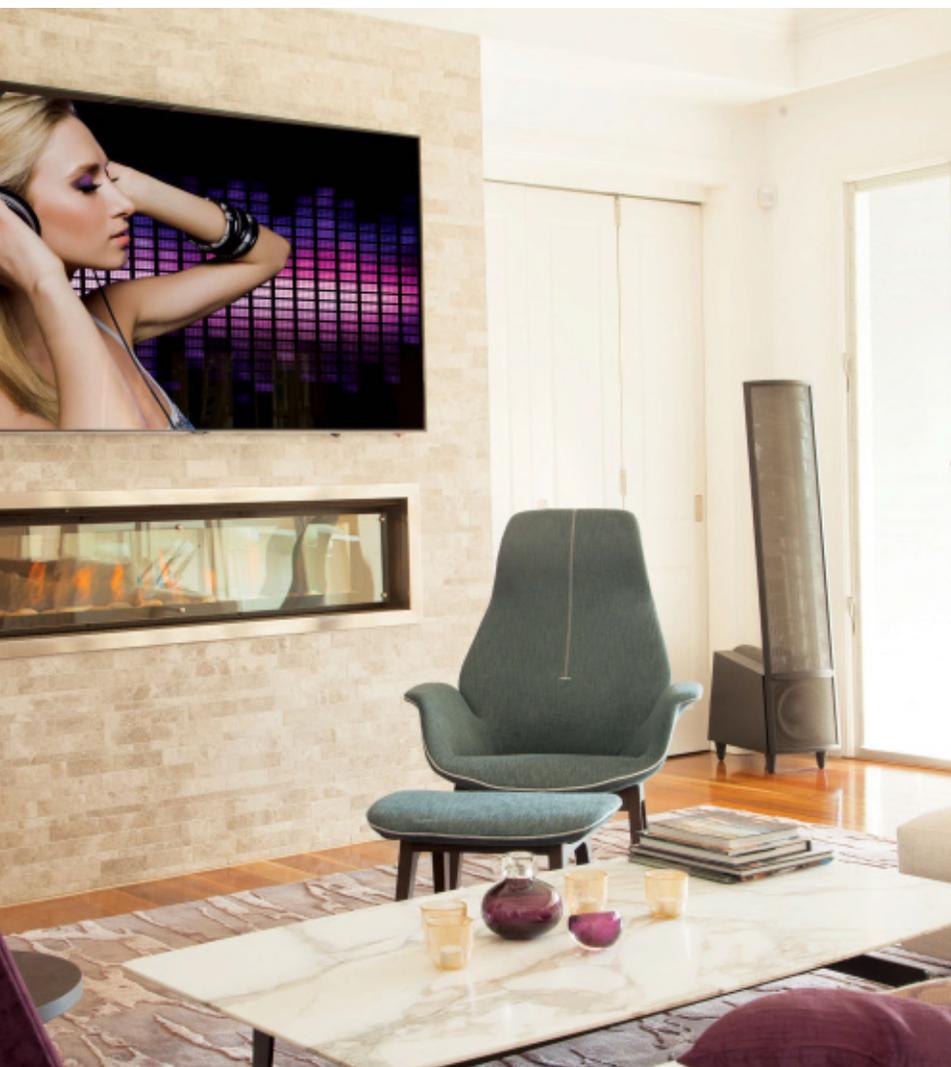
Imagine waking up in the morning, walking barefoot on warm floor tiles towards your shower, drying off with toasty-warm towels and as you sit at the breakfast table, block-out blinds open and a subtle light fills the room as the TV turns on. After work, entering the house using remote controls or access control grants access and disarms the alarm, activating a welcome home scene. The floors and towels again will be at the desired temperature for showers and the movies or music ready for selection in the desired areas. No, this isn't a five-star resort, but a daily reality for these fortunate St Ives homeowners.

Life Style Store was involved in the building process of this family home for this husband and wife and their three young children from the design stages until the end of the process, in conjunction with the home builder and architect from Chateau

Architects + Builders. The aim was to have a user-friendly, high-end home with the repetitious actions of the day controlled by the automation system, while remaining easy and obvious in its operation for visitors and carers to operate. "We have achieved this with logical programming and consistency in the way the homeowner wanted to have the house operate," says Life Style Store managing director John Kranitis.

The inclusion of audio and visual systems includes a selection of high-quality, reputable brands. "This not only offered the homeowner the ability to get the content that was shared to any display in the house but it also delivered it at a high-quality level," says John. "The equipment and the cabling infrastructure were all relative to one another and the end result is exceptional."

The management of the system via Control 4 was important to combine a centralised system in a reliable form. "There is a lot



of technology happening and to simplify it was really important,” says John. “The biggest test was when we needed to hand over the system to the parents of the homeowners and have them drive the system. This highlighted the importance of logical programming and that the initial system design was correct from the outset. The final result was that they were able to operate the system immediately from any location once they became familiar with how to navigate the Control4 system remote and touchscreen interface. They particularly loved the fact that the Control4 interface was enlarged on the TV screens all through the house where they would want to view it.”

Control4 plays a major role in the automation of multiple components from touchscreens, portable tablets and phones, remote controls and many schedules, timers and sensors. Schedules are used to control as much as possible to avoid having to turn things on and off when desired. “In fact, with the assistance of the client, we were able to break down the daily routine into segments of day and night processes, which reduces repetitious steps every day,” says John.

“This project was a challenge from the start and to end up with the result we have is a perfect example of a selection of the best products installed by Life Style Store.

“We have taken the time to consider both the current lifestyle and future desires of the client and designed a system which exceeds the expectations of all household members.”

### The facts

**Approx. price:** \$320,000

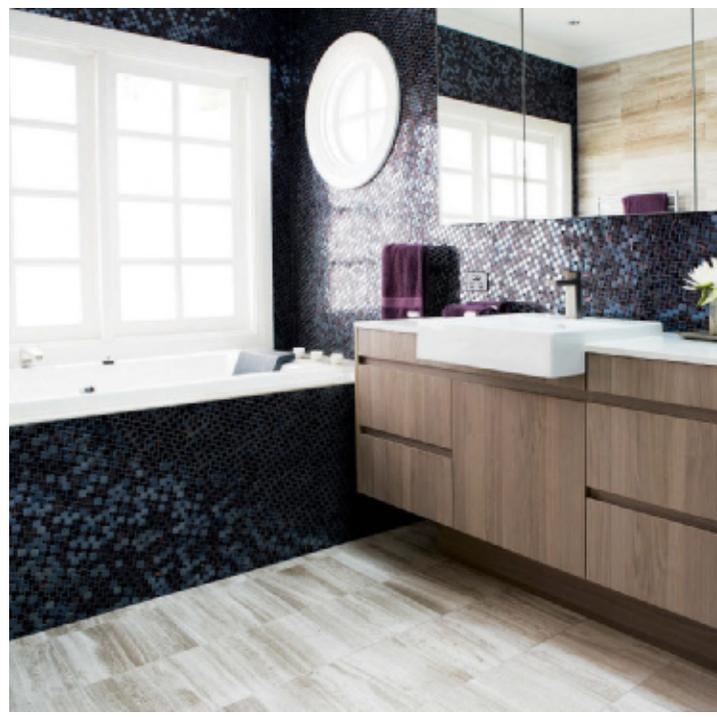
**Categories installed:** Custom home theatre, media room, two-channel stereo system, multi-room audio-visual, home automation, lighting control, security

**Year of installation:** 2013

**Suburb:** St Ives

**Architect or designer:** Chateau Architects + Builders

**Builder:** Chateau Architects + Builders



## THE SYSTEM

■ **Theatre room equipment:** Sim2 Nero 3D DLP projector, Prismasonic 5-element motorised anamorphic lens, Screen Technics acoustically transparent 140-inch 2.35:1 electric masked screen, Marantz AV8801 Reference A/V processor, Anthem Statement Series power amplifier, Primare BD32 Blu-ray player, Kaleidescape Cinema One movie server, Isotek Sigmas power conditioner, Paradigm Signature Series floor-standing main speakers, Paradigm Signature C5 centre speaker, Paradigm Reference ADP590 rear speakers, Paradigm Sub12 12-inch subwoofers (2), Control4 room controller

■ **Living room hi-fi and 5.1 system:** Samsung 75-inch LED television, Martin Logan SummitX main speakers, Moon 400M mono power amplifier (2), Linn Akurate DS HD music streamer, Isotek power conditioner (sources), Marantz AV7701 A/V processor, Cambridge Audio 752BD Blu-ray player, Sonos Connect zone player, Martin Logan Vanquish in-ceiling speakers (3), Paradigm Sub 12 12-inch subwoofer, Control4 HC250 home controller

■ **Wine cellar, dining room, gym, kitchen:** Paradigm Reference in-ceiling speakers per room (2)

■ **Office:** Samsung 75-inch LED television, Martin Logan Vanquish in-ceiling speakers (2), Control4 HC250 home controller

■ **Master bedroom system:** Samsung 55-inch LED television, Dynaudio IP24 in-ceiling speakers, Control4 HC250 home controller

■ **Children's bedroom 1:** Samsung wall-mounted LED television, Sonos Playbar

■ **Children's bedroom 2:** Samsung wall-mounted LED television, Sonos Playbar

■ **Children's bedroom 3:** Samsung wall-mounted LED television, Sonos Playbar

■ **Alfresco:** Helysn outdoor television, Dynaudio IP24 in-ceiling speakers

■ **Swimming pool area:** Martin Logan Electromotion in-ceiling speakers

■ **Dance studio:** Samsung wall-mounted LED television, Paradigm Reference in-ceiling speakers

■ **Multi-room audio-visual system core components:** Control4 HC800 home controller, Control4 16x16 audio matrix switcher, Leaf 8 x 8 HDMI matrix switcher, Anthem PVA4 power amplifiers (4), Control4 SR250 room controllers (7)

■ **Home automation system:** Control4 HC800 home controller, Control4 I/O extenders (3), Control4 intercom system with two external stations, Biometric fingerprint access reader, Control4 7-inch touchscreens with camera (3), Control4 panelised lighting system, Ness M1 Gold security system, Wirepath, DVR with Control4 integration, IR day/night surveillance cameras, Integrated Ness alarm system, Motorised blind and control for each room

feature | motorised tv and projector lifts

# Hide your TV, not the view



**W**hether you are trying to save space in your penthouse, maintain the aesthetic of your historic manor house or preserve your stunning uninterrupted ocean views, Life Style Store offers a wide range of motorised television and projector lifts as well as TV concealment systems to achieve this. By working with

your architect, designer or builder from the early stages of planning or construction, the team at Life Style Store can ensure that these items are integrated into your new or existing home and then truly disappear when not in use.

Premium brands stocked by Life Style Store including Screen Technics, Ultralift, Nexus 21 and Future Automation offer a large range of products to suit most scenarios and almost any requirement can be met thanks to the ability of these companies to produce truly one-of-a-kind custom products for more detailed or complex projects.

And of course, Life Style Store will install it for you and set it up to be controlled by your home automation system.



future automation

## EFFORTLESSLY HIDE YOUR TV

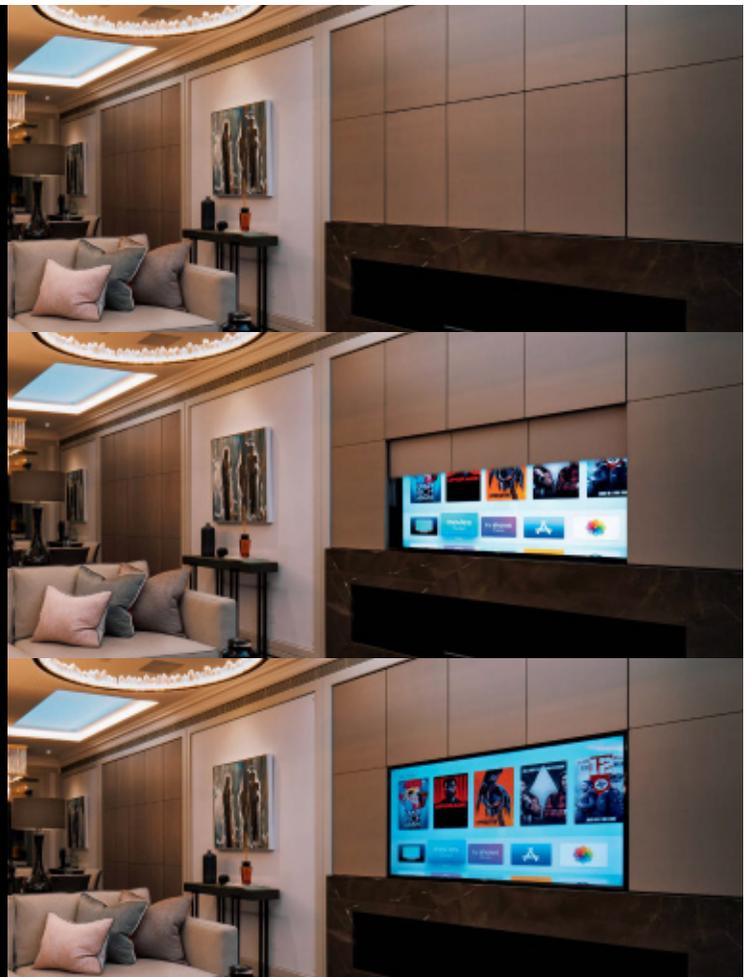
Conceal and reveal a display to maintain the aesthetic of your home.

Future Automation mechanisms are the preferred choice globally by AV installers because of their reliability and quality.

The Life Style Store is a Premium Partner of Future Automation.



[www.futureautomation.net](http://www.futureautomation.net)



# Point of perfection

Entertainment is critical in the southern Sydney home of this family of five



Life Style Store was involved in the building process for this stunning multi-level house at Kangaroo Point from the initial design stage. The company worked with the client to design and deliver a premium custom home theatre system, and multiple multi-room audio-visual zones were installed that include high-quality reputable brands to provide sound and picture throughout the home.

“We are a family of five, plus two dogs, and our kids are a bit older, so giving them their own spaces was crucial,” explains homeowner Danny. “Automation is critical in a house the size of ours — everything is controlled from either a touchscreen or our phones, and the kids and their friends are constantly streaming off their devices.

“It was important to us to have a free-flowing, ultra-modern family home with lots of natural light, and we wanted it to be

unique and different. We also envisioned our home to have a zen-type feel — to feel like a holiday home.”

The design used natural earthy colours, and part of the original brief was to have it look a little industrial. As a result, the home incorporates a lot of concrete, bluestone, glass, bronze mirrors and veneer.

The home theatre features a Sony 4K projector with CinemaScope zoom in conjunction with a Screen Innovations 144-inch 2.35:1 Slate Zero Edge screen with LED backlighting. Sound is taken care of by premium Anthem electronics and Paradigm speakers and subwoofers. From an aesthetics perspective, the home theatre features a custom starlight ceiling with 900 LED strands, including a 150-strand shooting star system, and two rows of cinema seating.

Stealth Acoustics ‘Invisible’ speakers have been installed throughout many of the main areas of the home so that the



speakers do not impact on the visual aesthetics of these rooms. While many zones were fitted off at the time of installation, Life Style Store also pre-wired an additional 10 rooms within the home for expansion of the multi-room audio system at a later date.

“Our home highlights attention to detail,” says Danny. “We have a lot of features in the house that haven’t really been seen in conventional homes.” Hidden rooms can be accessed via hidden pivot doors, and there’s also an all-off-form concrete island bench with stainless-steel doors, hidden mirrored TVs, cantilevered stairs, and the main floor slab tiles are 3.5m x 1.5m. The entry foyer to the house is also unique — the family used an enormous amount of Bamstone (bluestone) laid from the driveway down to the two ponds. The whole exterior of the house is also clad in zinc and Alucobond, with no external render at all.

“The suspended infinity-edge pool on level four is also quite special,” says Danny. “For me, there are two spaces that I constantly congregate in, one being the sitting room next to the fish tank and the other is my pool deck.”

This project highlights how a high-performance home theatre and audio-visual system can be integrated into a modern home in an unobtrusive and easy-to-use manner.

“The builder lost all his hair on this job; it was a challenging build,” laughs Danny. “The architect also played a huge role. Constant visits and changes were normal. I think we made something in the order of about 90 changes throughout the build process.

“We didn’t want any beams or structures to obstruct views or free-flowing spaces, and this was difficult considering the mass of the house. We used post tensioning in our transfer slabs — this helped eliminate beams.

“The fish tank was also a challenge. Getting it to fit and flow freely was difficult, and cladding it in veneer was even more complex.

“The air-conditioning was also challenging. We didn’t want any vents for either the supply or return to show, so hiding it all in the veneer was extremely challenging.

“From the minute I met Vinod, I remember telling my wife that this is who we will be using,” says Danny. “His knowledge and guidance was priceless, and nothing was too much trouble. I then met John when it came time to install the system and again was blown away. The care and knowledge from not just Vinod and John but their installers was amazing, and their after-service was also great. I will happily recommend them to anyone, even the most fastidious people. I can’t wait for them to do my next project.”

### The facts

**Approx. price:** \$230,000

**Categories installed:** Home theatre and multi-room audio-visual

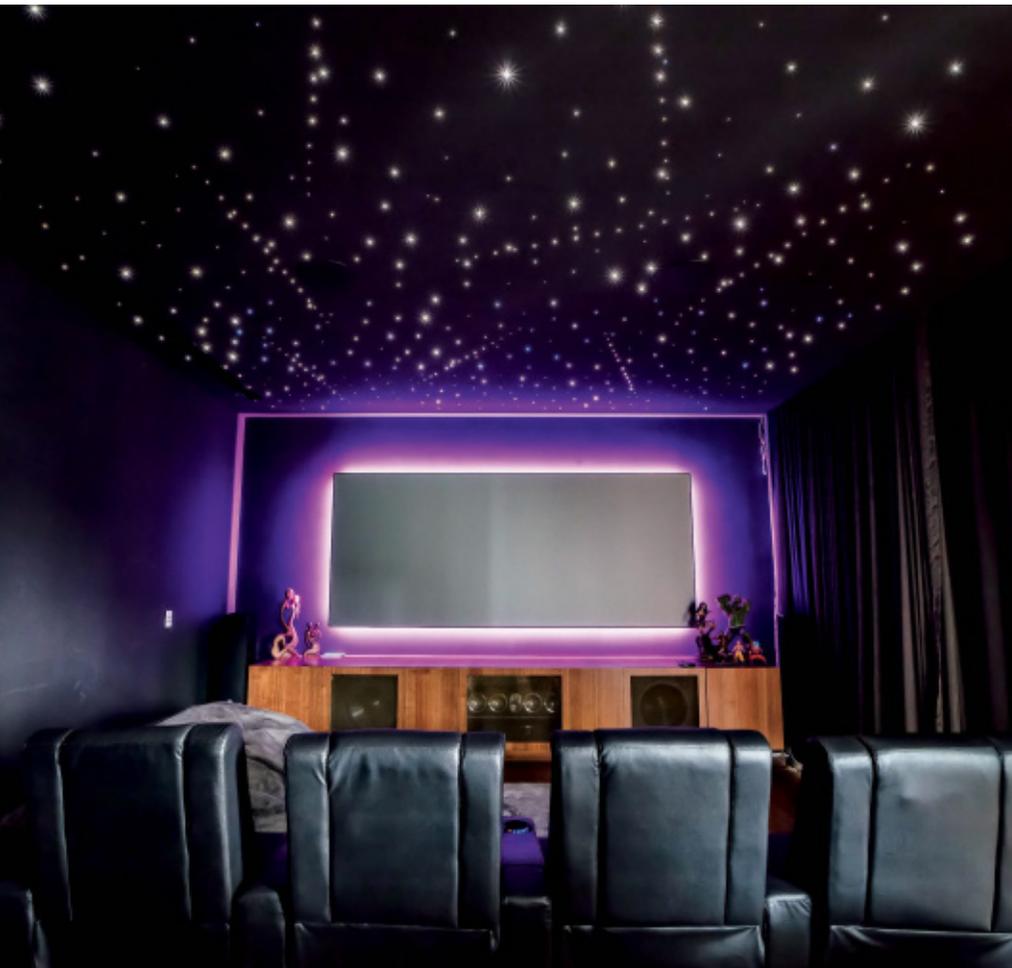
**Year of installation:** 2018

**Suburb:** Kangaroo Point

**Architect or designer:** Sidney Koh/Supersoma

**Builder:** Danny Zanzoul/Uniq Building Group

**Interior designer:** Supersoma and Anastasia Abouhaidar



## THE SYSTEM

■ **Home theatre room:** Sony VPLVW550ES 4K UHD projector, Ultralift motorised projector lift, Screen Innovations 144" 2.35:1 CinemaScope slate fixed screen, Anthem AVM60 A/V processor, Anthem A5 five-channel x 225-watt power amplifier, Anthem PVA7 seven-channel x 125-watt power amplifier, Oppo UDP205 Blu-ray player, Paradigm Signature S8 main speakers, Paradigm Prestige 55 centre speaker, Paradigm Elite E80 angled in-ceiling rear speakers (4), Paradigm Elite E80 angled in-ceiling atmos speakers (4), Paradigm Prestige 2000 15-inch subwoofers (2), Chord Chorus XLR interconnect cables, 750-strand LED Starlight ceiling system + 150-strand Shooting Star LED kit, Manhattan Gotham cinema seating — five seats x two rows, Isotek Aquarius and Polaris power conditioners, Control4 EA3 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

### LEVEL 1:

#### ■ Bedroom 1:

Television supplied by client, Wall-mount TV bracket, Paradigm Elite Series E80R 8-inch in-ceiling speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

### LEVEL 2:

■ **Bedroom 2:** Paradigm Elite Series E80R 8-inch in-ceiling speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Bedroom 3:** Paradigm Elite Series E80R 8-inch in-ceiling speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Sitting room:** Television supplied by client, Vogel's articulating TV bracket, Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

### LEVEL 3:

■ **Master bedroom:** ad notam mirror television, Wall-mount TV bracket

Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Master bedroom ensuite:** Pre-wire for future expansion

■ **Master bedroom dressing room:** Pre-wire for future expansion

■ **Master bedroom balcony:** Pre-wire for future expansion

■ **Zen garden** Pre-wire for future expansion

### LEVEL 4:

■ **Living room:** Samsung 75-inch QLED television, Wall-mount TV bracket, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling main speakers, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling centre speaker, Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling rear speakers, Paradigm Seismic 110 10-inch subwoofer, Anthem MRX520 A/V receiver, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Dining room:** Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 zone amplifier

■ **Kitchen:** Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 zone amplifier

■ **Terrace:** Television supplied by client, Wall-mount TV bracket, Paradigm Elite Series E80IW 8-inch in-ceiling speakers, Control4 zone amplifier

■ **Cellar:** Pre-wire for future expansion

### LEVEL 5:

■ **Gym:** Television supplied by client, Vogel's articulating TV bracket, Paradigm Elite Series E80R 8-inch in-ceiling speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Steam room:** Paradigm PRO P80RX 'Marine' in-ceiling speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Boathouse:** Television supplied by client, Wall-mount TV bracket, Paradigm Elite Series E80R in-ceiling speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Bedrooms 5, 6 and bathroom:** Pre-wire for future expansion

■ **Games room:** Pre-wire for future expansion

■ **Garden:** Pre-wire for future expansion

■ **Core components:** Control4 EA5 home controller, Control4 8-source 8-zone HDMI matrix switcher with audio downmix, Oppo UDP203 Blu-ray player, Apple TV 4K players (2), Foxtel boxes (2), Control4 music streaming outputs, Thor A12 power conditioner boards (4), Full-height A/V equipment rack

feature | home networking

# Forward thinking

## Today's modern home and the importance of a home network

**T**oday, we are more connected than ever before — at home, at work, in the car and on the go. The number of networked devices in a home continues to grow at a rapid pace and eventually, everything with power will become network aware, yet most home networks are not ready for the expanding requirements of a smart home. Seamless, scalable, reliable, and secure networks are not just desired, they are required, and Control4's Pakedge solutions deliver that level of performance for networked audio-visual and smart home installations.

With a managed network, your network traffic is prioritised, so your experience is seamless, reliable, and consistently dependable. Email and internet searches won't be interrupted while concurrently streaming movies or music, and cameras, intercoms, and other online devices perform just as they should. You'll get the most out of your home network with incredibly high speeds, elevated traffic flow, and products designed to eliminate lag, jitter and buffering in audio and video traffic.

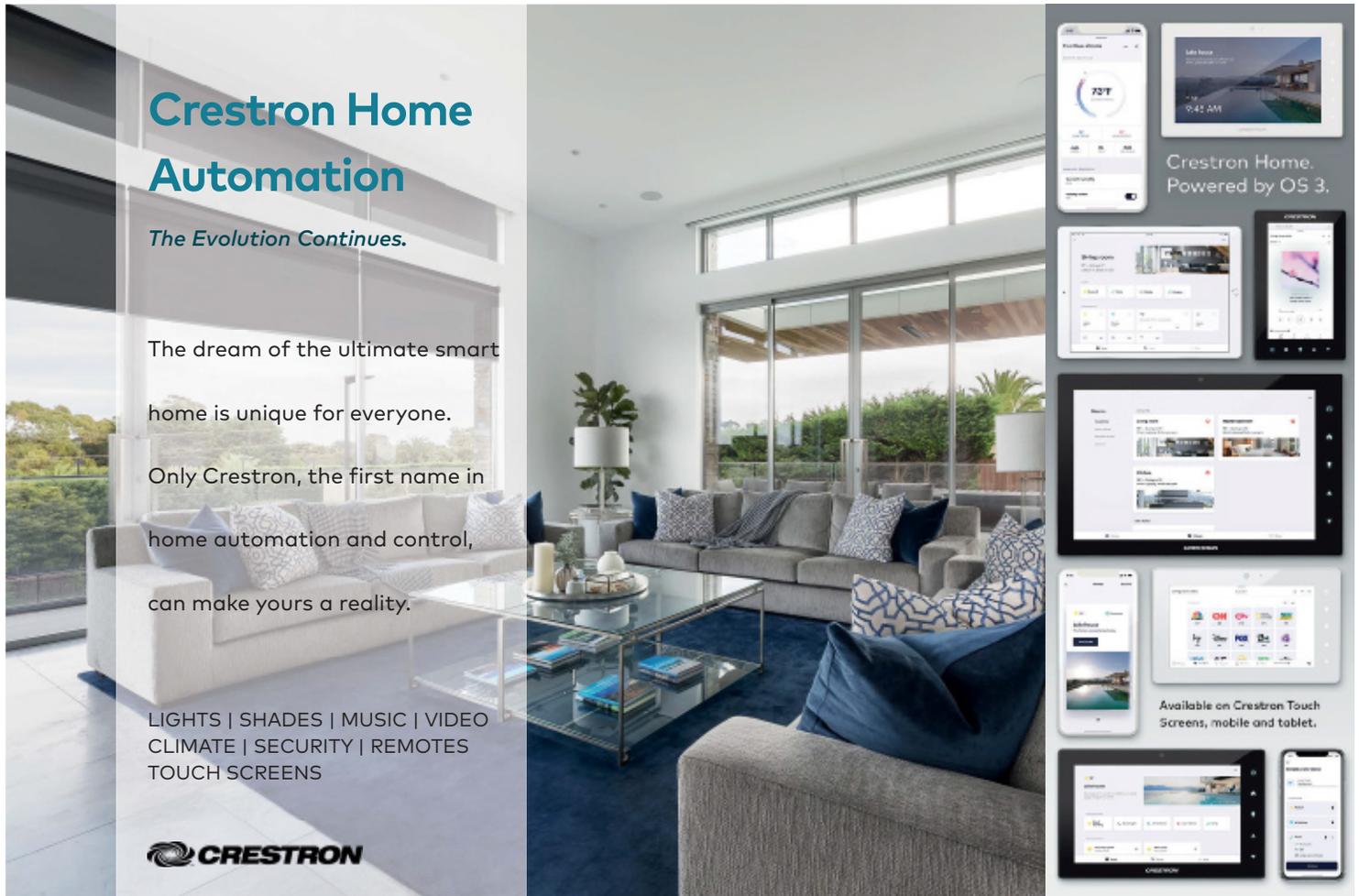
Via Control4's BakPak service, Life Style Store can pro-actively pre-empt many network-related issues and fix them remotely, before you even know they occur. This applies to the entire network, monitored speed tests, checking internet connectivity status and

also includes your home automation products.

Today's average smart home has a multitude of connected devices consuming bandwidth from your home network. Many of today's connected devices including security cameras, intercom station, touchscreens, access points and other similar items are powered by Power-Over-Ethernet (POE), which means that their physical power as well as their network connectivity is provided by the network switch. Modern smart lighting systems are also network based with each panelised dimmer or relay requiring a wired network connection. We also increasingly rely on streaming services throughout our house, which means that a robust, high-performing network is essential.

Control 4's Pakedge networking solutions feature the highest-quality products including routers, network switches and wireless access points designed for the unique demands of your connected home, delivering strong, reliable performance.

Configuring a comprehensive network, with both wired and wireless topology, for the multitude of devices in a modern smart home requires knowledge and experience. Life Style Store has a team of in-house staff trained for specifically this purpose.



**Crestron Home Automation**  
*The Evolution Continues.*

The dream of the ultimate smart home is unique for everyone. Only Crestron, the first name in home automation and control, can make yours a reality.

LIGHTS | SHADES | MUSIC | VIDEO  
CLIMATE | SECURITY | REMOTES  
TOUCH SCREENS

**CRESTRON**

Crestron Home. Powered by OS 3.

Available on Crestron Touch Screens, mobile and tablet.

project | wingham

# One and only

Resort-style living at your fingertips



**M**ost people only have one chance to build their dream home, and for Ian and his family in Wingham, this was it. “Our inspiration was to build the one and only dream family home that we would ever want to do,” says Ian. “Our vision was for a family home that we can all enjoy together and as the family grows.”

Ian is self-employed and built the home for himself, his wife and three children. Running a business means that time to sit back and relax at home is not all that common.

“Our atmosphere for this home was complete resort style because with our business, downtime is limited, as is time to travel as a family, so it was important that we built a home that had everything you could ever want in resort living,” says Ian. “The end result had to be a complete and enjoyable experience in whichever room you are in and around the house.”

Life Style Store was involved in the building process for this house from the initial construction stage. The company’s aim was to deliver a user-friendly, high-end home where the daily functions are easily controlled by the Control4 home automation system. Control4 plays a major role in the automation of multiple components and is operated from touchscreens, portable tablets, phones, remote controls and many schedules, timers and sensors.

A premium custom home theatre and multiple multi-room audio-visual systems, which include a selection of high-quality reputable brands, provide sound and picture throughout the house. The entertainment system includes a games room 5.1 system with six TV screens that can display different sources in a true pub/bar style and numerous multi-room entertainment zones.

Lighting control is handled by the latest Control4 panelised lighting system incorporating more than 170 relay and dimmer channels, with more than 45 lighting keypads and multiple touchscreen interfaces allowing control of each lighting circuit



or lighting scene as well as all other connected automated devices in the home.

The multi-room system features a Control4 16-zone audio matrix system and multiple Control4 and Anthem power amplifiers, and drives internal and external audio-visual zones.

The Control4 home automation system also allows for control of air conditioning, motorised blinds and curtains; automated lighting; ceiling fans; gas fireplace; the front door, alfresco/pool area door, garage door and front driveway gate (monitored by Ness M1 Gold); and motorised television lifts. Everything from heated towel rails and motorised blinds through to colour-change LED lighting and water features can all be operated from the Control4 system.

“As a family, we can now utilise and enjoy the many facets of the house, whether we’re having family movie nights in the cinema, watching TV in the pool/cabana/spa or going downstairs and enjoying the total ‘man cave’ experience in entertainment and design,” says Ian. “I have too many favourite places in this home but I would say that the cinema and man cave are second to none in terms of enjoyment and quality.

“This home was designed by my family for our own use and Life Style Store helped and enhanced the experience. With all the different trades and people involved, it was and has only ever been John (Kranitis) and Vinod (Christie-David) and Life Style Store that we have had an ongoing relationship with. They certainly care about us and this project. It’s very reassuring that they are there to help and they are people who we now call friends.”

### The facts

**Approx. price:** \$500,000

**Categories installed:** Custom home theatre, media room, lounge room, games room and bar, multi-room audio-visual, home automation, motorised TV lift, lighting control, security

**Year of installation:** 2014

**Suburb:** Wingham

**Architect or designer:** Homeowner Ian Smith

**Builder:** Owner/builder

**Interior designer:** Ian and Andre Smith





# THE ENTERTAINMENT HUB OF YOUR NEW HOME



For over 65 years, Marantz Hi-Fi and Home Theatre components have brought the live concert or Hollywood blockbuster into the home with startling reality and highest fidelity sound. Now enjoy the very latest industry-leading technologies with the 2019 range of Marantz AV Receivers.



## WE'RE REALLY CONNECTED



Our new Marantz AV Receivers can play music, games or movies from almost any device. Plug them in or connect wirelessly via Wi-Fi or Bluetooth.

[www.marantz.com.au](http://www.marantz.com.au)



**JUST  
ASK US**

Use your smartphone or tablet for convenient control of your Marantz. Even easier, Marantz works with all leading voice technologies, so if you want to play your tunes in one or more rooms, just ask!

**marantz**<sup>®</sup>

**because music matters**



## THE SYSTEM

■ **Theatre room equipment:** Runco LS10i 1080P DLP projector, Prismasonic five-element motorised anamorphic lens, Screen Innovations 142-inch 2.35:1 Black Diamond curved cinema screen, Anthem D2V Reference A/V processor, Anthem Statement Series P5 power amplifier, Anthem Statement Series P2 power amplifier, Primare BD32 Blu-ray player, Furman SPR16EI power conditioner, Paradigm Signature Series LCR5 in-wall main speakers, Paradigm Signature C5 centre speaker, Paradigm Reference Signature ADP rear speakers, Paradigm Sub12 12-inch subwoofers (2), Control4 HC800 home automation room controller

■ **Theatre room aesthetics:** Acoustic wall panels in premium fabric (7), Rear acoustic wall system with acoustic foam, Custom-made blackout motorised blinds within blackout channels, Two rows of integral furniture premium, Starlight 'Night Sky' LED ceiling lighting

■ **Games room 5.1 system:** Samsung 75-inch LED television, Samsung 32-inch LED televisions (5), Martin Logan Vanquish main and centre speakers, Martin Logan Electromotion R rear speakers, Furman Elite power conditioner, Anthem MR310 A/V receiver, Anthem A5 power amplifier, Leaf 8x8 HDMI matrix switcher, Cambridge Audio 752BD Blu-ray player, Sonos Connect Zone player, Paradigm Sub 12 12-inch subwoofer, Control4 HC250 home controller

■ **Formal lounge room:** Samsung 65-inch LED television, Martin Logan Electromotion R in-ceiling speakers (4), Colour-changing LED strip lighting, Automated fireplace

■ **Family room:** Samsung 65-inch LED television, Martin Logan Electromotion R in-ceiling speakers (2)

■ **Office:** Samsung 55-inch LED television, Martin Logan Electromotion R in-ceiling speakers (2)

■ **Master bedroom:** Samsung 55-inch LED television, Ultralift motorised descender TV lift, Martin Logan Electromotion R in-ceiling speakers (2)

■ **Kitchen/meals area:** Martin Logan Electromotion R in-ceiling speakers (2)

■ **Cabana:** Alfresco television motorises to this area, Martin Logan Electromotion R in-ceiling speakers (4)

■ **Alfresco:** Samsung 65-inch LED television, Ultralift motorised descender TV lift with 360-degree swivel, Martin Logan Electromotion R in-ceiling speakers (4)

■ **Swimming pool area:** Martin Logan Electromotion in-ceiling speakers (2), Starlight 'Night Sky' LED ceiling lighting over spa, Colour-changing LED strip lighting

■ **Lower courtyard area:** Stealth Acoustics Stingray speakers (4)

■ **Billiard room:** Martin Logan Electromotion R in-ceiling speakers (4)

■ **Gym:** Samsung 32-inch LED televisions (3), Marantz SR6008 A/V receiver, Martin Logan Electromotion R in-ceiling speakers (4)

■ **Multi-room audio-visual system core components:** Control4 HC800 home controller, Control4 HC250 home controller, Control4 16x16 audio matrix switcher, Sonos Connect players (7), Control4 8-channel amplifiers (3), Anthem MCA20 power amplifiers (2), Foxtel IQ2 boxes (6), Control4 SR250 room controllers (7)

■ **Home automation system:** Control4 HC800 Home Controller, Ness intercom system, iRoom motorised iPad docks (3) with iPads, Control4 panelised lighting system, Ness M1 Gold security system, Lilin DVR with Control4 integration, Lilin IR day/night surveillance cameras, Integrated Ness alarm system, Ceiling fan control for each room, Fireplace control, Motorised blind control for each room

# Standing the test of time

A timeless NSW Central Coast holiday house that will warmly welcome family members as the years go by



Life Style Store is proud of its work on this stunning Central Coast holiday home and worked closely with the builder, Ginardi Projects, and interior designer Greg Natale to deliver a stunning integrated home theatre and audio-visual system.

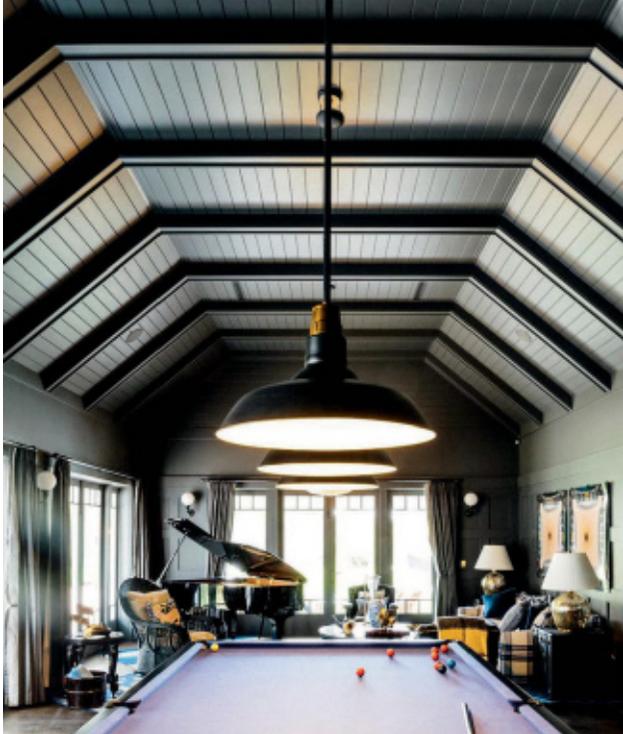
The purpose of the build was for this family of four and their pets to have a holiday house, which will eventually become their retirement home, just a short drive from Sydney. The project brief was to build a Hamptons-style country estate that was to remain timeless so that the family always has a place to come together and enjoy each other's company. Major obstacles faced included building the house on a steep sloping landscape.

"It is a unique style of home that is uncommon in Sydney and even in Australia," explains builder Luigi Ginardi of Ginardi

Projects. "It is a project that has been designed and built to last through the ages."

In the home theatre, materials and colours were chosen and designed by Jamie Dimech from Life Style Store and Greg Natale from Greg Natale Designs, who collaborated on the room's layout. The impact of the home theatre had to be minimal on the rest of the house. Special design considerations were to incorporate a separate concrete slab for the theatre to sit on, with expansion joints to minimise the impact of bass from the subwoofers on the rest of the house; acoustic brick ties to reduce vibration and noise transfer throughout the house; and heavy insulation, rubber dampening mats and triple-layer plasterboard ceilings.

The property does not contain full automation but features AV throughout the control of the TVs, home theatre and speakers, courtesy of Life Style Store.



“My dealings with Life Style Store were great,” says Luigi, who admits that his favourite part of the home is the billiards room. “On a whole, there weren’t really any issues or problems and when there were, Life Style Store was positive in its approach to resolve issues. They put the customers’ needs first, even if it means replacing items at their own cost upfront until issues with manufacturers and their warranties are sorted. Life Style Store has a great team with great customer relations.”

### The facts

**Approx. price:** \$350,000

**Categories installed:** Home theatre room, multi-room audio

**Year of installation:** 2016

**Suburb:** Avoca, Central Coast

**Architect:** Brad Inwood Architects

**Interior designer:** Greg Natale Designs

**Landscape architect:** Myles Baldwin Designs

**Building company:** Ginardi Projects

**Builder:** Luigi Ginardi



## THE SYSTEM

■ **Theatre room:** Sony VPLWV-520ES 4K projector, Prismasonic 5 element motorised lens, Stewart Filmscreen 153-inch CineV THX-certified microperforated screen, Marantz AV8802 A/V processor, Anthem Statement M1 1000-watt mono power amplifiers (7), Anthem Statement P5 325-watt power amplifiers (5), Oppo BDP105D Blu-ray player, HEOS Link music streamer, Primare DAC30 DA converter, Dynaudio Confidence C4 main speakers, Dynaudio Confidence centre speaker, Dynaudio IP24 in-wall rear and side speakers (4), Dynaudio IC17 in-ceiling Atmos speakers (4), Luis Wassmann dual 18-inch subwoofers and subwoofer amplifiers, Isotek Titan GII power conditioner, LED night "sky" ceiling kit with 600 stars, Control4 EA3 room controller and SR260 remote control, Control4 automated lighting for five circuits

■ **Living room:** Wall-mounted LED television, Vogel's pivoting wall-mount TV bracket, Paradigm Signature Series 8-inch in-ceiling speakers, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control, HEOS streaming amplifier

■ **Billiards room:** Wall-mounted LED television, Vogel's pivoting wall-mount TV bracket, Paradigm Signature Series 8-inch in-ceiling speakers, HEOS streaming amplifier

■ **Rumpus room:** Wall-mounted LED television, Vogel's pivoting wall-mount TV bracket, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Kitchen:** Wall-mounted LED television, Vogel's pivoting wall-mount TV bracket, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Study:** Wall-mounted LED televisions (4) (video wall), Vogel's pivoting wall-mount TV brackets (4), Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Bedroom 1:** Wall-mounted LED television, Vogel's pivoting wall-mount TV bracket, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Bedroom 2:** Wall-mounted LED television, Vogel's pivoting wall-mount TV bracket, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Bedroom 3:** Wall-mounted LED television, Vogel's pivoting wall-mount TV bracket, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Bedroom 4:** Wall-mounted LED television, Vogel's pivoting wall-mount TV bracket, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Verandah:** Paradigm Signature Series 8-inch in-ceiling speakers, HEOS streaming amplifier

■ **Alfresco:** Paradigm Signature Series 8-inch in-ceiling speakers, HEOS streaming amplifier

■ **Core components:** Control4 HC800 home controller, Control4 16 x 16 audio matrix switcher, Control4 16-channel power amplifier, Control4 8-source 8-zone HDMI matrix switcher, Oppo BDP105D Blu-ray and media players (2), Strong HD PVR set-top boxes (4), Isotek Sirius power conditioners (4), Dual UPS power supplies, A/V equipment rack



# Clever control

The smartest security, intercom and access control options for your home



**H**ome automation systems offer the ultimate in convenience by making the electronic components and systems you already use work together, seamlessly. Lighting, music, video, climate control, security, cameras, intercom, access control, door locks, blinds and more can be tied together and Life Style Store can give you the ability to control them from anywhere.

With one touch you can dim the lights, stream music, turn up the heat, lock doors and arm the security system. Check in on cameras or see who's ringing the doorbell from wherever you are.

It's a smarter living experience that you'll wonder how you ever lived without. And you can control them all via voice control, motion-activated sensors, timers or at the touch of a button.

## CONTROL4

The Control4 Mobile App with 4Sight subscription provides secure access to your home while you're away. With 4Sight, you can monitor cameras, lock or unlock the doors, adjust the temperature, close the garage door, and turn off the lights from virtually anywhere in the world using your iOS or Android mobile device, or even your Apple Watch.

Via Control4's Intercom Anywhere app, from anywhere in the world, receive calls from your front door, the gate or from anywhere inside the house. Your door station will ring you when a service worker has arrived, and you can give instant access to the house from the same app. Two custom buttons can be programmed to turn on lights, unlock the door or disarm the alarm. Alternatively, use your smartphone to call any touchscreen in the house, so you can see how the kids are doing. It's the perfect blend of peace of mind and home control.

An integrated keypad in the intercom can also be programmed to trigger actions within the home and codes can be set to only operate

within certain times, such as a cleaner's code that only functions on one day of the week.

T3 Series In-Wall Touch Screens, available in 7-inch and 10-inch versions, provide always-on, dedicated, responsive, and elegant control of your home via the Control4 interface. These touchscreens look amazing on any wall and are also available in a portable version.

Life Style Store also has options for fingerprint, RFID and facial recognition access control and these can be programmed to interface with Control4.

## LILIN AND PAKEDGE IP CAMERAS

Lilin and Pakedge IP Cameras provide exceptional, high-definition video in a range of resolutions. High-output, IR LEDs and intelligent image signal processing deliver superior low-light images without motion blur, allowing great visibility at night. Watch cameras from touchscreens, smart phones, tablets or televisions, monitor cameras from outside the home with 4Sight and automatically see all movement on touchscreens.

## AUTOMATED ALARM SYSTEMS

An Automated Alarm System will directly interface with Control4 and allows two-way interactions to be managed between alarm events and other devices within and around your home. For example, room alarm sensors can be used to trigger lighting scenes, SMS notifications or even start music playlists.

The alarm system zone status can be monitored remotely, and you can arm or disarm the alarm via the Control4 App. Receive a notification the moment that something isn't right, such as the garage door being left open. Partial arming is also available so that you can alarm all the areas of your home except for the bedroom and ensuite sensors while you sleep.

# Berry bliss

The exterior of this rammed earth home exudes a natural feeling, while inside is easily controlled by a home automation system



Life Style Store was involved in the building process for this unique house, which is constructed from rammed earth and with huge solar power dependency, from the initial design stage. This is the third property that Life Style Store has completed for this client at this level, so the brief was to replicate what Life Style Store had installed in their previous home — a user-friendly, high-end home where the daily functions are easily controlled by the Control4 home automation system.

“Life Style Store had previously completed a system at our Darlinghurst apartment in Sydney and later at our holiday home, so when it came time to build our dream home in Berry, we engaged Life Style Store for the home entertainment and automation system,” explains homeowner Craig. “Our brief was for them to install a similar system with the same type and quality of componentry.

“The house is occupied by my partner and I. He spends a lot of time overseas for work and I often come to our holiday property at that time, so we wanted a very simple and easy-to-use property that was low maintenance.”

The design of the home is unique in style and materials. “We envisioned an earthy, natural feeling to the home — a design that blended into the environment,” says Craig.

The home was to be constructed from rammed earth with round walls, so everything had to be integrated into this construction and design. The entire home was also powered by solar power (off the grid), so everything had to be compatible with working off this type of power source. Being rammed earth, everything had to be planned extremely well in advance as cables could not be run at a later stage.

A premium custom home theatre and multiple multi-room audio-visual systems provide sound and picture throughout the house. Stealth Acoustics ‘invisible’ speakers



feature in Craig's other two properties, and this was also a request for this home.

"We have had the pleasure of dealing with Life Style Store for more than 10 years and are extremely impressed with their professionalism and commitment to our projects," says Craig. "Vinod and his team's knowledge of the latest products and ability to make them work seamlessly is exceptional. We wouldn't consider anyone else for any future installations."

---

### The facts

**Approx. price:** \$250,000

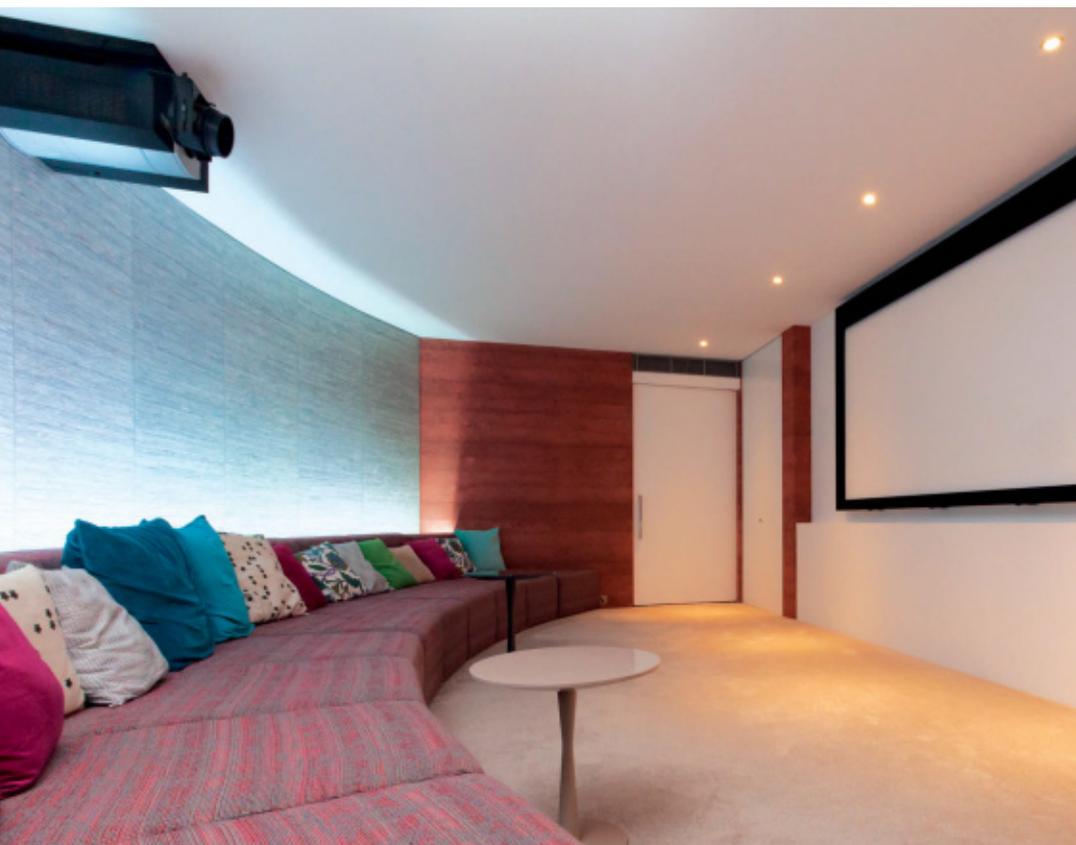
**Categories installed:** Custom home theatre, media room, multi-room audio-visual, home automation, lighting control

**Year of installation:** 2015

**Suburb:** Berry

**Architect or designer:** BKH Architects

**Builder:** Strongbuild



## THE SYSTEM

### ■ Theatre room:

Runco Q750i LED projector  
 Runco Cineglide Auto CinemaScope lens  
 Stewart Filmscreen 138-inch 2.35:1 screen with side masking  
 Anthem MRX710 A/V receiver  
 Cambridge Audio 752BD Blu-ray player  
 Stealth Acoustics LR3 main speakers  
 Stealth Acoustics LR3 centre speaker  
 Stealth Acoustics LR8 rear speakers (4)  
 Stealth Acoustics 'Invisible' subwoofers (4)  
 Stealth Acoustics subwoofer amplifier (2)  
 Furman SPR-16EI AC voltage regulator  
 Isotek Aquarius power conditioner  
 Control4 HC800 home controller  
 Middle Atlantic swivel equipment rack and enclosure

### ■ Living room:

Samsung 55-inch LED TV  
 Ultralift angled motorised Mercury TV lift with extra drop  
 Marantz SR6009 A/V receiver  
 Cambridge Audio 752BD Blu-ray player  
 Sonos Connect music player  
 Stealth Acoustics LR3 main speakers  
 Stealth Acoustics LR3 centre speaker  
 Stealth Acoustics LR8 rear speakers (4)  
 Control4 HC250 room controller

### ■ Master bedroom:

Samsung 48-inch LED TV  
 Ultralift motorised Mercury TV lift  
 Marantz SR6009 A/V receiver  
 Cambridge Audio 752BD Blu-ray player  
 Sonos Connect music player  
 Stealth Acoustics LR3 main speakers  
 Control4 HC250 room controller

### ■ Master bedroom ensuite:

Stealth Acoustics LR8 speakers

### ■ Kitchen:

Stealth Acoustics LR8 speakers  
 Sonos Connect amplifier

### ■ Courtyard:

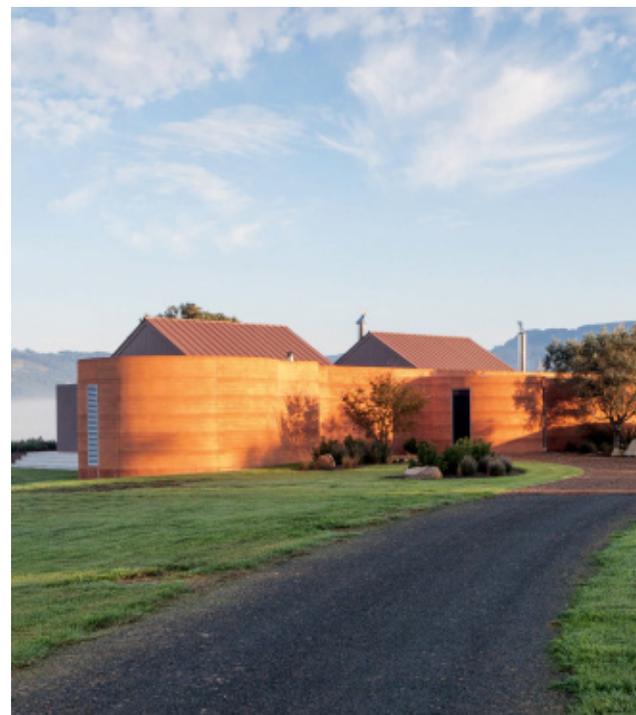
Stealth Acoustics LR8 speakers  
 Sonos Connect amplifier

### ■ Pool terrace:

Stealth Acoustics Stingray outdoor speakers  
 Sonos Connect amplifier

### ■ Core components:

Data network and components



feature | invisible speakers

# Speakers that disappear

## Impeccable audio performance with the aesthetic benefits of true invisibility

Increasing demand for integrated lifestyle technology, combined with the associated 'aesthetic-clutter' that it brings, has led to a rise in the availability of hidden technology solutions.

With the invention of VPT (Vibrational Panel Technology), UK invisible speaker company Amina has taken the common loudspeaker design and replaced the cone with a flat panel. Instead of moving forwards and backwards visibly like a typical cone design, a VPT panel uses small vibrations to generate sound which can be heard but not seen. This allows for seamless integration of a loudspeaker into any wall, ceiling or flat decorative panel with zero visual impact. Amina has two core technologies to allow integration of invisible loudspeakers into any room.

### AMINA EDGE

Edge Series loudspeakers provide a high-performance solution for installation into plasterboard within cavity walls and ceilings. Edge

is a completely invisible plaster up-to loudspeaker that provides ultimate audio performance.

Designed to replace a small section of plasterboard, Edge Series loudspeakers have their perimeter filled, taped and feathered in the same way that tapered-board is installed and finished. The entire wall/ceiling can then be painted and decorated, allowing the loudspeaker to become fully invisible. The loudspeaker is only ever attached to the plasterboard itself and not the studwork, so no special framing is required.

### AMINA MOBIUS

Mobius is for installation into a range of materials such as timber or leather, giving the ultimate in design and installation flexibility. Where plasterboard building techniques are not being used, or for where there is a specialist covering material, Mobius Series loudspeakers provide a flexible sound solution for a range of design-led finishes.

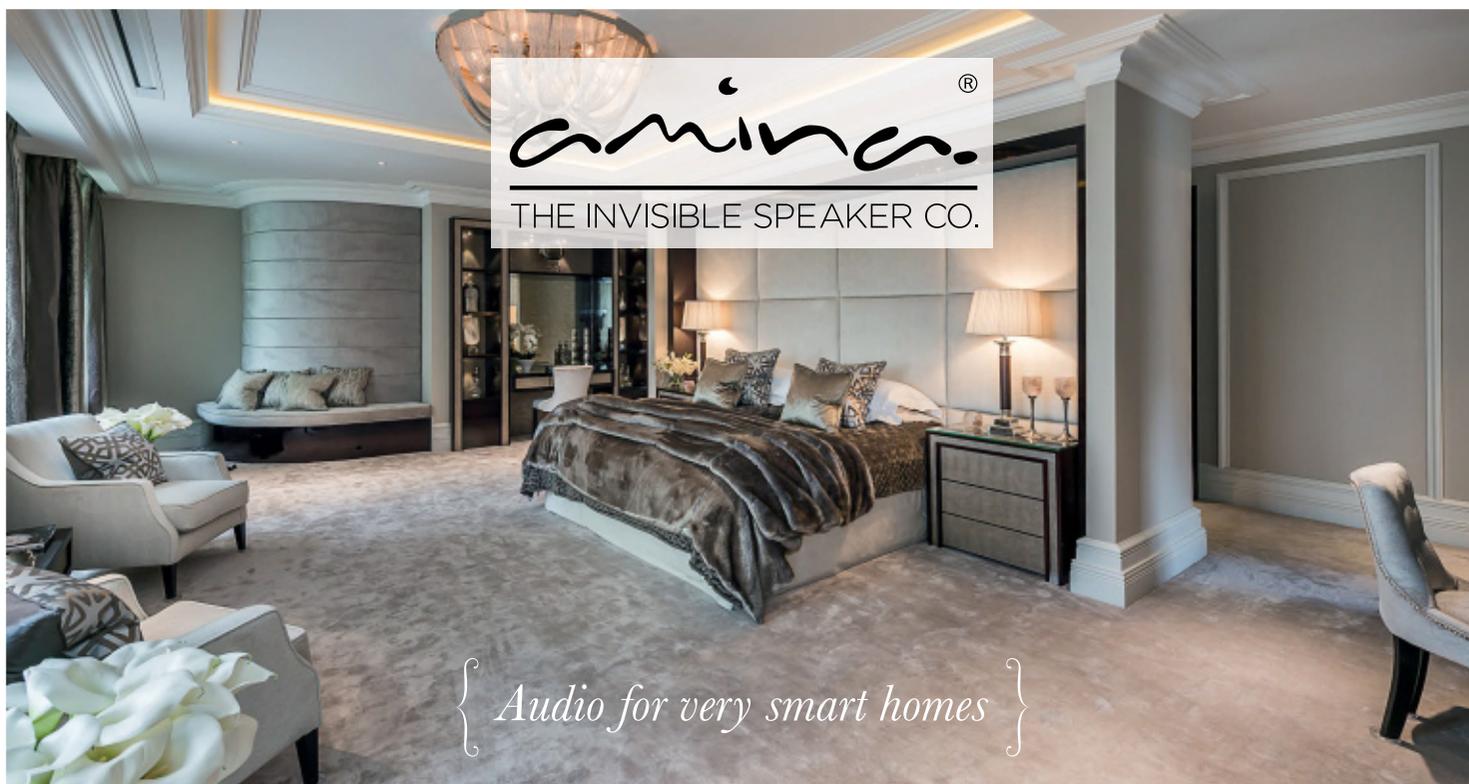
Whether installed behind timber, leather, natural stone veneer or other high-quality laminates or

into a solid blockwork, or even a specialist finish such as acoustic or polished plaster, Mobius loudspeakers provide ultimate installation flexibility.

[uk.aminasound.com](http://uk.aminasound.com)

### STEALTH ACOUSTICS

The LinearResponse range of invisible speakers are full-range, high-output speakers incorporating patented Stealth technology to provide great sound quality and extended bass response, all while eliminating the unsightly grilles and bulky boxes of traditional speakers. The award-winning line of Made In America totally invisible speakers and subwoofers utilise injection moulded frames, low-profile high-power cone woofers, Neodymium tweeters and multi-stage crossover networks to deliver unmatched warmth, realism and depth of sound. From multi-room music systems to home theatres or boardrooms to conference rooms, Stealth provides the most capable and best-sounding family of totally invisible architectural speakers in the world. [stealthacoustics.com](http://stealthacoustics.com)



Our latest high performance flat panel loudspeakers are built into your walls or ceilings and then decorated over, disappearing entirely  
No grilles – just perfect room filling sound

 **MADE IN BRITAIN**

# Sonos

## Sonos makes playing any song in any room easy

**M**uch like home furnishings, sound influences the mood of a space, but too often it's overlooked. What if we thought of sound in our homes the way we thought of flooring or paint colours — something that brings every room together and makes them part of a cohesive whole? That's the idea behind Sonos sonic architecture.

### SONOS AMP

The new Sonos Amp can handle the demands of a 5.1 surround system, vintage speakers, and outdoor speakers. Amp can live out of sight, or be out in the open, converting classic speakers you inherited for streaming or integrating a record player into your modern setup. Amp ties all technology in your home together and supports services such as voice assistants and security systems, in addition to entertainment. It's a versatile amplifier for powering all your entertainment. This home audio hub powers traditional wired speakers with sound from nearly

any source, and fully integrates these speakers into Sonos' easy-to-use wireless home sound system. Amp supports Apple's AirPlay 2 and more than 100 streaming services, and includes an HDMI Arc port for TVs.

Amp, designed to fit perfectly into standard AV racks that custom install professionals use, powers up to four speakers with 125 watts per channel. Onboard HDMI and line-in ports means TVs, turntables, CD changers, and other audio components can easily connect with Amp.

Amp's versatile hardware was built to power the Sonos software platform. New updates to the platform make it easy for installers to integrate Amp into integrated smart home set-ups, including smart lighting and centralised control systems.

Amp is also AirPlay2 compatible — music and other audio from any iOS device can be played wirelessly through Amp. And when wirelessly connected to an Amazon Alexa-enabled device such as Sonos One or Beam, Amp is controllable with voice commands.

**Website:** [sonos.com](https://www.sonos.com)

- Packing 125 watts per channel, Amp powers even the most demanding speakers and up to four speakers instead of two.
- Enjoy music, TV, and more. Amp has an HDMI ARC port and an input for an additional audio source, whether listening on floor-standing speakers, integrated home cinema, or through a turntable.
- Use Amp to add stereo sound to a TV, to add wireless rears to a Sonos home-cinema setup, or two Amps for surround sound.
- Listen to music, podcasts, radio, audiobooks, and more. Also, play all music stored on a computer or other devices.
- Use AirPlay 2 to send sound from an iPhone or iPad to any speakers in the home sound system.
- Use the Sonos app on a phone or tablet, TV remote, keypads, AirPlay 2, or through voice with Amazon Echo and Alexa-enabled devices.
- New APIs and deeper integrations with the Sonos platform partners create seamless smart home control.
- Enjoy solid and reliable WiFi performance, or connect Amp to an Ethernet cable and easily turn the WiFi off in the Sonos app.
- Stereo or dual mono sound. Whether configuring Amp for an open floor plan or a custom listening room, create the best experience.
- With a centralised heatsink, air inlets, and a discrete output stage, Amp keeps its cool and delivers lasting power.
- Direct digital input eliminates the need for analogue conversion, so you get clear, undistorted sound for music streaming and your TV.
- Custom speaker connectors. A pair of threaded connections for left and right channels guarantees high-quality performance.



### SONOS ARCHITECTURAL BY SONANCE

A collaboration between Sonos and Sonance has delivered a series of three architectural speakers — in-wall, in-ceiling and outdoor - that gain additional functionality through software when paired with Sonos Amp.

Sonos Architectural by Sonance is a collection of installed passive speakers for indoor and outdoor use, designed and optimised for Sonos Amp. The speakers disappear into any space while providing clear sound, even coverage, high-quality performance, and ease of use.

When paired with Sonos Amp, the In-Ceiling and In-Wall speakers' unique hardware signature unlocks Trueplay™, Sonos' tuning technology, which optimises the sound based on the construction of the room and placement of furniture.

The Outdoor speaker is the first Sonos speaker designed for outdoor use. With a weatherproof design and engineered to withstand a wide variety of environmental conditions, you can now enjoy audio content year-round from anywhere in your home, inside or out.

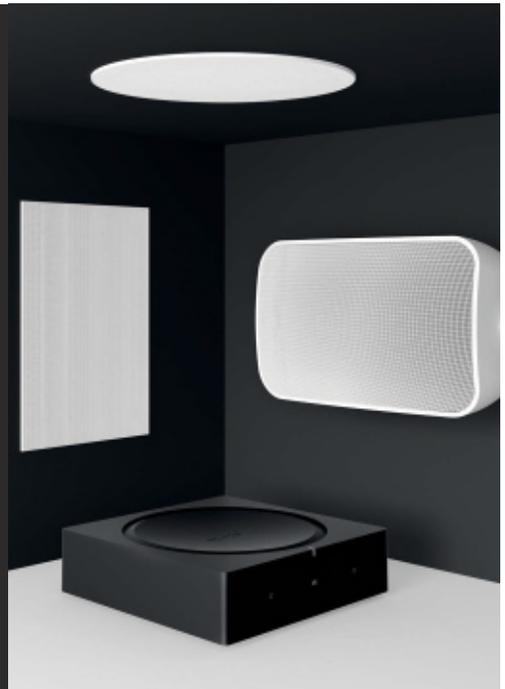
A connection to Amp also brings Sonos system benefits to every Sonos Architectural by Sonance

speaker, including an easy-to-use app that works with a multitude of streaming services, AirPlay 2 control, regular software updates, and the ability to add additional Sonos speakers and components to expand your setup over time.

Up to three pairs of Sonos Architectural by Sonance speakers can be powered by a single Sonos Amp. Also, all Sonos Architectural by Sonance speakers feature dynamic bass processing to enhance low frequencies for a richer listening experience.

Sonos Architectural by Sonance speakers put sound experience first, regardless of where you're listening.

- In-Ceiling speakers bring music into any room and are ideal for spacious, ambient listening. Specially designed round, or optional square grilles can be painted to match the ceiling.
- In-Wall speakers bring targeted, immersive sound for home theatre and feature specially designed grilles that can be painted to match the wall.
- Outdoor speakers withstand elements such as humidity, water, salt spray, heat, UV rays, and freezing temperatures to deliver rich sound outside the home.



feature

# What is multi-room AV?

Stream high-resolution music and video throughout every room of your house



## MULTI-ROOM AUDIO

A multi-room audio system will change the way you listen to music in your home forever.

Allowing you to listen to and control music in any or every room of your home, a multi-room audio system makes it easy for you to listen to your favourite music at any time. Listen to music from your own personal digital music collection, music stored on your smartphone or tablet, or stream services such as Spotify and Tidal throughout your house. Each area can be controlled from your smartphone or tablet over your Wi-Fi network via intuitive user interfaces that make it a breeze to browse through your music collection and play any song you wish. Each room can independently play different music at different volumes and you can easily group rooms together from the app for entertaining!

Individual speakers within each room can generally be concealed within your wall or ceiling cavities for the cleanest aesthetic look and are powered by an out-of-the-way streaming amplifier. Subwoofers can also be added to indoor or outdoor areas for even better sound and additional audio zones can easily be added in the future to expand the system.

## MULTI-ROOM VIDEO

A multi-room audio system can be expanded to deliver superior sound, stunning video and an incredible entertainment experience in every room throughout the house. Share your entire movie library, streaming video and satellite channels in every room — there's no need for set-top boxes and multiple video sources. Consolidate all of your audio and video equipment into a closet or other out-of-the-way location, creating a clutter-free installation.

Adding a HDMI Matrix to the system allows you to store all of your video sources in one location and watch any video source in any room. Systems can start from being as small as two rooms with two sources and can be expanded to literally any number of rooms and sources.

Integrating the system to a control system such as Control4 or Crestron allows you to turn on the room and control the connected sources, regardless of where you or they are located. Life Style Store can also create scenes, events or timers for you that include audio-visual operation via Control4. Wake up in the morning listening to your favourite Spotify channel, or walk in the door at the end of a long day to the news playing in the living room. With a single button press, have the lights dim and the blinds close while relaxing dinner music from Tidal queues up.

LINEA RESPONSE X  
INVISIBLE SPEAKERS - EXPERT GRADE

Expert-Grade  
Performance.

Invisible Audio  
Dominance.



STEALTH ACOUSTICS

stealthacoustics.com

# Warehouse wonder

An untouched 1950s warehouse is split down the middle, redeveloped and given a new lease on life

One of interior design powerhouse Coco Republic's latest Sydney projects is this 1950s tri-level warehouse in McMahon's Point. Owned by Revelop (developers) business partners Charbel Hazzouri and Anthony El-Hazouri, the warehouse was divided into two luxury houses. Dilapidated and riddled with asbestos, the structure had received very little TLC since it was originally built. To ensure both abodes possessed a sense of individuality, Coco Republic was called in to trick out the interior of Charbel and his wife Laura's side of the warehouse.

Life Style Store was also engaged by Charbel and Laura during the pre-wiring stage as they wanted the latest in smart home technology. The team at Life Style Store worked with the builder's electrician to provide a system that could manage the automated lighting system he was installing, together with all of the other automated devices in the home, from one simple and easy-to-use interface.

Life Style Store provided a Control4 home automation and audio-visual system that includes control and management of automated lighting, a security alarm system, surveillance cameras and an IT network. Each level of the home features an iPad mounted within an in-wall mounting dock for controlling each of these functions via the Control4 App. Access to the property is managed by an intercom and access control system which includes codepads and fingerprint readers.

'Invisible' Stealth Acoustics speakers and Ultralift motorised TV lifts combine to ensure the home's audio and video systems don't impact on the stunning interior aesthetic.

For the interiors, Coco Republic senior interior designer Victoria Chapman claims that maintaining the roof form and original trusses was extremely important. The roof — a standout feature of the structure — was in desperate need of repair. Spanning the width of both residences, the M-shaped roof threw up a number of challenges, namely ensuring its connection to new internal structures such as the glass lift shaft and the floating stone stairs.

"The roof was an evolving element of the building process, mainly due to the condition of the existing structure and the challenges presented with integrating the glass roof over the lift wells of the two properties," Victoria outlines.



Home to a growing family, the three-storey interior design needed to combine luxury with functionality while providing ample entertaining space for parties and get-togethers. Answering the brief is an open-plan kitchen/living/dining/family room, three bedrooms, three bathrooms and a study.

The top level of the home was to serve as a private space for the family, leaving guests with access to the ground and second floors only. The guest apartment on the ground floor offers one bedroom, one bathroom and a kitchen/living/dining area.

Partial to the classic Parisian pied-à-terre, the couple wanted to inject some of this grandiose aesthetic into their home and cited Calacatta marble as a key material to be used throughout the project. "The clients sourced some beautiful slabs, which we used in key areas to provide both a luxurious finish and visual interest," Victoria adds. "We didn't want the marble to make the space feel too cold, particularly as the ceiling soars to more than 5m on the second floor, so to offset the stone we introduced giant-format engineered oak floorboards in a sable/grey tone that were laid in a chevron pattern."

Chevron flooring spans the full extent of the second-floor open-plan living area, with the oversized design balancing the ceiling height and floor area. Off-white walls with a green oxide undertone (Resene Merino) are consistent throughout the home, allowing the carefully curated furnishings, and the enviable views, to enjoy the limelight.

Hugging Sydney Harbour, this McMahon's Point home is just as stunning inside as the views are outside.



## THE SYSTEM

### Media room:

Client's LED television  
 Marantz SR7011 A/V receiver  
 Stealth Acoustics LR3 in-ceiling 'invisible' main speakers  
 Stealth Acoustics LR3 in-ceiling 'invisible' centre speaker  
 Stealth Acoustics LR8 in-ceiling 'invisible' rear speakers  
 Stealth Acoustics B22 in-ceiling 'invisible' subwoofer  
 Stealth Acoustics 255R subwoofer amplifier  
 HDMI matrix distribution  
 Control4 EA1 home controller  
 Control4 SR260 universal remote control

### Living room:

Stealth Acoustics LR8 in-ceiling 'invisible' speakers  
 Control4 amplifier

### Alfresco area:

Paradigm Stylus 470 on-wall speakers  
 Control4 amplifier

### Master bedroom:

Client's LED television  
 Stealth Acoustics LR8 in-ceiling 'invisible' speakers  
 Control4 amplifier  
 HDMI matrix distribution

### Bedroom 2:

Client's LED television  
 HDMI matrix distribution

### Home automation:

Control4 6 x 6 HDMI matrix switcher  
 Control4 16 x 16 audio matrix switcher  
 Control4 4 zone amplifiers (2)  
 Control4 EA5 home controller  
 Control4 intercom system  
 Ness M1 automated alarm system  
 Lilit NVR and security cameras  
 iRoom in-wall iPad docks (3)  
 Data and Wi-Fi network  
 A/V equipment rack

## The facts

**Approx. price:** \$100,000

**Categories installed:** media room  
 home theatre, multi-room audio-visual,  
 home automation

**Year of installation:** 2016

**Suburb:** McMahons Point

**Interior designer:** Coco Republic

**Architect:** Bureau SRH

**Builder:** Develop



# Magic moments

Music and movies at the touch of a button are part of everyday life for this Beaumont Hills family



**A**lthough this existing Beaumont Hills house is not large in size, it has been beautifully transformed into a fully automated home with music in almost every room, and every part of the system being simple and easy to use.

Life Style Store completed a full theatre renovation in the home occupied by a family of two working parents, teenage children and two dogs. “For our renovation, we were inspired by various boutique resorts that we have stayed in and elements of premium display homes,” explains homeowner Brenda.

The first stage of the renovation was to install a custom home theatre room and multi-room audio-visual system. The basis for a home automation system with basic lighting control was also requested as part of the initial brief.

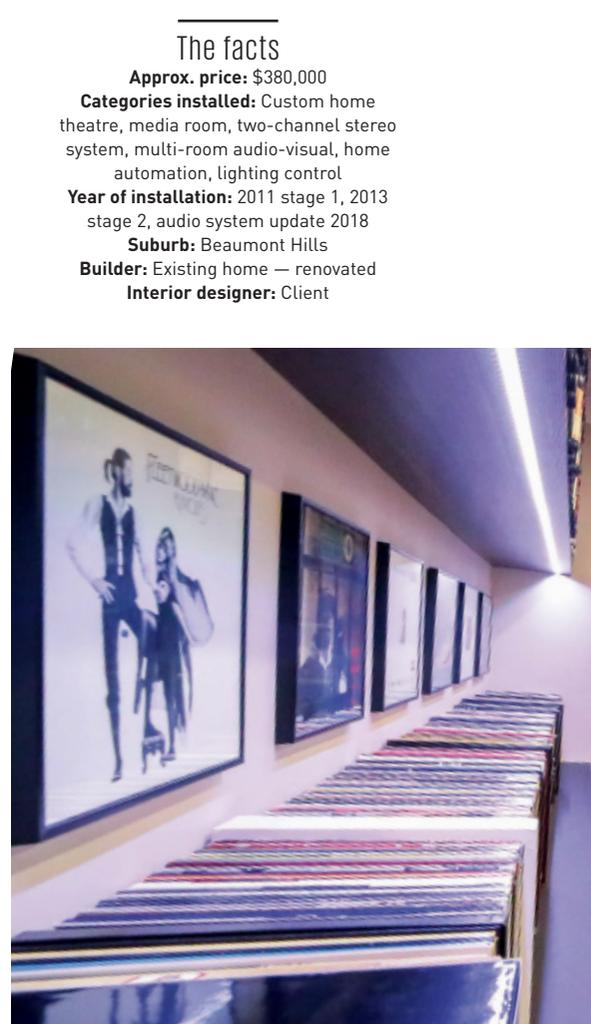
The second stage was to add an audio-visual system in the newly added master bedroom, and upstairs gym, and to complete the automation of the entire home including automated home lighting control, a security alarm and camera integration, access control, intercom and touchscreens. Motorised blinds were also supplied and installed to all areas of the home by Life Style Store.

Automation has made it easy to manage areas of the home from an all-off perspective and control lighting and audio with scenes for general home use and entertaining. ‘Goodnight’ and ‘Lock House’ scenes turn off all lights and audio-visual and can open or close selected motorised blinds, depending on the time and season.

Bathroom lights work from sensors and turn off automatically with timers as the children often don’t turn off the room lights. When the home is occupied, the outdoor lighting automatically turns on each night and turns off as part of the goodnight scene.

A darker movie room aesthetic with stars was requested by Brenda and her husband for the home theatre. “The home theatre room is definitely my favourite part of the renovation — it gets used very night,” says Brenda. “Meanwhile, my husband’s favourite element of the project would be his music system — another part of the home that is used almost every day.”

The work had to be completed while the family was living in the home but, fortunately, this didn’t present any problems. “The installers at Life Style Store were always very respectful of working within our home,” says Brenda. “Compared to many other trades they were neat and, most importantly, always cleaned up after themselves.”



### The facts

**Approx. price:** \$380,000

**Categories installed:** Custom home theatre, media room, two-channel stereo system, multi-room audio-visual, home automation, lighting control

**Year of installation:** 2011 stage 1, 2013 stage 2, audio system update 2018

**Suburb:** Beaumont Hills

**Builder:** Existing home — renovated

**Interior designer:** Client



## THE SYSTEM

■ **Theatre room equipment:** Runco LS12D 3-chip DLP projector, Prismasonic 5-element motorised anamorphic lens, Screen Technics 130-inch 2.35:1 electric masked screen, Anthem D2V, Reference A/V processor, Anthem P5 325-watt amplifier (5), Anthem P2 225-watt amplifier (2), Oppo UDP205 Blu-ray player, BeyonWiz television PVR, Isotek Sigmas power conditioner, Paradigm Persona 7F main speakers, Paradigm Persona C centre speaker, Paradigm Signature ADP3 rear speakers, Paradigm in-ceiling surround back speakers, Velodyne DD15 15-inch subwoofer, Philips Pronto TSU9600 room controller

■ **Theatre room:** Complete room transformation, Acoustic wall treatments, LED Night Sky lighting system, Lutron Grafik Eye lighting controller, Integral cinema seating, Full-height equipment rack, Hidden-disc storage cabinet

■ **Living room hi-fi:** Dynaudio Sapphire speakers, Audio Research Reference pre-amplifier (6), Audio Research Reference phono pre-amplifier (3), Audio Research Reference 160 mono power amplifiers (2), EAT Forte turntable, Ortofon A95 MC cartridge, Sonos Connect zone player, Chord QBD76HDS D/A converter, Isotek Nova power conditioner (sources), Isotek Titan power conditioner (amplifier), Chord Sarum interconnect cables, Chord Sarum speaker cables

■ **Living room 5.1 system:** Sony 65-inch A9F OLED television, Motorised articulating television bracket, Anthem MRX720 A/V receiver, Cambridge Audio CXUHD Blu-ray player, Sonos Connect zone player, Boston Acoustics in-wall main speakers, Boston Acoustics in-ceiling speakers, Paradigm Sub 12 12-inch subwoofer, Control4 HC250 home controller, Custom equipment cabinet, Custom CD storage coffee table

■ **Wine cellar/games room system:** Samsung 40-inch Signature LED television, Ultralift motorised television lift, Marantz SR6006 A/V receiver, Marantz UD5005 Blu-ray player, Sonos Connect zone player, Boston Acoustics in-wall speakers, Control4 HC250 home controller

■ **Master bedroom system:** Philips 47-inch Signature LED television, Vogel's articulating television bracket, Marantz SR7008 A/V receiver, Marantz UD5007 Blu-ray player, Sonos Connect zone player, Dynaudio IP24 in-ceiling speakers, Control4 HC250 home controller

■ **Ensuite:** Marantz SR7008 A/V receiver zone 3, Dynaudio IP24 in-ceiling speakers

■ **Gym system:** Philips 47-inch Signature LED television, Vogel's articulating television bracket, Marantz SR7008 A/V receiver zone 2, Shared sources with master bedroom, Dynaudio IP24 in-ceiling speakers

■ **Guest bedroom:** Sonos Connect amplified zone player, Paradigm Reference in-ceiling speakers

■ **Children's bedroom 1:** Sonos Connect amplified zone player, Paradigm Reference in-ceiling speakers

■ **Children's bedroom 2:** Sonos Connect amplified zone player, Paradigm Reference in-ceiling speakers

■ **Alfresco:** Sonos Connect amplified zone player, Boston Acoustics in-ceiling speakers

■ **Spa:** Sonos Connect amplified zone player, Boston Acoustics Grand Voyager speakers

■ **Swimming pool area:** Sonos Connect amplified zone player, Boston Acoustics rock speakers

■ **Garage:** Sonos Connect amplified zone player, Paradigm Reference in-ceiling speakers

■ **Home automation system:** Control4 HC800 home controller, Control4 I/O extenders (3), Control4 intercom door station with keypad, Control4 10-inch touchscreen, Control4 7-inch touchscreen, iPod in-wall iPad dock, Control4 panelised lighting system, Integrated alarm system, Air-conditioning and fireplace control, Motorised blinds for each room, Automated blind control for each room



feature

# What makes a great home theatre?

Transforming the traditional formal lounge into a theatre room



**D**o you have an unused room in your home or a formal lounge room that is rarely used? The team at Life Style Store can take a tired, dated room and convert it into a true home theatre room.

A great picture and an awesome sound system are the foundation for building a home theatre system, but a custom-built theatre room definitely completes the package. When you enter a commercial cinema you feel like you are going to the movies and this is the same magical feeling that Life Style Store can create for you in the comfort of your own home.

Life Style Store offers a complete room transformation service where it can take an unused room or a shell of a room and convert it into a complete home cinema. When completing a room transformation, Life Style Store can handle every element of the process including construction, painting, carpet, joinery, lighting, cinema seating, curtains and any other possible requirements for the room.

Although many people will base a home theatre setup around a TV, only a video projector can deliver a really big-screen viewing experience just like the movies. Just as with TVs, you

have the choice of 1080p and 4K Ultra HD options, as well as projectors that are optimised for small or large rooms. You can even purchase a laser-based projector that doesn't require a traditional lamp.

A key element is that the set-up procedure for a video projector is different than that for a TV, and this is where Life Style Store specialises. A room that can be light controlled (made darker) is best for delivering the ultimate in picture quality.

Room acoustics also play a major role in improving the audio experience within your home theatre and are available in two different types. The first is designed to isolate noise and reduce noise transfer from the room while the second is designed to improve the acoustic performance within the room.

As clients work through designing their home theatre rooms, it becomes ever more apparent to them that to deliver the real cinema experience their movie room needs to incorporate much more than just sound and a TV. To ensure you get the right result the first time around, engage the specialists at Life Style Store, the experts in providing these solutions and delivering exceptional home theatre rooms.

# Home enhancement

Now the best seat in the house for this Hills District family is in their converted home cinema

**W**hen they purchased their new Castle Hill home, these homeowners had a grand vision: to convert their existing open-plan formal lounge room into a dedicated home cinema for the ultimate in home entertainment. John and Debbie have two children, aged 21 and 13, and the family enjoys relaxing in the theatre room together, watching movies, TV shows and home videos — and now there's no better place for it.

“Our home theatre was to look professional, suit the style of our home (built by local builders Gremmo Homes), and have the best-quality sound system,” explain John and Debbie. Their combined dining/formal lounge was to be converted into a modern high-tech theatre room with all modern features and styling. The room also had to be as dark as possible for viewing ambiance as it was previously very light with many west-facing windows.

Life Style Store took care of all facets of this room including aesthetics, acoustic treatments and, of course, the audio-visual system. A custom bulkhead and false ceiling was added for the starlight ceiling, a raised floor was built for the rear row of cinema seating and one of the entry doors was closed in. The rear of the room had a custom full-height acoustic wall panel system installed and the sides of the room had custom wall panels and lighting columns.

The audio-visual equipment was housed under the staircase next to the room and the subwoofer was vented from this location into the theatre room. A custom bar was also built for the rear side section within the theatre room.

The family was inspired by viewing different options at the Life Style Store showroom. They selected suitable features and styling, and also listened to the advice provided by the installation team.

“Life Style Store more than met our expectations of what we had envisioned,” say Debbie and John. “We were very impressed with the professionalism of the installation team, including their knowledge and desire to build the best they could and their ability to accommodate our suggestions. At the same time they offered alternate options during the build, plus assisted us with technical installation and options for the smaller TV room. Thank you, Life Style Store. We still thoroughly enjoy our stunning

theatre room. Our experience was exceptional in terms of the professionalism and our sheer delight in the result.

“The entire theatre room with its accompanying features is now our favourite part of our home. The sound system is state of the art. The systems that were installed have made life much easier, with connectivity to Apple TV, Netflix, Foxtel and for DVD viewing. The iPad-driven device is very convenient and easy to use.”

According to Debbie and John, there's now plenty of family fights over what to watch and when. “The kids still always win!” they laugh.



## The facts

**Approx. price:** \$80,000

**Categories installed:** Custom transformed home theatre room

**Year of installation:** 2017

**Suburb:** Castle Hill

**Designer:** Homeowner and Life Style Store

**Builder:** Existing home



## THE SYSTEM

### ■ Theatre room:

Sony VPL-HW65ES HD projector  
Screen Innovations 133-inch 16:9 screen  
Anthem MRX1120 11 Channel Atmos  
A/V receiver  
Oppo BDP103D Blu-ray player  
Paradigm Elite Series E80IW in-wall  
main speakers  
Paradigm Elite Series E80IW in-wall  
centre speaker  
Paradigm Elite Series E80IW in-wall  
surround speakers (4)  
Paradigm Elite Series E80R in-ceiling  
Atmos speakers (4)  
Dynamat En-Wall speaker acoustic treatment  
Paradigm Seismic 110 10-inch subwoofer  
Isotek Sirius power conditioner  
Control4 EA3 home controller  
Custom acoustic side wall panels  
Custom side wall lighting columns  
Manhattan acoustic back wall  
Custom Starlight ceiling and perimeter  
LED lights  
Room modifications, custom bulkhead  
Custom joinery to house the equipment  
Custom bar

### ■ Lighting for the room

Control4 automated lighting control  
Raised floor for rear row of cinema seating  
Room painting and carpeting



feature | starlight ceilings

# Star light, star bright

Create a night sky effect in your home theatre with an LED starlight ceiling system

**S**tarlight ceiling systems can be installed into a home's original gyprock ceiling or in new false ceilings below the original ceiling. Unlike retrofit tile-type solutions, these systems are integrated into the ceiling with no joins or paneling, so they don't look like an afterthought.

Life Style Store installs a system that utilises an LED light driver for reliability

and it is also extremely low in heat build-up. It has dual light outputs and is compact enough to fit in small spaces.

Life Style Store offers installation throughout New South Wales and has more than 20 full-time installation technicians who are fully trained and experienced in installing these ceiling lighting systems. Life Style Store can even take care of arranging the ceiling painting.



## CEILING OPTION 1

For homes where the ceiling has been completed or there is no ceiling access, Life Style Store can install the system by either replacing the ceiling or installing a new ceiling below the existing ceiling. This starlight ceiling has 300 individual LED fibre-optic strands. For the best result, the system should be installed at the building stage prior to the gyprock being installed. It can also be retro-fitted in a single-storey home with roof access.

**Cost:** \$2995

Painting available for an additional \$1500.

## CEILING OPTION 4

This starlight system is installed within or below the original gyprock ceiling within a new floating gyprock panel. The circular bulkhead as well as the four room dividing bulkheads and the bulkhead around the perimeter of the room are all included.

This starlight ceiling has 300 individual LED fibre-optic strands.

**Cost:** \$8495

Painting available for an additional \$2400.



## CEILING OPTION 2

For homes where the ceiling has been completed or there is no ceiling access, this starlight system is installed below the original gyprock ceiling within a new floating gyprock panel, with a hidden LED light around the perimeter of the dropped panel. This starlight ceiling has 300 individual LED fibre-optic strands.

**Cost:** \$5995

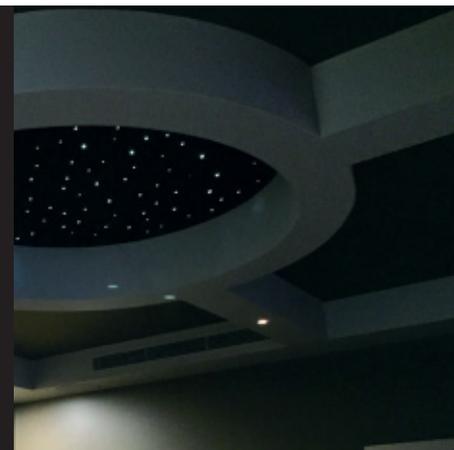
Painting available for an additional \$1500.

## CEILING OPTION 5

This starlight system is installed below an original gyprock ceiling within four new floating gyprock panels with a hidden LED light around the perimeter of each of the dropped ceiling starlight panels. The price also includes the cost of the diving bulkhead through the centre of the room within the ceiling to separate the stars into four panels, with 150 stars in each panel. A perimeter bulkhead around the top of the room can also be added for an additional \$2800. This starlight ceiling has 600 individual LED fibre-optic strands.

**Cost:** \$11,995

Painting available for an additional \$2500.



## CEILING OPTION 3

This starlight system is installed within the original gyprock ceiling during construction, with a hidden LED light around the perimeter of each LED section. This starlight ceiling has 450 individual LED fibre-optic strands. The ceiling can be separated into either two or three starlight sections with 150 or 225 stars respectively in each panel. It can also be retrofitted at an additional charge.

**Cost:** \$7495

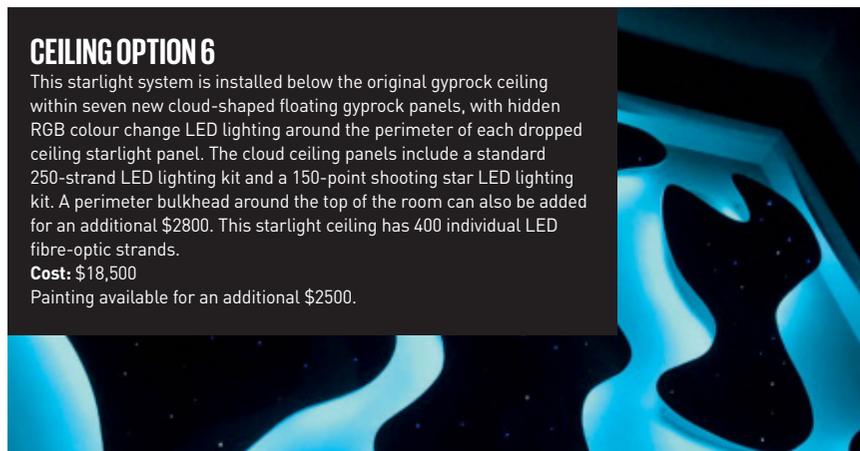
Painting available for an additional \$1500.

## CEILING OPTION 6

This starlight system is installed below the original gyprock ceiling within seven new cloud-shaped floating gyprock panels, with hidden RGB colour change LED lighting around the perimeter of each dropped ceiling starlight panel. The cloud ceiling panels include a standard 250-strand LED lighting kit and a 150-point shooting star LED lighting kit. A perimeter bulkhead around the top of the room can also be added for an additional \$2800. This starlight ceiling has 400 individual LED fibre-optic strands.

**Cost:** \$18,500

Painting available for an additional \$2500.



# Endless possibilities

Once they realised just what could be achieved with their home's automation and audio-visual system, there was no stopping this family's imagination



**F**or their new Strathfield home, this young family required a system that encompassed both home automation and a whole-house audio system, but their ideas grew considerably along the way. “The home theatre and games rooms were also important from an entertainment perspective, as was the outdoor alfresco area,” explains homeowner Sha, who shares the house with her husband and two young children.

“Our parents often stay at the property, so the system had to be user friendly. My husband spends a lot of time overseas for work and as a doctor I often work night shift, so the ability to monitor the house remotely and manage its security was extremely important to us.”

Life Style Store was involved in the building process for this family home from the initial planning stage. “Our aim was to deliver a user-friendly, high-end home where the daily functions are easily controlled by the Control4 home automation system,” explains Life Style Store’s managing director, John Kranitis.

“When we started the project, we planned an automation and security system that we felt would cover all of our needs,” says Sha. “As the project progressed through the construction stage, we became more excited about what was possible and the scope of the system grew by almost 50 per cent.

“We added more security cameras, additional access control and expanded the system to control many additional items such as heated towel rails, heated flooring and motorised blinds. We even added a water-level sensor for



the storage tank on the basement that is monitored by the Control4 system and instantly notifies us of any potential issues regardless of where we are in the world. We can also remotely grant access to anyone visiting the home, including delivery drivers, and monitor their movements via the security camera system.”

A premium custom home theatre and multi-room audio-visual system, which includes a selection of high-quality reputable brands, provides sound and picture throughout the house.

Control4 plays a major role in the automation of multiple components and is operated from touchscreens, portable tablets, phones, remote controls and schedules, timers and sensors. The Control4 home automation system allows the family to have control of air conditioning, motorised blinds and curtains, heated floors and towel rails, automated lighting and home security.

The entertainment system includes a dedicated home theatre and multi-room entertainment zones.

The multi-room system features a Control4 6 x 6 HDMI matrix system and multiple Sonos Connect amplifiers driving internal and external audio-visual zones with Paradigm speakers.

Lighting control is handled by the latest Control4 ‘panelised lighting system’ incorporating more than 200 relay and dimmer channels, with more than 35 lighting keypads and multiple touchscreen interfaces for control of each lighting circuit or lighting scene.

The security system features access control, a Control4 intercom system and 16 Lilin cameras with an IP network recorder.

The highlight of the project for the family, however, is their home theatre. “We have the theatre room darker to provide that real movie theatre experience,” says Sha. “We wanted the theatre room to have an authentic home theatre feel but we didn’t want to see the equipment. Life Style Store designed and installed custom joinery for the front of the room to hide all of the speakers and electronics.”

The custom theatre room features a Sony HD projector, 125-inch screen and an Anthem A/V receiver powering Paradigm Prestige Series speakers and a Paradigm subwoofer.

“We love our home theatre. It is large enough to entertain guests in and they all love the star ceiling,” says Sha.

Whether it’s providing peace of mind to the busy homeowners, user-friendly operation for their parents, or much-needed relaxation time for the whole family, this Life Style Store project ticks all the boxes.

---

### The facts

**Approx. price:** \$230,000

**Categories installed:** Custom home theatre, multi-room audio-visual, home automation, lighting control, security alarm and cameras, intercom and access control, data network

**Year of installation:** 2015

**Suburb:** Strathfield

**Architect or designer:** nkt architecture

**Builder:** Select Constructions



## THE SYSTEM

### ■ Theatre room equipment:

Sony HW55ES 1080P SXRD projector  
 Screen Technics 125-inch cinema screen  
 Anthem MRX710 A/V receiver  
 Cambridge Audio 752BD Blu-ray player  
 Isotek Aquarius power conditioner  
 Paradigm Prestige Series in-cabinet main speakers  
 Paradigm Prestige Series centre speaker  
 Paradigm Reference Series in-ceiling rear speakers  
 Paradigm Sub12 12-inch subwoofers  
 Control4 HC800 home automation room controller

### ■ Theatre room aesthetics:

Rear acoustic wall system with acoustic foam  
 Custom-made blackout motorised blind  
 Two rows of integral furniture premium cinema seating  
 Starlight 'Night Sky' LED ceiling lighting

### ■ Family room:

Samsung 65-inch LED television  
 Marantz SR6009 A/V receiver  
 Paradigm Reference Series in-ceiling speakers (5)  
 Paradigm subwoofer

### ■ Kids' games room:

Samsung 55-inch LED television  
 Paradigm Reference Series in-ceiling speakers (2)

### ■ Upstairs family room:

Samsung LED television  
 Paradigm Reference Series in-ceiling speakers (2)

### ■ Basement games room:

Samsung LED Television  
 Paradigm Reference Series in-ceiling speakers (2)

### ■ Master bedroom:

Samsung LED television  
 Paradigm Reference Series in-ceiling speakers (2)

### ■ Kitchen/meals area:

Paradigm Reference Series in-ceiling speakers (2)

### ■ Outdoor dining:

Samsung LED television  
 Paradigm Reference Series in-ceiling speakers (4)

### ■ Alfresco:

Paradigm Reference Series in-ceiling speakers (2)

### ■ Garage:

Samsung 55-inch LED television  
 Paradigm Reference Series in-ceiling speakers (2)

### ■ Multi-room audio-visual system core components:

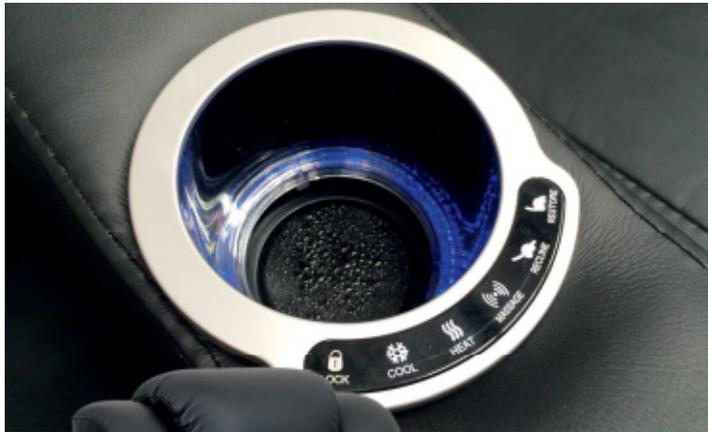
Control4 HC800 home controller  
 Control4 HC250 home controller  
 Control4 Leaf 6x6 HDMI matrix switcher  
 Sonos Connect amplifier players (6)  
 Control4 8-channel amplifiers (3)

### ■ Home automation system:

Control4 HC800 home controller  
 Control4 intercom system  
 Control4 in-wall touchscreens  
 Control4 panelised lighting system  
 Ness M1 Gold security system  
 Lilin NVR with Control4 integration  
 Lilin IR day/night surveillance cameras (16)  
 Integrated Ness alarm system  
 Outdoor heater control  
 Heated floor and towel rail control  
 Motorised blind control for each room



# Best seat in the house



There are numerous factors to consider when selecting seats for your new home theatre room including choosing fabric or leather, aesthetics, comfort, features, size and various add-on options.

Many seats offered by Life Style Store also have luxury features such as motorised reclining, electric head rests, cooling cup holders, USB-charging ports, tray tables and even massage functions. Most seats are available in a choice of leather or fabric finishes and brands such as Manhattan offer more than 50 colour choices in both fabric and leather options.

It's easy to get the layout of home theatre seating wrong and the experts at Life Style Store can help you avoid common mistakes. "Factors such as the viewing distance relative to the screen size, speaker placement, walkway widths, reclining allowances and row heights to avoid impeding the view all need to be considered when finalising seat placement," says Life Style Store managing director, Vinod Christie-David.

Adding in a platform riser at the back of your cinema room to create tiered cinema seating so that everyone has a great view also becomes a necessity when installing multiple rows of seats.

Life Style Store has more than 10 different styles of cinema seats on display in its showroom. Home cinema seating from brands such as Row One, Manhattan and Emotion furniture have been specifically designed for use in home theatre environments and help to create that 'gold class' movie feel.

## Home Entertainment The Way You Want

- LUXURY HOME CINEMA SEATING
- AVAILABLE IN FOUR DIFFERENT STYLES
- STRAIGHT OR CURVED, FULLY CUSTOMISABLE CONFIGURATIONS
- REFRIGERATED LED CUPHOLDERS
- STORAGE ARMS AND TRAY TABLES WITH MOST STYLES
- ELECTRIC MOTORISED SEAT RECLINE MECHANISM
- ELECTRIC MOTORISED HEADREST WITH MOST STYLES
- RECLINING MECHANISM DESIGNED FOR CLOSE TO THE WALL POSITIONING
- AVAILABLE IN A RANGE OF COLOUR CHOICES



RowOne®  
CINEMA SEATING

# Family focus

Home is now the best place to be for this family with three teenage sons, thanks to the creation of a custom home theatre room

Life Style Store transformed the original lounge room in this Acacia Gardens home into a stunning custom home theatre for a family with three teenage boys. Before this, the family room was used as the everyday TV room, but the homeowners wanted to provide an environment that would encourage their boys to spend more time at home with family and friends. Following the transformation, the home theatre is now enjoyed on an almost daily basis.

Life Style Store completed all elements of the transformation including bulkheads, custom starlight ceiling, joinery, wall panelling, raised floor, carpet and painting. “The room was unused and had a very challenging layout,” explains Jesmond Prasad, a project manager at Life Style Store. “We had to make numerous changes to the room, including closing doorways and modifying the main room access.

“Control4 allowed us to automate the control of this room as well as the other audio zones. It also allowed us to easily set the control of aspect ratios for CinemaScope movies.” A Control4 fixed and portable touchscreen allows easy operation of elements such as lighting scenes. All standard and effect lighting within the room is also controlled via Control4.

There are two zones of music provided to the other rooms of the home via Marantz amplification, Sonos music streaming and in-ceiling speakers with a hidden subwoofer.

“We are very proud of the final result as it delivers on all of the specific requirements the client had, while also delivering a system to our standard,” says Jesmond.

“This is now our most used room in our house — we love the theatre room and the time our family spends here,” say the homeowners. Not only are the homeowners very happy with the result, but this job won at the 2018 Australian Control4 Project Dealer Awards for Best Home Theatre.



## The facts

**Approx. price:** \$145,000

**Categories installed:** Custom home theatre, multi-room audio

**Year of installation:** 2016

**Suburb:** Acacia Gardens

**Architect:** Existing home — retrofit solution

## THE SYSTEM

■ **Theatre room:** Runco LS10i 3 Chip DLP projector, Prismasonic CinemaScope lens, Screen Technics 140-inch 2.35:1 screen with side masking, Anthem AVM50V A/V processor, Anthem Statement A5 power amplifier, Anthem Statement A5 power amplifier, Oppo BDP105D Blu-ray player, Kef R700 R Series main speakers, Kef R600 R Series centre speaker, KEF Ci200RR-THX in-ceiling surround speakers (4), Paradigm Sub 1000 12-inch subwoofer, Sennheiser RS185 wireless headphones (8), Manhattan cinema seats x two rows, Isotek Aquarius power conditioner, Control4 EA3 home controller, Custom

acoustic wall panels, Manhattan acoustic back wall, Custom starlight ceiling and perimeter LED lights, Custom entry doors, Custom joinery to house the equipment, Lighting for the room, Control4 automated lighting control, Room painting and carpeting

■ **Kitchen/dining room:** Samsung LED TV, Kef Ci200QR in-ceiling speakers (4), Paradigm Seismic 110 10-inch subwoofer, Marantz SR6010 A/V receiver, Sonos Connect player, Control4 room controller

■ **Gym:** Kef Ci200QR in-ceiling speakers (2), Marantz SR6010 A/V receiver zone (2)

# Total transformation

Out-of-the-box thinking is used to create the stunning home theatre of a family's dreams



Life Style Store totally transformed an ordinary room in a Beaumont Hills home into a spectacular home theatre and handled all elements including acoustic treatments, custom wall finishings, automated lighting control, custom starlight ceiling, raised floor, cinema seating, carpet and, of course, the audio-visual system.

“We saw a Facebook post about a theatre room transformation that had recently been completed by Life Style Store for another client and were instantly excited,” explains homeowner Daniel, who shares the home with his wife and three teenage children. “I literally walked into Life Style Store with the Facebook post open and asked for something like this. We also wanted lighter colours for the room rather than a dark theatre room and Life Style Store made all of this work.”

Part of Daniel’s wishlist was a circular bulkhead with a starlight kit inside, in the centre of the room. “After we saw the round starlight ceiling in the Life Style Store showroom we definitely wanted this for our room,” says Daniel.

Daniel requested perfect symmetry in the room and didn’t want the entry door to be noticeable when in the theatre.

“Daniel wanted an external door on the outside of the room, but when the family is inside the room they didn’t want to see a door,” says Brendan Cotton, the system designer at Life Style Store who looked after this client. “To achieve this, the internal of the door had to be finished in exactly the same styling as the custom wall panels so that the door wasn’t noticeable.”

The door location could not be moved due to the narrow corridor leading into the room and the fact that the position of the door was where a lighting column needed to be to maintain the symmetry of the room. The rear of the door had to have a modified lighting column installed that could open and close with the door. Jesmond, a senior project manager from Life Style Store, came up with a design that maintained this look and allowed the door to open and close with the lighting section installed in the reverse of the door. The inside of the theatre door was trimmed to



## THE SYSTEM

### ■ Theatre room:

Sony VPL-VW360ES UHD SXRD projector  
 Screen Technics 160-inch microperforated 2.35:1 CinemaScope screen  
 Marantz SR6012 A/V receiver  
 Oppo UDP203 4K Blu-ray player  
 Paradigm Pro Series P5 in-wall main speakers  
 Paradigm Pro Series P5 in-wall centre speaker  
 Paradigm Home Series surround speakers (4)  
 Paradigm Home Series Atmos speakers (2)  
 Paradigm DSP Series 12-inch subwoofer  
 Emotion Furniture cinema seats (2 rows)  
 Control4 EA3 home controller  
 Custom acoustic wall panels  
 Manhattan acoustic back wall  
 Custom starlight ceiling and perimeter LED porthole bulkhead  
 Custom entry door

### ■ Lighting for the room

Control4 automated lighting control  
 Custom cinema carpeting  
 Room painting

exactly match the internal look of the room. “The door couldn’t be relocated and we were amazed at this outside-of-the-box thinking,” says Daniel.

Control4 automates the control of the audio-visual items and the lighting.

“We walked in with a photo of what we thought we wanted and no other understanding of home theatre,” says Daniel. “Brendan worked with us in store and Jesmond did so on site to select each of the elements we loved. The team at Life Style Store took care of everything else and delivered us a fantastic theatre room.”

### The facts

**Approx. price:** \$105,000

**Categories installed:** Custom home theatre room

**Year of installation:** 2018

**Suburb:** Beaumont Hills

**Architect or designer:** Existing home

**Interior designer:** Life Style Store for home theatre



# Hollywood at home

A total transformation sees a formal lounge room become the place for favourite movies to come to life before your eyes



**T**he new owners of this Castle Hill home wanted to convert their existing traditional living room into a dedicated home cinema. Life Style Store took care of all facets including room aesthetics, acoustic treatments and, of course, the audio-visual system.

“The client was adamant about retaining their existing joinery in the room,” explains Vinod Christie-David, managing director of Life Style Store. “We had to modify this joinery and relocate it to the side of the room so that we could maintain a clean aesthetic at the front of the theatre and be able to install a fixed screen rather than an electric roll-down option. The picture quality of the theatre system was extremely important to the homeowner, which is why we wanted to install a fixed screen over a retractable option. A Sony 550ES projector combines with a CinemaScope 160-inch Screen Innovations Zero Edge Slate screen to provide a truly stunning image. The big-screen image is completed by a sound system to match, featuring Paradigm speakers and a Marantz AV Receiver to power them.”

The family also wanted a TV retained in the joinery for when their young children used the room during the day or for playtime.

“The client wanted the same room entry door retained so that it matched the home’s interior when you were in the general family area,” says Vinod. “To achieve this, theatre side internals of the door were tinted and lined to match the theatre room aesthetically but the family room side was left untouched.

“They also requested that the timber floor be retained in the room, so we had to build a raised floor and match it to the existing timber flooring. A channel track was built at the rear of the room for the curtain to fall behind the rear of the raised floor.”

A custom bulkhead and false ceiling were added for the starlight ceiling, a raised floor was built for the rear row of cinema seating and the joinery was relocated.

“Control4 allowed us to automate the control of the audio-visual items, the motorised curtains and blind and the lighting within this room,” says Vinod.

“We also completed automated lighting, security cameras, an alarm system and a Pakedge wireless network throughout the rest of the home. Puck-based Control4 lighting control was utilised as this was a three-storey home with very difficult cable access. However, we successfully ran new cabling for all of the cameras, security and access control.”

---

## The facts

**Price:** \$170,000

**Categories installed:** Custom transformed home theatre room, multi-room audio, security, automated lighting

**Year of installation:** 2017

**Suburb:** Castle Hill

**Builder:** Existing home



## THE SYSTEM

### ■ Theatre room:

Sony VPL-VW550ES HD projector  
 Screen Innovations 160-inch 2.35:1 Zero Edge  
 Flex Slate screen  
 Marantz SR6011 7.1 channel A/V receiver  
 Oppo BDP103D Blu-ray player  
 Paradigm SA Series LCR3 in-wall main speakers  
 Paradigm Prestige Series 45C on-wall  
 centre speaker  
 Paradigm Elite Series in-ceiling  
 rear speakers (4)  
 Paradigm Monitor 10 10-inch subwoofer  
 Isotek Polaris power conditioner  
 Control4 EA5 home controller  
 Custom Starlight ceiling and perimeter  
 LED lights  
 Room modifications, custom bulkhead  
 Customise and relocate existing joinery to house  
 the equipment  
 Lighting for the room  
 Control4 automated lighting control  
 Manhattan Cinema seating (two rows)  
 Raised timber floor for rear row of  
 cinema seating

### ■ Intercom:

Control4 DS2 intercom station  
 Control4 7-inch and 10-inch internal  
 touchscreens (3)

### ■ Security system:

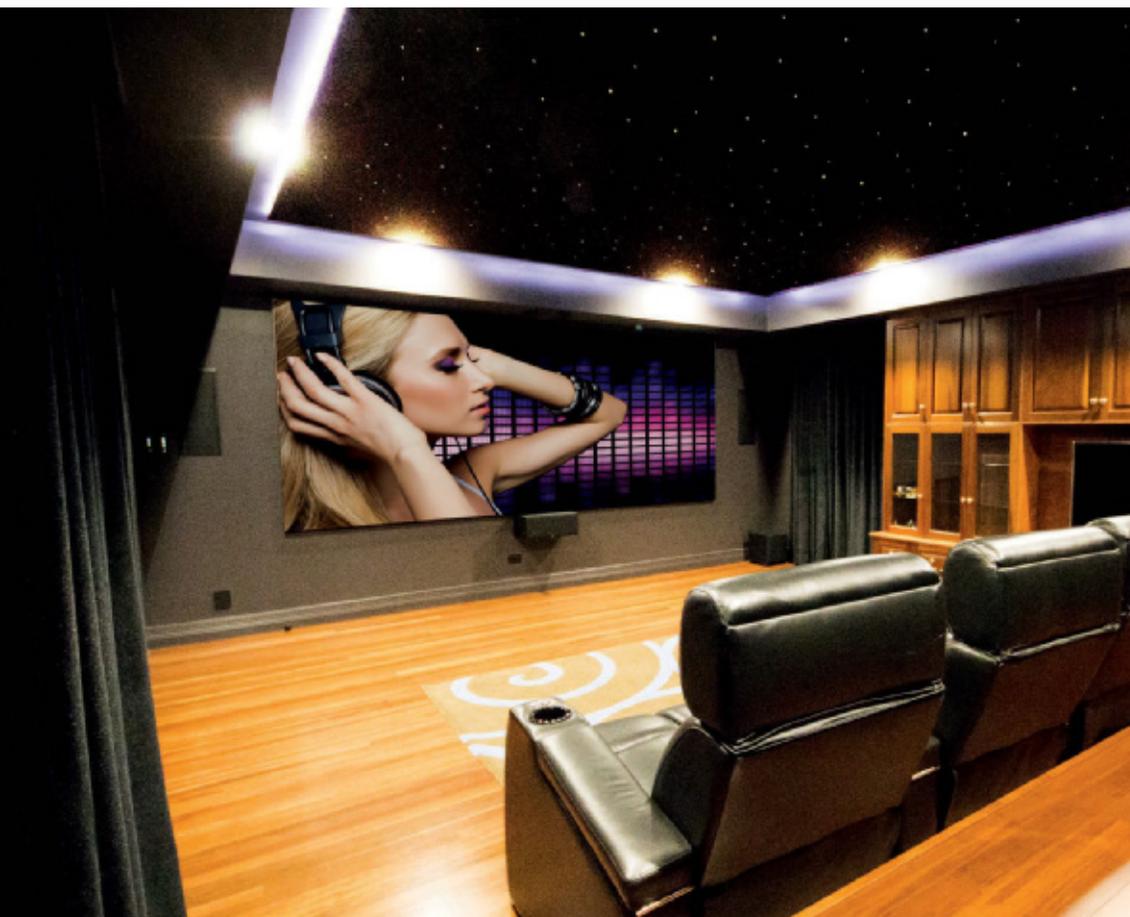
Ness M1 automated security station  
 Automated access control  
 Lilin 16-channel NVR  
 Lilin security cameras (16)

### ■ Automated lighting:

Control4 premium home automation controller  
 Control4 in-wall keypad dimmers (16)  
 Control4 puck lighting dimmers (39)  
 Control4 puck lighting switches (8)  
 Update halogen lighting to LED lighting

### ■ Network:

Pakedge wireless router  
 Pakedge network wireless manager  
 Pakedge dual-band wireless access points



The room before the transformation.



# SOME GENIUSES HAVE A VISION. PAUL W. KLIPSCH HEARD A SOUND.

WHEN HE FOUNDED KLIPSCH IN A TINY TIN SHED IN HOPE, ARKANSAS, PAUL W. KLIPSCH HAD AN UNYIELDING DESIRE TO CHANNEL LIVE SOUND FROM THE PERFORMER DIRECTLY INTO THE EARS OF THE LISTENER. HE STOPPED AT NOTHING, DEFYING CONVENTION AND BREAKING ALL THE RULES TO MAKE NEW ONES. TODAY, HIS REVOLUTIONARY SOUND PRINCIPLES STILL GRACE EVERY PRODUCT WE MAKE. ENJOY OUR INNOVATIVE SPEAKERS AS OUR FOUNDER INTENDED, CONNECTING YOU WITH YOUR FAVOURITE MUSIC AND MOVIE SOUNDTRACK.

# Klipsch®

KEEPERS OF THE SOUND™

[KLIPSCH.COM.AU](http://KLIPSCH.COM.AU)

# The importance of room acoustics in hi-fi and theatre rooms

Even with the most effective sound system, if the acoustics of your room are not properly addressed, it is unlikely that you will be able to totally enjoy and take advantage of the full potential of your sound system



## feature | room acoustics



Every day, the hi-fi and home theatre market launches new high-performance sound reproduction and signal processing tools and many audio-visual components on the market also include some form of room acoustic correction features. These products all address one of the greatest impacts on the sound quality we ultimately experience — room acoustics. Room acoustics is often considered a daunting and scary proposition but there are many simple solutions that can be installed to address these issues. Achieving proper room acoustics conditions in your room is paramount to allowing full enjoyment of your hi-fi or home theatre system.

Brands such as Vicoustics or Artnovion have numerous products available which have been designed to treat the various acoustic issues that can occur within a room. Products from each of these brands fall into categories that handle sound absorption, sound diffusion, bass management or a combination of these. All of their products are available in myriad designs and colours to suit various home styles, be it a traditional terrace, bungalow or an ultra-modern home. Different products can also be combined within your room to create patterns and designs that are not just acoustically beneficial but also add to the environment aesthetically and can often become a showpiece or the talking point of the room.

We've all been in a noisy cafe, struggling to understand the conversation over dozens of other voices. If only they had used some sort of acoustic treatment, we might have been able to hear each other clearly — and maybe even stayed for another coffee. Our homes can present similar challenges, with reflective surfaces, large glass areas, high ceilings or oddly shaped rooms ... the list goes on. Every room distorts sound in one way or another, taking away from the sound of your music or movie and causing listening fatigue, or simply making it a less comfortable room to spend time in.

You can use simple, cost-effective acoustic treatments from Vicoustics or Artnovion to help upgrade the sound performance of your listening room or to make your home a warm and

welcoming environment for entertaining. Life Style Store can provide you an effective, attractive and affordable solution to suit your living room, kitchen-dining, music room, home cinema or even a man cave and will even work with your architect or builder to fit in smoothly with your plans when construction or renovations are underway.

Room treatments don't need to break the bank — basic DIY kits can cost as little as \$299. For more sophisticated options, Life Style Store offers a complimentary, obligation-free professional design service via Vicoustics or Artnovion where they will provide detailed designs for your room complete with a detailed acoustic analysis of the space and projected improvements. Let the Vicoustics and Artnovion experts at Life Style Store create a bespoke design just for you, which can be built in stages to accommodate your budget.

The brands have numerous acoustic solutions designed to help you in many acoustic areas. The three main areas that internal acoustic treatments should focus on are as follows:

### FIRST REFLECTIONS CONTROL

First reflections influence the stereo image both in terms of its location and dimension. In addition, it also influences the perception of spaciousness within your room. If first reflections are not properly addressed, you may have image shifts in your system, making your system feel wider or narrower and even making your room feeling too small or too large. Vicoustics recommends its most effective broadband sound absorber Cinema Round Premium or its new Virtual Material Technology panel Flat Panel VMT to treat first and second order reflections in home theatres.

In hi-fi rooms, if the goal is to increase the sense of spaciousness and involvement by music, opt for Vicoustics' flagship Wavewood or one of its 2D QRD diffusers such as Multifuser DC2 or Multifuser Wood. If the goal is to hear the ambiance and reverb contained in the recordings with minimum influence from the room, opt for Vicoustics' Cinema Round Premium or one of Artnovion's many acoustic panels with absorption properties.

### REVERBERATION TIME (RT) OPTIMISATION

Reverberation Time (RT) is one of the main room acoustic aspects the human ear is able to perceive. Its perception is given by the multiple late reflections that arrive at the listener's ears and influences spaciousness, signal perception and definition. Home theatres typically call for very short reverberation times so that speech intelligibility is maximised as dialogue clarity is one of the critical items for experiencing films but we should still be able to acoustically experience what the film director intended, i.e. to feel the ambiance, reverb and special features contained in the film recordings. Contrary, a hi-fi room should neither be very live (with huge reverberation) nor too dead (with lack of reverberation). To achieve these results, a combination of sound absorption and diffusing panels can be used to treat the room so that surfaces near the loudspeakers are deadened and/or diffused depending on the room purpose and listeners' preferences while other surfaces should provide good diffusion.



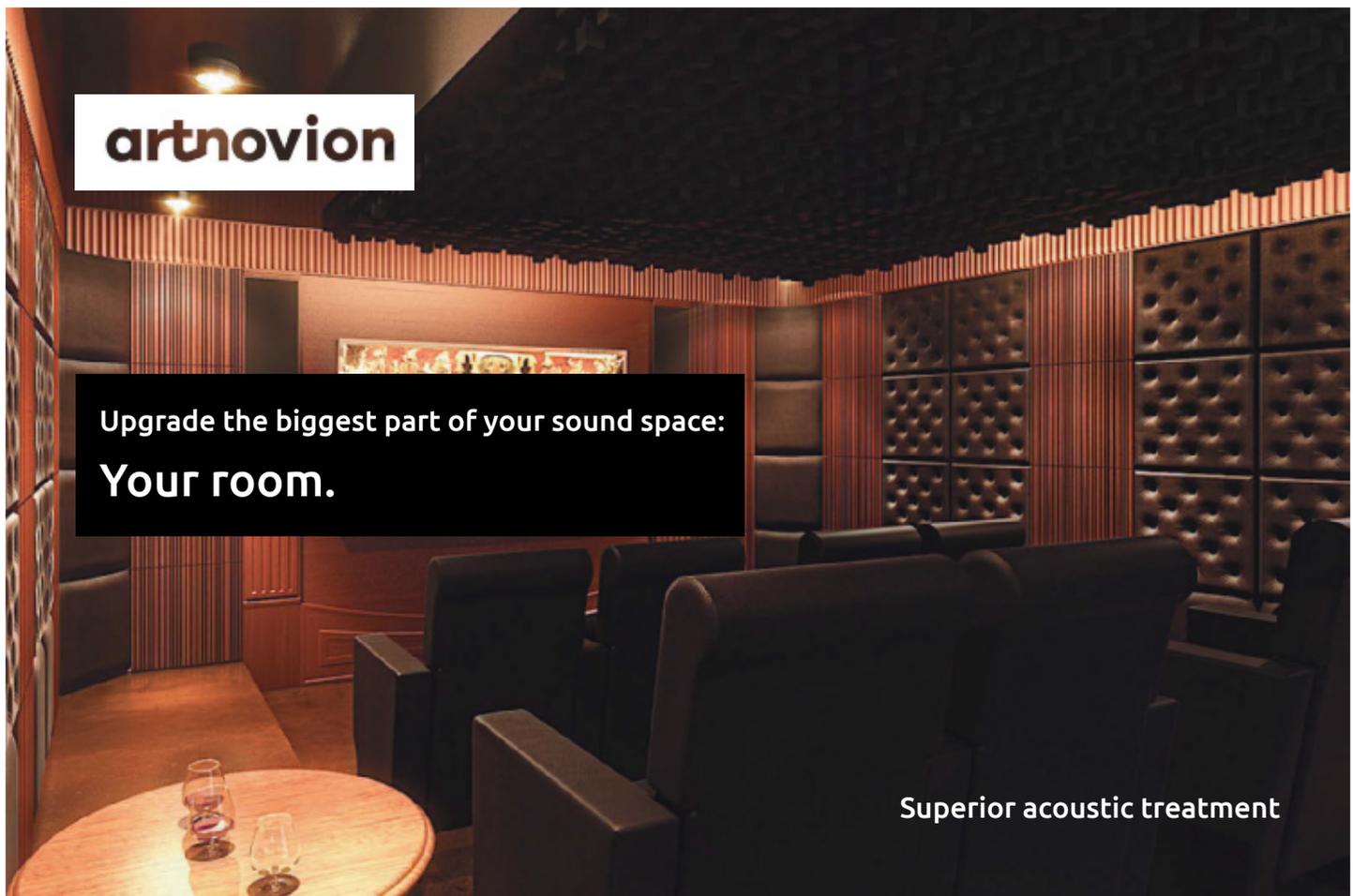
**VICOUSTIC**  
INNOVATIVE ACOUSTIC SOLUTIONS

### **SOUND FIELD ANOMALIES CONTROL (FLUTTER ECHOES AND ROOM MODES)**

In standard hi-fi and home theatre rooms there are two main sound field anomalies that are likely to occur — flutter echoes and room modes. Vicoustics and Artnovion have solutions to address both of these issues, such as addressing flutter echoes by treating all parallel surfaces, include acoustic treatments of both absorption and diffusion. By treating first reflections and reverberation time as discussed previously, you are already dealing with flutter echo issues. Smaller rooms normally have poorer acoustic response at low frequencies due to room modes. Vicoustic Bass Trap solutions, such

as Super Bass Extreme, can help you enhance the low frequency response of your room. By including bass trap solutions you will experience much greater bass definition and clarity when listening to music or experiencing the special effects with low frequency content in movies.

We have tried to explain this as simply as possible but we know that all of this is a lot to absorb and decipher, so visit the experts at Life Style Store to discuss a solution for your hi-fi music room or home theatre. Once you experience the difference that room acoustic treatments can make, the only question you will ask is why didn't I do this sooner?



**artnovion**

**Upgrade the biggest part of your sound space:  
Your room.**

**Superior acoustic treatment**

project | wallacia

# Making an entrance

A luxurious home theatre that is fit for a movie star provides an authentic movie experience



**T**he new owners of this Wallacia home could see the unlimited potential of their existing formal lounge room, so they requested Life Style Store to convert the room into a dedicated home cinema. “My girlfriend, Lyn, and I bought a new house and had this huge formal lounge area that I knew was a waste of space,” explains homeowner Chris. “I always wanted to put a custom home theatre in and this room was perfect for it. I wanted to have a 4K cinema experience with Dolby Atmos, the largest screen that would suit the room and automation for lighting and curtains.”

Chris shares the home with Lyn, her daughter and her daughter’s partner, plus two boys (aged one and three years). His mum also lives downstairs in her own two-room setup. “This is our family home and I wanted something I did not have to change for at least seven to 10 years,” says Chris.

“We were inspired by many of the home theatre rooms we had seen completed for other Life Style Store clients. I had no ideas except for the technology. Aidan Cubis and John Kranitis from

Life Style Store came up with multiple ideas as we went through the build and Lyn developed the colour selection. The team was very professional.”

Life Style Store took care of all facets of this room including aesthetics, acoustic treatments and, of course, the audio-visual system. One remote controls all devices in the setup, such as the 4K player, amp, digital TV, Foxtel, Xbox, lighting and curtains.

Chris and Lyn requested a lighter-toned theatre but were happy for the starlight ceiling sections and the curtains to be the darker contrast in the room. “I wanted a designer-look theatre, so blacks and very dark colours were out of the question,” explains Chris. “I did not want standard room colours — I wanted it to look like the new generation of home theatre rooms as opposed to other rooms I have seen where it is mostly black or very dark colours. As it is a corner room we have plenty of light coming in, so it had to look good in the light and perform well when the curtains close.

“We also asked for a touch of red in the room to add that traditional movie-room feel and achieved this by

adding red cinema seating. The room's colour scheme was designed around these red, extra-wide home theatre chairs."

A custom bulkhead and false ceiling were added for the starlight ceiling. "The starlight ceiling is something everybody admires when they see the room," says Chris.

A raised floor was built for the row of cinema seating. "The raised floor to support the home theatre chairs gives a real cinema experience," says Chris.

New double entry doors with custom Chesterfield panels were also installed. "We have two separate doors that folded open into the room," says Chris. "We had one door removed and replaced by a wall to hang a picture with automated LED lights. The main doors were replaced with new custom doors with a Chesterfield appearance. The Chesterfield doors give it a very grand feel."

"The custom double Chesterfield-style entry doors really set the movie vibe the moment you enter the room and the clients love the feeling they impart, setting the tone of the space," says Aidan Cubis, retail store manager at Life Style Store.

The rear and side of the room had a custom full-height curtain installed and the audio-visual equipment for the room is housed in a custom cabinet at the front of the room. "Life Style Store arranged custom cabinets to hide all the equipment. I like how all the equipment is hidden," says Chris.

"Chris asked for Atmos speakers installed in the ceiling but didn't want any speakers in the starlight section of the ceiling," explains Aidan. "To achieve this with a clean, seamless look, we had to use a narrow-design speaker that motorises down from within the ceiling bulkheads. Custom air-conditioning grilles were also manufactured to match the look and style of the Atmos speakers. The speakers and air-conditioning grilles were then painted to colour match the ceiling bulkhead."

"We have speakers that automate and fold down on the bulkhead and Life Style Store even arranged for the air conditioning to flow through to two new outlets in the bulkhead," says Chris. "The room was changed two to three times during the build to enhance the sound with the relocation of speakers for a true Dolby Atmos experience."

Life Style Store also set a welcome scene for the family for when they first enter the room. This automated scene is triggered by a motion sensor and starts the theatre system, closes the motorised curtains, lowers the Atmos speakers and sets a movie time lighting scene.

"Life Style Store listened to what we wanted and delivered a system that met all of our needs with great attention to detail," says Chris. "We truly love our new home theatre. The team was fantastic and really understood what I was trying to achieve. I let them run with their ideas — they are the experts.

"I think the end result from how the room was originally to how it is now makes our project special. Life Style Store looked at the room and knew the best model to use and to enable us to have the best experience when watching movies.

"Everybody really enjoys using the theatre room and it seems to get a lot of Xbox play as well. The automation makes it very easy for everybody to use — even the three-year-old!"



## THE SYSTEM

### ■ Theatre room:

Sony VPL-VW550ES 4K projector  
Screen Technics 140-inch 2.35:1  
CinemaScope screen  
Anthem MRX1120 11 Channel Atmos  
A/V receiver  
Oppo UDP203 4K Blu-ray player  
Paradigm Prestige Series 85F main speakers  
Paradigm Prestige Series 55C centre speaker  
Paradigm Pro Series P80R in-ceiling  
surround speakers (4)  
KEF Ci3-80QT motorised in-ceiling Atmos  
speakers (2)  
Paradigm Prestige 1000SW 12-inch  
subwoofers (2)  
Thor power conditioner  
Control4 EA1 home controller and SR260  
remote  
Custom Starlight ceiling and perimeter  
LED lights  
Vicoustic cinema round acoustic wall panels  
Room modifications, custom bulkhead  
Custom joinery to house equipment  
Lighting for room  
Control4 automated lighting control  
Control4 automated curtain control  
Raised floor for row of cinema seating  
Room painting and carpeting

## The facts

**Approx. price:** \$75,000

**Categories installed:** Custom  
home theatre room

**Year of installation:** 2017

**Suburb:** Wallacia

**Builder:** Existing home



project | winston hills

# From basic to brilliant

A stunning example of a dedicated home theatre room delivered in an unconventional space



Life Style Store transformed this unused basement area into a custom home theatre room for Winston Hills homeowner Chris and his partner and the results are nothing short of remarkable. The company completed all elements of the room transformation including the acoustic treatments, custom starlight ceiling, carpet and audio-visual, but the work was not without its difficulties.

“The room was an extremely challenging environment within which to install a system,” explains Life Style Store manager,

Aidan Cubis. “The seating space was narrow, the entry could not be modified and achieving balanced symmetry in the space was difficult to design.”

The final system features an extremely impressive audio-visual system based around Sonus faber Homage series speakers and Anthem electronics. Control4 was utilised to automate the control of the audio-visual items and the lighting within this room.

“The client absolutely loves the sound and picture performance in their custom home theatre room,” says Aidan.

*Sonus faber*

ELECTA AMATOR III

Legacy refined



## THE SYSTEM

### ■ Home theatre room:

Sony VPL-VW760ES Laser projector  
 Screen Innovations Black Diamond Zero Edge screen  
 Anthem AVM60 A/V processor  
 Anthem Statement P5 5 x 325-watt power amplifier  
 Oppo UDP205 Blu-Ray player  
 Sonus faber Homage Guaneri main speakers  
 Sonus faber Homage Vox centre speaker  
 Sonus faber Venere On-Wall rear speakers  
 Paradigm in-ceiling Atmos speakers (4)  
 Martin Logan Balanced Force Dual 12-inch subwoofer  
 Isotek Sirius Power Conditioner and cables  
 Chord XLR and speaker cables  
 Control4 EA3 Room Controller and remote control  
 Control4 automated lighting control  
 Custom equipment rack

### ■ Home theatre room aesthetics:

Custom LED starlight ceiling  
 Perimeter LED strip lighting  
 Artnovion Kamet and Verona wall acoustic panels  
 Manhattan acoustic rear wall  
 Row One Carmel cinema seating



## The facts

**App price:** \$135,000

**Categories installed:** Custom home theatre room system

**Year of installation:** 2018

**Suburb:** Winston Hills

**Architect or designer:** Existing home



SpiderMan™: Homecoming  
available on 4K ultra HD™.

# SONY



## Experience the beauty of True 4K with a Sony Home Cinema Projector



VPL-VW870ES



VPL-VW760ES



VPL-VW570ES



VPL-VW270ES

**SXR** **4K** **HDR** **TRILUMINOS DISPLAY**

Visit [pro.sony.com.au](http://pro.sony.com.au) for full product details

project | beaumont hills

# Gold class

Whether it's to watch a blockbuster movie or an exciting sports event, this luxurious home theatre is the centre of attention



Having a Gold Class-style cinema and all of the excitement associated with it at home was a priority for Beaumont Hills homeowner Brandon. “We wanted a great theatre room that we could enjoy with our family and friends while entertaining,” explains Brandon. “Standing room was required at the back of the room for sports events and we definitely wanted the starlight ceiling we had seen at Life Style Store. We also wanted to be able to later expand the system to control all of the lighting in the theatre, main living area and the outdoor area.”

The house is occupied by Brandon, his wife and their teenage children. “I spend a lot of time away for work so I wanted a space the family could use when I wasn’t home, but that would also be great for entertaining at home when I was there,” says Brandon.

During their meeting with Life Style Store, the family requested a dark-toned movie theatre room but didn’t want it to be too dark for socialising and watching sporting events.

“The home theatre is great all year round and in the warmer months we spend a lot of time in the new outdoor area that the team at Life Style Store have just installed music into for us,” says Brandon.

“From day one my theatre room has been the centre of attention in my home. This also encouraged my friends to get the boys from Life Style Store to work their magic in their homes too. The team is very friendly and always willing to help. The boys have also done a fantastic job setting up my outdoor entertainment area where we spend most of our nights, not forgetting my Control4 system, which makes life so easy.”

## The facts

**Approx. price:** \$25,000

**Categories installed:** Home theatre room

**Year of installation:** 2013, Control4 2015

**Suburb:** Beaumont Hills

**Architect or designer:** Existing home

## THE SYSTEM

■ **Theatre room:** Sony VPLHW50ES 1080P 3D projector, DragonFly 120-inch fixed cinema screen, Anthem MRX500 A/V receiver, Cambridge Audio 751BD Blu-ray player, Client’s existing main speakers, Paradigm Monitor Centre 3 centre speaker, Paradigm Classic Series in-ceiling

rear speakers (4), Client’s existing subwoofer, LED night ‘Sky’ ceiling kit, Dropdown ceiling with perimeter LED lighting, Control4 HC250 room controller and SR260 remote control, Control4 automated lighting for five circuits

project | riverview

# Movie magic

Who needs to head out to the cinemas when you have a home theatre like this one?



Jackie and Grant, the new owners of this Riverview family home, wanted to convert their existing media/TV room into a dedicated home cinema. Life Style Store was contacted by Justine Steadman of Vault Interiors to quote on the renovation project that she was completing for her clients.

Jackie and Grant's TV room and entertaining areas are used and enjoyed by their family on an almost daily basis. "Life Style Store had to work within the constraints of the room to design a theatre that could accommodate cinema seating for eight people, and the rear-entry door could not be moved or changed," explains Johnny Nassar,

the lead installer from Life Style Store who managed the project. "We wanted a dedicated theatre room but didn't want the room to be all dark. We considered going for bright colours for the wall panelling, but decided to maintain a dark theme for the walls and ceiling and lighter colours for the carpet, joinery and blinds to contrast this."

Life Style Store took care of all facets of this room including aesthetics, acoustic treatments, cinema seating and, of course, the audio-visual system. Life Style Store also upgraded the existing in-ceiling speakers in the other rooms, added additional music zones, installed new Sonos amplifiers for each zone and installed a Wi-Fi range extension system.

## The facts

**Approx. price:** \$85,000

**Categories installed:** Custom home theatre, multi-room audio

**Year of installation:** 2016

**Suburb:** Riverview

**Interior designer:** Vault Interiors, Justine Steadman - 0409 141 022

**Builder:** Existing home



## THE SYSTEM

### ■ Theatre room audio-visual:

Sony VPL-HW45ES HD projector  
 Premium 120-inch 16:9 fixed projection screen  
 Anthem MRX720 A/V receiver  
 Oppo BDP103D Blu-ray player  
 Paradigm Prestige 15B main speakers  
 Paradigm Prestige 55C centre speaker  
 Paradigm Pro Series P80IW surround speakers (4)  
 Paradigm Seismic 110 10-inch subwoofer  
 Isotek Polaris power conditioning  
 Control4 EA3 home controller

### ■ Theatre room aesthetics:

Emotion Furniture cinema seats (two rows)  
 Raised floor for cinema seating  
 Custom acoustic wall panels for absorption  
 Vicoustic acoustic back wall  
 Custom Starlight ceiling and perimeter LED lights  
 Custom joinery to house equipment  
 Lighting for the room  
 Control4 automated lighting control  
 Room painting and carpeting

### ■ Kitchen/dining room:

Paradigm Elite E80R in-ceiling speakers  
 Sonos Connect amplifier

### ■ Lounge room:

Paradigm Elite E80R in-ceiling speakers  
 Sonos Connect amplifier

### ■ Billiard room:

Paradigm Elite E80R in-ceiling speakers  
 Sonos Connect amplifier

### ■ Study:

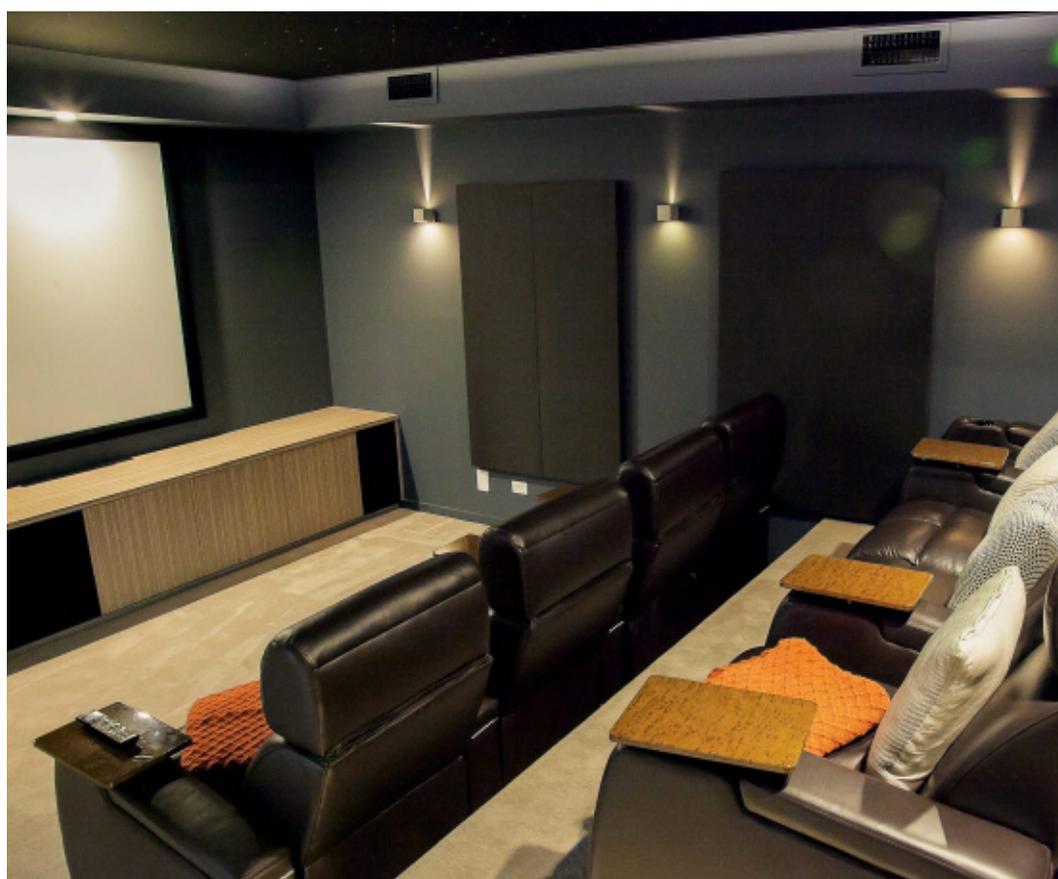
Paradigm Elite E80R in-ceiling speakers  
 Sonos Connect amplifier

### ■ Balcony/alfresco area:

Existing on-wall speakers  
 Sonos Connect amplifier

### ■ Pool area:

Existing on-wall speakers  
 Sonos Connect amplifier



# Fit for a king and his queen

Married life starts in one of the best ways possible in this new southern Sydney home – with a home theatre and multi-room audio system that delivers music to almost every room



Life Style Store installed this audio-visual system for homeowner Tony and his fiancée after their house had already been constructed, but prior to practical completion. This made the installation process extremely difficult and restrictive as the installation team had to work primarily within the existing cabling infrastructure and the cable positions as it was near impossible to run new cables within the home.

The house is a modern design with very contemporary and stylish fixtures and finishes; therefore, everything installed in the home needed to have this element and feel to it. “This family home was designed for my fiancée and I who

were married just as the house was completed,” explains Tony. “We requested a home theatre room for movie watching and a living room system for everyday TV viewing. The alfresco area was designed for entertaining and music for this area was really important to us.” The end result is a premium home theatre system; a multi-room audio system delivering music to almost every room of the home including the barbecue area, the outdoor lounge with a firepit and the stunning pool and spa; and a comprehensive WiFi network for a very realistic budget.

“One of the most sought-after streets in Picnic Point now has a home like no other,” says Tony. “It was cleverly designed and crafted with no expense spared.”

## The facts

**Approx. price:** \$65,000

**Categories installed:** Media room home theatre, multi-room audio-visual, wireless network

**Year of installation:** 2018

**Suburb:** Picnic Point

**Builder:** IGM Group



## THE SYSTEM

### Media room:

Epson TW9300 1080p 3D projector  
 DragonFly 100-inch 16:9 fixed cinema screen  
 Marantz SR7011 A/V receiver  
 Oppo UDP203 Blu-ray player  
 Paradigm Monitor 11 main speakers  
 Paradigm Centre 3 centre speaker  
 Paradigm Surround 3 on-wall rear speakers (4)  
 Paradigm DSP3200 12-inch subwoofer  
 Isotek Polaris power conditioner  
 Control4 EA3 home controller  
 Control4 SR260 universal remote control  
 Control4 automated lighting control  
 Vicoustic Wavewood on-wall acoustic panels  
 Perimeter LED lighting behind the Vicoustic panels

### Lounge room:

Wall-mounted LED television  
 Paradigm Elite E80 in-wall speakers  
 Control4 amplifier

### Kitchen:

Client's Samsung LED television  
 Vogel's articulating wall-mount bracket  
 Paradigm Elite E80R in-ceiling speakers  
 Control4 amplifier

### Alfresco area:

Client's Samsung LED television  
 Vogel's articulating wall-mount bracket  
 Paradigm Elite E80R in-ceiling speakers  
 Control4 amplifier

### Swimming pool:

Paradigm Elite E80R in-ceiling speakers  
 Control4 amplifier

### Master bedroom:

Wall-mounted LED television

### Guest bedroom:

Wall-mounted LED television

### Office:

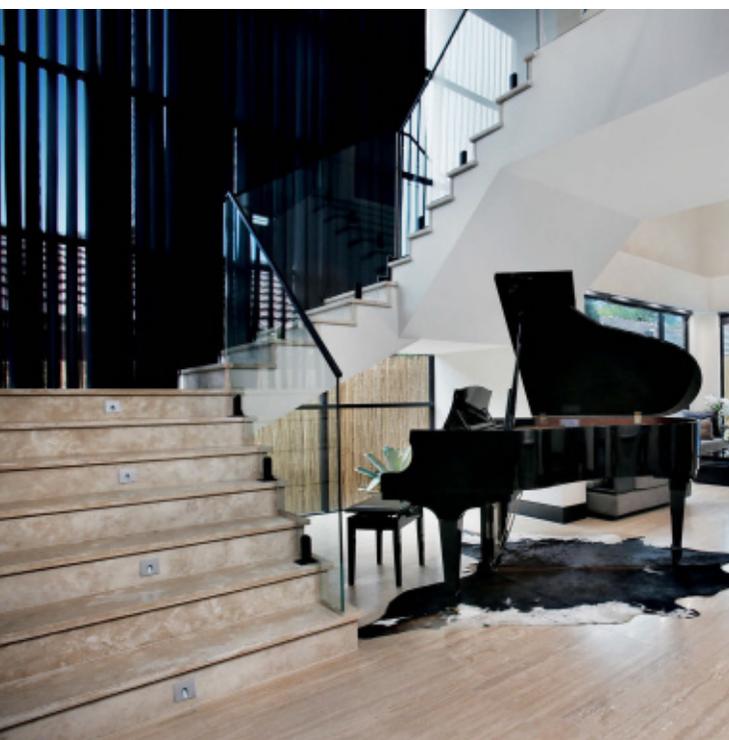
Wall-mounted LED television

### Core components:

Control4 4-source 4-zone amplifier  
 Control4 home controller  
 Bluestream HDMI switcher and HDMI baluns

### Wireless network:

Pakedge wireless router  
 Pakedge network switches  
 Pakedge wireless access points (4)



# Thinking ahead

## Designing structured wiring for future-ready homes

**A**re you building your new dream home? Did you know that Life Style Store is pre-approved for site access with many of New South Wales leading builders? Life Style Store aims to make the home entertainment and automation part of the building process as simple and carefree as possible and will manage the whole process and work with your builder to complete the system installation. Life Style Store will complete all cable rough-in requirements during the building stage and then return when your new home is complete to install your new system.

There is a great deal of wiring that goes into a home for everything from phone lines, pay TV cables, audio cables, computer and internet cables, cabling for lighting and electrical, security cabling and through to home automation. Planning for these requirements and a future-ready home is critical if you are building a new home or completing an extensive renovation.

Many people often confuse smart wiring with network cabling. A smart wiring system enables the combination of many different

types of cables used around the home into a single platform, which allows for the integration of a complete smart home system within your home, and the ability to expand and develop the system at a later date as your needs and requirements change. Among other things, a smart wiring platform includes wiring for lighting, security, access control, internet, and distributed audio-visual or home theatre systems. The cost of smart wiring during the construction or renovation stage is significantly less than completing this after you have moved into your home and also avoids the possibility of any damage occurring when trying to retro-fit these cables. By planning a properly scoped smart wiring system you not only add value to your home, but also ensure that your new home is future proofed.

The experienced staff at Life Style Store can simplify the process of designing a smart wiring cope and selecting a home automation, security, home theatre or multi-room entertainment system for your new home. The team also offers fixed-price, all-inclusive packages so that you don't have to worry about any of those possible hidden surprises. Your satisfaction and happiness is Life Style Store's priority.

## Preferred builders



Many leading builders and premium architects in NSW have chosen Life Style Store to be their preferred supplier partner. Some of these builders include Better Built Homes, Hudson Homes, Jandson Homes, Kurmond Homes, Provincial Homes, Rawson Homes, Roselea Homes and many more.

As part of the building process, these builders will direct their

clients to the team at Life Style Store. Here, they can experience and select the latest in home entertainment and automation products from Life Style Store's state-of-the-art showroom.

Once a client has selected their system, Life Style Store will handle all elements of the installation process with their builder, so that all you have to do is move in and enjoy your new system.

builder | kurmond homes

# Kurmond Homes

Home builders with a difference

**K**urmond Homes, a luxury custom home builder that works throughout the Sydney and NSW market, wanted to have a point of difference and bring something new and exciting to the market. As part of achieving this goal, it engaged Life Style Store to provide an audio-visual system, including a dedicated home theatre, for each of its new display homes.

One of these display homes is the Iris 32, designed to illustrate a coastal, country-feel family home with consistent neutral tones used. “The inspiration for this design was to create a Hamptons-style home to meet our clients’ needs and wants,” explain Michael and Peter Kulakovski of Kurmond Homes.

Attention to detail is very important to Kurmond Homes in any of its homes. The Iris 32 floor plan was designed to tick all boxes for families and includes an open-plan living area that combines indoor and outdoor living.

Life Style Store addressed the entertainment requirements of the Iris 32 display home, and installed the home theatre room and multi-room audio. “Life Style Store was amazing to deal with, as they guided us through the whole process and worked in with everyone from the team at Kurmond Homes,” say Michael and Peter.

## The facts

**Approximate price:** \$17,000  
**Categories installed:** Home theatre room, multi-room audio  
**Year of installation:** 2018  
**Suburb:** Leppington  
**Designer:** Kurmond Homes  
**Builder:** Kurmond Homes  
**Interior designer:** Kurmond Homes  
**Design:** Iris 32



The home theatre room in the Soul 27.



The home theatre room in the Iris 32



## THE SYSTEM

### ■ Home theatre room:

Epson TW6700 1080P 3D projector  
DragonFly 120-inch fixed cinema screen  
Marantz SR5013 A/V receiver  
Sony UBPX800 Blu-Ray player  
Paradigm Contractor Series in-wall main speakers  
Paradigm Monitor SE2000 centre speaker  
Paradigm Contractor Series in-ceiling rear speakers  
Paradigm V Series V8 8-inch subwoofer Control4 EA1 Home Controller  
Control4 7-inch in-wall touchscreen  
Control4 SR260 Universal Remote Control

### ■ Kitchen/meals area:

Paradigm in-ceiling speakers  
Zone 2 of Marantz AV receiver

### ■ Alfresco area:

Paradigm in-ceiling speakers  
Control4 Triad One Streaming Amplifier



KURMOND HOMES  
10 Sovereign Place  
South Windsor NSW 2756  
Tel: 1300 764 761  
Website: kurmondhomes.com.au

# Roselea Homes

A family-owned and -managed company with an excellent reputation built by consistently delivering luxury family homes at affordable prices



Life Style Store is the preferred supplier for many of Sydney's leading builders and one of its premium partners is Roselea Homes. If you are building with Roselea Homes, visit Life Style Store with a set of your plans and let the team design a custom solution to suit your needs.

## THE ENVY

Life Style Store has designed and installed systems for each of Roselea Homes' recent display homes, and one of the latest projects completed for them was a display home named The Envy. The Envy exudes an abundance of street appeal with clean lines and modern, fresh colours.

The first impression is the light airiness and its natural, easy-flowing floor plan. A key feature of The Envy is the soaring 3800mm-high ceiling to the family room that gives the rear family and living areas a feeling of grandeur. Large louvre windows create wonderful cross ventilation and highlight windows allow an abundance of natural light. The equipment selected by Life Style Store for this project had to integrate within the home without visually impacting on its grand style. The rear door to access the alfresco creates a totally integrated kitchen, meals and outdoor entertaining area all on the same level. Life Style

Store installed in-ceiling speakers which can be operated independently or combined together when the rear doors are opened.

The gourmet kitchen has been cleverly designed to allow an abundance of cupboards and benchtop space and the walk-behind scullery doubles as a secondary kitchen. All of the audio-visual equipment for the media room has been concealed, including the subwoofer which is mounted in the ceiling cavity. The AV receiver and its connected sources are all mounted out of sight and operated via a Control4 system.

The first-floor bedrooms are all double size with plenty of robe space and highlight windows, while the master bedroom has a stunning open-plan ensuite with double granite basins and a mosaic-tiled wall.

The comprehensive Boutique range of inclusions for The Envy means that your new home will be finished to an exceptionally high standard and will be the envy of everybody you know.

## The facts

Approx. price: \$18,000

Categories installed: Media room system, multi-room audio-visual

Year of installation: 2016

Suburb: Kellyville

Builder: Roselea Homes

Design: The Envy

76

build home

## THE SYSTEM

■ **Media room:** Wall-mounted LED television, Marantz NR1606 A/V receiver, Yamaha Blu-ray player, Paradigm in-ceiling main speakers, Paradigm in-ceiling centre speaker, Paradigm in-ceiling rear speakers, Paradigm in-ceiling subwoofer, Paradigm subwoofer amplifier, Control4 home controller, Control4 media controller

■ **Kitchen/dining:** Paradigm in-ceiling speakers, Marantz A/V receiver zone 2

■ **Formal lounge room:** Paradigm in-ceiling speakers, Sonos zone player amplifier

■ **Alfresco area:** Paradigm in-ceiling speakers, Sonos zone player amplifier





## THE SYSTEM

- **Media room:** Wall-mounted LED television, Marantz SR5006 A/V receiver, Marantz Blu-ray player, Paradigm in-ceiling main speakers, Paradigm in-ceiling centre speaker, Paradigm in-ceiling rear speakers, Paradigm in-ceiling subwoofer, Paradigm subwoofer amplifier, Control4 home controller, Control4 media controller
- **Lounge room:** Wall-mounted LED television, Paradigm in-ceiling speakers, Control4 amplifier
- **Formal lounge room:** Paradigm in-ceiling speakers, Control4 amplifier
- **Alfresco area:** Paradigm in-ceiling speakers, Control4 amplifier
- **Master bedroom:** Wall-mounted LED television, Paradigm in-ceiling speakers, Control4 amplifier
- **Home automation:** Control4 4 zone amplifier, Control4 home controller, Control4 automated lighting system, iPort in-wall iPad dock, A/V equipment rack



## THE DIAMOND

The first impression of The Diamond is one of class, with façade elements that are strong and commanding and set the tone for the entire home.

The most prominent feature is the rear area where the family, meals and kitchen areas have an impressive 4200mm-high ceiling that creates a sense of grandeur and space. This area is further enhanced by highlight windows and large feature and louvre windows, and a corner stacking door to the rear alfresco. The generous-sized kitchen is a chef's delight and also includes a large walk-in-pantry.

The Diamond was one of the first display homes that Life Style Store completed for Roselea Homes and included a media room surround-sound system and music to the main entertaining areas of the home. A partial automated lighting system was installed to manage the lighting while it was a display home and once the home was sold, Life Style Store completed the automated lighting to the entire home for the new owner and expanded the home's audio-visual system.

The Diamond is a beautiful home that continues to stand the test of time.



### The facts

- Approx. price:** \$35,000
- Categories installed:** Media room home theatre, multi-room audio-visual, home automation
- Year of installation:** 2011
- Suburb:** Bella Vista
- Builder:** Roselea Homes
- Design:** The Diamond



**ROSELEA**  
HOMES

**ROSELEA HOMES**

Unit 21, 9 Hoyle Avenue  
CASTLE HILL NSW 2154

**Tel:** 02 9899 6199

**Email:** mail@roselea.com.au

**Website:** roselea.com.au

# Complete integration

There's an emphasis on aesthetics and artwork in this high-end northern beaches home



In this user-friendly, high-end Avalon home, daily functions are easily controlled by the Control4 home automation system. Life Style Store was involved in the build process of the multi-level Avalon house from the initial construction stage and worked with the client, interior designer and builder.

“We were blessed with a well-learned and artful client, so our brief was concise with the exception that we were creatively free to plan and design the interiors of the house,” explains interior designer Edward Wong of Studio Make Made.

The homeowner wanted to achieve a completely integrated home for a realistic budget and Life Style Store worked closely with the client to tailor a system that could be delivered for a budget of approximately \$100,000. The finished aesthetics of the job were extremely important to the builder and the client, especially within the main living areas. Therefore, Stealth Acoustics ‘Invisible’ speakers have been installed within these spaces so that the speakers do not impact on the visual aesthetics of each room. There is also a motorised TV lift to conceal the TV when it is not in use.

Protecting and monitoring the artwork within the home was of critical importance to the client, so pressure sensors were installed

for each piece of artwork. These sensors connect to the Ness alarm system and are monitored by Control4, with instant SMS notifications of any change in pressure.

Lighting for each of these pieces was also of significant importance and a lot of time was taken in planning an effective lighting and lighting control system throughout the home and external garden areas.

Lighting control is handled by the latest Control4 panelised lighting system incorporating more than 50 relay and dimmer channels, 33 lighting and control keypads and a Control4 10-inch touchscreen, allowing control of each lighting circuit, lighting scene or any other connected device within the home.

Control4 plays a major role in the automation of multiple components and is operated from touchscreens, phones, remote controls and many schedules, timers and sensors.

“The most difficult component was the fireplace with its concealed pop-up TV,” says Edward. “This feature joinery houses an EcoSmart burner and a motorised lift that raises the TV via the Control4 system. The whole unit is finished in natural stone, including stone drawer fronts.”

This home is another excellent achievement by Life Style Store



and an exemplary case of how modern living should be, achieved for a very realistic budget.

“It was a pleasure working with Life Style Store,” says Edward. “There was good reliability from the team and their expertise with the complex systems gave us confidence with the build. The result, along with the Control4 system, added technology befitting the modern design of the house.”

### The facts

**Approx. price:** \$100,000

**Categories installed:** Media room, multi-room audio-visual, home automation

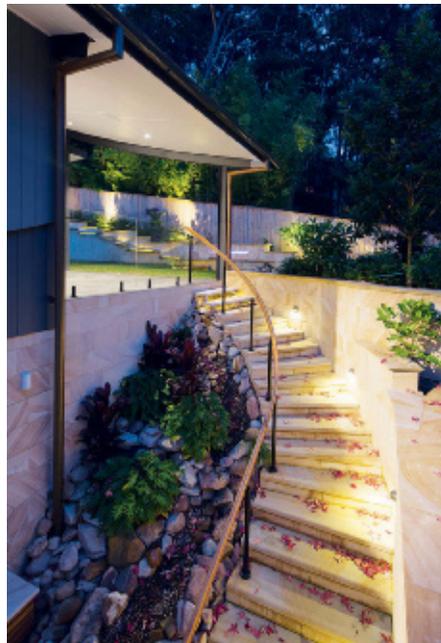
**Year of installation:** 2017

**Suburb:** Avalon

**Architect or designer:** Peter Downes (building designer)

**Builder:** Dancore Construction

**Interior designer:** Studio Make Made



## THE SYSTEM

### ■ Rumpus room:

LED television supplied by client  
 Ultralift Titan motorised TV bracket  
 Video sources from HDMI matrix  
 Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' in-wall main speakers  
 Control4 audio zone control  
 Anthem room amplification  
 Isotek Sirius power conditioner  
 Control4 EA1 home controller  
 Control4 SR260 universal remote control

### ■ Dining room:

Control4 audio zone control  
 Anthem room amplification  
 Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' in-wall speakers

### ■ Patio:

Control4 audio zone control  
 Anthem room amplification  
 Paradigm Elite Series 8-inch in-ceiling speakers

### ■ Balcony:

Control4 audio zone control  
 Anthem room amplification  
 Paradigm Elite Series 8-inch in-ceiling speakers

### ■ Master bedroom:

LED television supplied by client  
 Ultralift motorised TV lift  
 Video sources from HDMI matrix

### ■ Bedroom 2:

LED television supplied by client  
 Video sources from HDMI matrix

### ■ Bedroom 3:

LED television supplied by client  
 Video sources from HDMI matrix

### ■ Bedroom 4:

LED television supplied by client  
 Video sources from HDMI matrix

### ■ Granny flat:

LED television supplied by client  
 Vogels articulating wall-mount TV bracket  
 Video sources from HDMI matrix

### ■ Core components:

Control4 home controller  
 Blustream 4x4 HDMI matrix switcher  
 Blustream HDMI baluns  
 Control4 16 x 16 audio matrix switcher  
 Anthem PVA8 4-zone power amplifier  
 Sonos Connect zone players (2)  
 Isotek Sirius power conditioner  
 Thor A12 power conditioner boards (2)  
 Full-height A/V equipment rack

### HOME AUTOMATION:

#### ■ Lighting control:

Control4 EA5 home controller  
 Control4 eight-channel lighting dimmers (2)  
 Control4 eight-channel lighting relays (7)  
 Control4 lighting and home control keypads (33)  
 Control4 five-slot lighting enclosures (2)

#### ■ Access and home control:

Control4 DS2 intercom station at front gate  
 Control4 10-inch in-wall touchscreen  
 Control of all motorised blinds  
 Control of external heaters  
 Control of external pond and water feature  
 On/off air conditioning interface

#### ■ Security:

Ness M1 Premium alarm system  
 28 internal motion and contact detectors  
 Internal pressure sensor detectors  
 External motion sensors (2)  
 Lilitin 16-channel NVR  
 Lilitin day/night outdoor security cameras (4)

#### ■ Data network:

24-port POE network switch  
 Wireless access points (3)

# Grand estate

Built on acreage for a large modern family, this timeless home design boasts a host of smart home conveniences

If ever there is a good time for a new home and a fresh start, it's following a wedding. "As newlyweds in our second marriage, we needed something to consume our imaginations and something we could involve all of our five children in together," explains homeowner Peter, who built this exquisite new Kenthurst home on acreage with his wife, Kim. "The purpose of building our home was to give us a lifelong project that we could become passionate about.

"Our goal was to build a family home that would appear timeless, with all of the modern conveniences that will stand the test of time. We wanted a house that you would be unable to tell what year it was built, not only now but in the future, and in 20 years' time, as long as it is maintained, will always look new."

As the couple has spectacular rural grounds and five children, the home had to be large. "The house was designed to accommodate our growing family, in particular adult children, whose ages ranged from 16 years to 22 years at the time," says Peter. "This meant we had to design a house with separate private areas. Each bedroom needed its own entrance, its own bathroom and all the conveniences we could think of to make our family comfortable. We wanted everyone to be close to each other while at the same time giving everyone their individual privacy — something we feel we achieved very well."

There are four adults in the house who all lead very busy lives, including a tradesman and a daughter who is studying her Masters of Education. "We also own two Border Collies who are our babies," says Peter. "Now our children don't want to move out and it looks like they never will, despite being 29, 26 and 22 respectively!"

The family's inspiration for the build grew from buying the land, spending a year of weekends living in a shipping container while building, then erecting more than 1km of post-and-rail fences. As funds became available, the project began and as money was initially tight, Peter and Kim opted to build a kit home — the Castlereagh by PAAL Homes. "After the initial delivery of the frame and having plans to construct the build, Kim and I decided that we were going to ... build the house as an owner builder on our own," says Peter. "This was a huge challenge as I have never built anything before, so we approached a friend of the family, who happens to be a semi-retired builder, and began the building process."

It took three years of full-time work, seven days a week, to complete the build. Fortunately, Kim and Peter had already

built a massive American-style, fully self-contained barn on another part of their acreage to spend time in while they built the master home.

The home had to be environmentally friendly with a focus on minimal power and water consumption. As it is on a rural platform, has expansive gardens and doesn't have town water or sewerage, the home had to be energy efficient.

The design incorporates five bedrooms with a wraparound verandah (plus an additional two bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, theatre room, billiard room, formal dining and family room in the American barn and an additional bedroom in the pool house), two open fireplaces, solid grey gum flooring, high ceilings, bulkheads and coffered ceilings in the kitchen, and ornate cornices. Each of the bedrooms has its own TV which can view any of six connected HDMI sources and each room and the connected sources can be operated via the Control4 system. The pure travertine stone bathrooms have dual-hung vanities, twin showers, imported Newform Italian tapware and marble sinks.

The kitchen is fitted with the best ILVE appliances, including a custom 1.1m-long induction cooktop, twin ovens and wine/beer fridges; a full butler's pantry and laundry; a custom 5m American oak island and custom hand-painted French provincial cupboards. Music for this space is provided by Paradigm in-ceiling speakers.

"My wife and I chose every fitting and fixture throughout the house. The colour scheme and the design and furnishings were all done by Kim," says Peter. "The inside of the house was all Kim, the outside and the gardens was all me ... kind of."

Life Style Store was involved in the building process from the initial construction stage and originally completed the theatre system and multi-room audio-visual system when the house was being built and pre-wired for future automation. "Home automation is extremely important to us so that our lifestyle can be as simple, comprehensive and expandable as the property grows in the future," says Peter. "The home automation is powerful enough to meet all of our needs."

In 2018, Life Style Store expanded the Control4 system within the home to include an automated Ness M1 alarm system, Lilin Security cameras and Control4 intercom and access control functionality. Control4 plays a major role in the automation of multiple components and is operated from touchscreens, portable tablets, phones, remote controls, schedules, timers and sensors.

The custom theatre room features a Sony HD projector, 110-inch screen and an Anthem A/V receiver powering Paradigm



Monitor Series speakers and a Paradigm subwoofer. Custom joinery at the front of the room houses all equipment. In 2018, Life Style Store also updated the cinema seating to include two rows of the latest Row One Evolution cinema seats.

The multi-room system features a Control4 six-room HDMI matrix system, a Control4 4-zone amplifier and multiple Sonos Connect amplifiers driving internal and external audio-visual zones with Paradigm speakers.

“Our favourite part of our home is the home theatre room, which is just spectacular,” says Peter. “We initially came to Vinod with a view to just have a projector and speakers. He took us into a room and spent at least four hours with my wife and I, and we ended up leaving the showroom with a smart house with an ultimate theatre room setup,” says Peter. “I honestly think that his initial discussion and the extra we put into the home to make it a smart home prompted me to take the build up to another level and make it spectacular, rather than just good. It’s all Vinod’s fault!

“From the beginning, I was impressed with Life Style Store for the excellent quality and extensive knowledge of everything electronic. The fit-out and installation was second to none and I would highly recommend them as I have to other family members who have since had smart homes completed by Life Style Store. The company didn’t for one minute make me worry about my money and having things completed, which they did every time they said they would. I am now on my third phase of installation for the pool house, which brings the installation up to another level again, which I am really looking forward to.

“We are about 75 per cent finished on our project. When the pool house is complete, the home will exceed 1100sqm of roof area plus the 350sqm of barn area.

“I think our home is very special because when we first purchased the land it was barren and basically a bush block. Since then, we have transformed the area into a grand estate. As you drive through the front entrance to our property and down the privately owned road, it opens up to an area that’s just magical, with expansive views and a tree-studded drive entrance which has to be seen to be appreciated. Words can’t describe the feeling you get when you enter our world.”

### The facts

**Approx. price:** \$120,000

**Categories installed:** Home theatre room, multi-room audio, security, access control

**Year of installation:** 2014 and updated in 2018

**Suburb:** Kenthurst

**Designer:** PAAL Homes

**Builder:** Colonial Constructions



## THE SYSTEM

■ **Theatre room:** Sony VPLHW50ES 1080P 3D projector, DragonFly 110-inch fixed cinema screen, Anthem MRX500 A/V receiver, Cambridge Audio 651BD Blu-ray player, Paradigm Monitor 11 main speakers, Paradigm Monitor centre 3 centre speaker, Paradigm Surround 1 on-wall rear speakers, Paradigm DSP3100 10-inch subwoofers (2), LED night sky ceiling kit, Control4 HC300 room controller and SR260 remote control, Control4 automated lighting for five circuits, Row One Evolution Series cinema seating (two rows)

■ **Kitchen/dining room:** Samsung LED TV, Paradigm AMS150R in-ceiling speakers, Control4 room amplification

■ **Formal lounge room:** Samsung LED TV, Paradigm AMS250 in-wall speakers, Control4 room amplification

■ **Master bedroom:** Samsung LED TV, Paradigm AMS150R-30 angled in-ceiling speakers, Control4 room amplification

■ **Gym:** Samsung LED TV, Paradigm AMS150R in-ceiling speakers, Control4 room amplification

■ **Bedrooms:** Samsung LED televisions

■ **Cabana alfresco area:** Paradigm Elite E80R in-ceiling speakers, Sonos Connect amplifier

■ **Firepit alfresco area:** Paradigm Stylus 470 on-wall speakers, Sonos Connect amplifier

■ **Garage:** Paradigm Elite E80R in-ceiling speakers, Sonos Connect amplifier

■ **Core components:** Control4 EA5 home controller, Control4 4-zone matrix amplifier, Sonos Connect zone player, Leaf 6x6 HDMI matrix system, data network, wireless access points and components

■ **Security and access control:** Ness M1 alarm system, Lilin PTZ security camera, Lilin security cameras (5), Lilin NVR camera recorder, Control4 DS2 intercom door station, Control4 10-inch touchscreens (2)

# Out of sight

Visually unobtrusive audio-visual in this home enhances the couple's living spaces



**F**or this Cabarita couple, a smart home is all about equipment that not only allows enjoyment of audio and visual at the touch of a button, but is also visually unobtrusive in their home. “We requested no clutter or equipment/speakers in order to maximise our floor space and complement the open style of our house,” explains homeowner Terry. “We didn’t want speakers taking up floor space — having no floor-standing or wall-mounted speakers enhances our living space.

“We also liked the idea of being able to control systems remotely by remote control, iPhone and iPad via Control4. We envisaged an environment where audio-visual was integrated in the home with minimal impact, yet offered flexibility of media sources.”

The home is occupied by Terry and his wife, but spare rooms are often used by guests. “Our home is great for entertaining and when guests stay they can watch or listen to their choice of different media in individual rooms.”

All equipment, apart from the televisions, is out of sight. There is just one centralised communications rack in the storeroom,

with no audio-visual equipment (except a turntable) visible in any of the rooms. Televisions are wall mounted in five rooms (two guest bedrooms, office, garage, bar room and main bedroom), with a motorised ceiling-mounted TV lift in the main bedroom which conceals the TV into the ceiling cavity when it isn’t in use.

Terry and his wife also required outdoor sound to two areas — the main living room balcony and alfresco bar/barbecue/pool area — and all speakers for these spaces are either flush wall-mounted or in-ceiling. Terry cites the bar, barbecue and pool area as being his favourite space.

A visit to and demonstrations at Life Style Store in North Parramatta provided Terry and his wife with the inspiration they needed to make their smart home dream a reality. “We would definitely recommend Life Style Store,” says Terry. “The job was carried out without any problems. The team was very professional and when an amp stopped working it was replaced without fuss — Life Style Store was able to attend to these issues promptly.

“I think that in today’s world there is so much entertainment done around audio-visual that to have this available at home at the touch of a remote control adds to our enjoyment of audio and visual.”

## The facts

**Approx. price:** \$100,000

**Categories installed:** Media room home theatre, living room 5.2 system, multi-room audio-visual

**Year of installation:** 2016

**Suburb:** Cabarita

**Builder:** Aligra Constructions



## THE SYSTEM

### ■ Theatre room equipment:

Client's Samsung TV  
 Anthem MRX710 A/V receiver  
 Oppo BDP103D Blu-ray player  
 Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' main speakers  
 Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' centre speaker  
 Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' rear speakers  
 Paradigm RVC12SQ in-wall 12-inch subwoofer  
 Paradigm X850 subwoofer amplifier  
 Control4 home automation and room controller  
 Isotek Sirius power conditioning

### ■ Living room equipment:

Client's Samsung TV  
 Anthem MRX710 A/V receiver  
 Oppo BDP103D Blu-ray player  
 Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' main speakers  
 Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' centre speaker  
 Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' rear speakers  
 Stealth Acoustics B30 subwoofers  
 Stealth Acoustics 255R subwoofer amplifier  
 Control4 home automation and room controller  
 Isotek Polaris power conditioning

### ■ Living room balcony:

Paradigm Stylus 470 all-weather speakers

### ■ Kitchen/dining:

Client's Samsung TV  
 Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' speakers

### ■ Home office:

Client's Samsung TV  
 Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' speakers

### ■ Master bedroom:

Client's 60-inch Samsung TV  
 Ultralift Mercury 60-inch motorised television lift  
 Stealth Acoustics LR3 'invisible' speakers

### ■ Garage:

Client's Samsung TV  
 Stealth Acoustics LR8 'invisible' speakers

### ■ Swimming pool and alfresco area:

Paradigm SA35 in-ceiling speakers (4)  
 Tru Audio Sub Terrain in-ground subwoofer  
 Tru Audio subwoofer amplifier

### ■ Core components:

Full-size 42RU equipment rack  
 Control4 16x16 audio matrix switcher  
 Control4 4-zone amplifiers (2)  
 Blustream 8-source, 8-zone HDMI matrix system  
 Sonos Connect players (2)  
 Control4 HC800 home automation controller  
 Isotek Sirius power conditioning



# Design of the times

A user-friendly, high-end home where daily functions are easily controlled

Life Style Store was involved in the building process of this multi-level house in Cammeray from the initial construction stage. The company worked with the client and the designer/builder, Chris Knierim from Code Green, to design and deliver a user-friendly, high-end home where daily functions are easily controlled by a Control4 home automation system.

“We wanted a modern home that could span the ages,” says homeowner Felicity, who shares the home with her husband, Will, three children and Max, their Labrador. “The purpose of our development was to build a new family home where our young family can grow. We also wanted something that would last. When we completed each stage it was exciting, but the most exciting part was when the project actually started and we began demolishing the existing home.”

Their sloping block posed a number of design and construction challenges. “We wanted to maximise the north aspect and our main living is in this part of the house,” explains Felicity. “We also wanted to ensure that our bedrooms were all on one floor and that the guest wing was separate. Maximising the block, taking advantage of the north aspect and view, space and separate living areas were all very important considerations in the build.”

Felicity and Will planned to achieve a completely integrated home for a realistic budget and Life Style Store worked closely with the family to tailor a system that could be delivered for their budget of approximately \$150,000. “Technology implementation was important given the calibre of home we were building and the integration of technology in our lives,” says Felicity.

The finished aesthetics were extremely important to the builder and the family, especially within the main living areas.

Therefore, Stealth Acoustics ‘Invisible’ speakers were installed in these spaces so that the speakers do not impact on the visual aesthetics of each room. The box-type speakers in the bedrooms are concealed within false air conditioning grilles so that they don’t visually detract in these rooms.

Control4 plays a major role in the automation of multiple components and is operated from touchscreens, phones, remote controls and many schedules, timers and sensors.

The Control4 Home Automation System allows control of airconditioning; motorised louvres, blinds and curtains; automated lighting; and numerous monitored security functions.

For security and access control the property features a Lilin network video recorder for monitoring and recording the external security cameras (integrated through Control4); a Ness M1 premium alarm system; Control4 intercom stations at the front gate and main entry; three Control4 10-inch in-wall touchscreens and outdoor lighting sensors. The wine cellar features a biometric fingerprint access reader for restricting and monitoring access into this space. These products for the security aspect of the property are all managed and monitored by Control4.

Lighting control is handled by the latest Control4 panelised lighting system incorporating more than 100 relay and dimmer channels, 23 lighting keypads and three Control4 10-inch touchscreens, allowing control of each lighting circuit, lighting scene or any other connected device within the home. “It is really nice to lie in bed and turn the house off without having to get up to turn light switches off,” says Felicity.

A comprehensive, fully monitored Pakedge wired and wireless network was installed to support all the connected devices. It includes an advanced router, multiple POE Network switches and wireless access points to cover all internal and external areas of the home.

---

## The facts

**Approx. price:** \$160,000

**Categories installed:** Media room, multi-room  
audio-visual, home automation

**Year of installation:** 2018

**Suburb:** Cammeray

**Architect or designer:** Chris Knierim —  
Designer Constructions / Code Green

**Builder:** Chris Knierim

**Interior designer:** Catherine Calavrias

**Cellar racking design and construction:**  
Signature Cellars



This home is yet another achievement by Life Style Store and an exemplary case of how modern living should be, achieved for a very realistic budget. “Dealing with Life Style Store was excellent,” says Felicity. “The process was smooth from the day we walked into the store. The staff at Life Style Store are wonderful, engaging and, most importantly, knowledgeable about their products and technology. I am extremely grateful to our builder, Chris Knierem, for introducing us to Vinod and his team.

“What we have built is really special. Our design uses a lot of concrete and glass with a grey palette. We wanted a home that was warm

and inviting while using quite cold materials and colours. We have achieved this through adding texture to the materials.

“We engaged an Aboriginal artist to produce artwork that we used as the base design for the garage door, awnings over the master bedroom and second balconies, and artwork panels on the external walls of the upper floor. We have a lot of unique design elements, such as the Aboriginal artwork panels in various forms on the exterior of the house. We also installed a green roof, utilising native plants which have attracted local wildlife, including beautiful sulphur-crested cockatoos.”

## THE SYSTEM

■ **Rumpus room:** Samsung UA82NU8000 82-inch LED television, Wall-mount TV bracket, Video sources from HDMI matrix, Stealth Acoustics LR3 ‘invisible’ in-ceiling main speakers, Stealth Acoustics LR3 ‘invisible’ in-ceiling centre speaker, Stealth Acoustics LR3 ‘invisible’ in-ceiling rear speakers, Stealth Acoustics B30 ‘invisible’ subwoofers, Stealth Acoustics subwoofer amplifier, Marantz SR7012 A/V receiver, Isotek Polaris power conditioner, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Living room:** LED television supplied by client, Wall-mount TV bracket, Video sources from HDMI matrix, Stealth Acoustics LR3 ‘invisible’ in-wall speakers, Stealth Acoustics B30 ‘invisible’ subwoofers, Stealth Acoustics subwoofer amplifier, Marantz SR6012 A/V receiver

■ **Master bedroom:** LED television supplied by client, Wall-mount TV bracket, Video sources from HDMI Matrix, Triad in-room sat compact box speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Bedroom 2:** Triad in-room sat compact box speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Bedroom 3:** Triad in-room sat compact box speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Bedroom 4:** Triad in-room sat compact box speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Bedroom 5:** Triad in-room sat compact box speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Swimming pool:** Paradigm Stylus 470 on-wall speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Alfresco:** Stealth Acoustics LR3 ‘invisible’ in-ceiling speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Core components:** Control4 home controller, Blustream 4x4 HDMI matrix switcher, Blustream HDMI baluns, Oppo UDP 203 Blu-ray player, Thor A12 power conditioner boards (3), Full-height A/V equipment rack

### ■ HOME AUTOMATION:

■ **Lighting control:** Control4 EA5 home controller, Control4 eight-channel lighting dimmers (7), Control4 eight-channel lighting relays (7), Control4 lighting and home control keypads (23), Control4 five-slot lighting enclosures (3)

■ **Access and home control:** Control4 DS2 intercom station at front gate, Control4 DS2 intercom station at main entry, Fingerprint reader and electronic strike for wine cellar, Control4 10-inch in-wall touchscreens (3), Coolmaster air conditioning interface

■ **Security:** Ness M1 premium alarm system, 28 internal motion and contact detectors, External motion sensors (2), Lillin 16-channel NVR, Lillin day/night outdoor security cameras (4)

■ **Data network:** Pakedge RK-1 network router, Pakedge SX-24P 24-port POE network switch, Pakedge SX-24 24-port network switch, Pakedge SE-8i eight-port network switches (3), Pakedge NK-1 wireless network manager, Pakedge WX-1 wireless access points (4)

project | darlinghurst

# Penthouse perfection

An authentic home cinema at the touch of a button



**T**hese inner-city Sydney property owners recently moved into their new penthouse apartment, inspired by New York- and London-style modern penthouses. Looking for an audio-visual and automation solution, they turned to Life Style Store. “The penthouse is occupied by my partner and I and he spends a lot of time overseas for work, so we wanted a very simple and easy-to-use system that was low maintenance,” says the homeowner. “Apart from when the theatre is in use we wanted a very light, bright feel to the apartment.

“We requested a living room TV system with great sound, but didn’t want any speakers visible, not even speaker grilles. We also wanted to be able to transform the room into a proper cinema at the touch of a button. Music and TV around the apartment was important but we didn’t want to see the other TVs when they weren’t in use. We also wanted to be able to control all of the audio-visual and lighting in the apartment from a single press on a keypad.

“Our wishlist to Life Style Store included invisible speakers, motorised TVs and garden speakers, but the final aesthetic look and what we could modify in the apartment was somewhat governed by the body corporate and building by-laws, even though we own the penthouse.”

The couple declares the home theatre to be their favourite part of the penthouse. The living room can be transformed from a TV room into a proper home theatre at the touch of a button. A projector and screen motorise down from within the ceiling cavity and a motorised curtain extends from within a concealment in the rear wall to section off this space. The area even features colour-change lighting.

“Life Style Store listened to what we wanted and delivered a system that met all of our needs,” says the homeowner. “We were so impressed with what they delivered in this home, our main residence, that we have had the company install two almost identical systems in two of our other properties — the only difference being that we went with Control4 lighting rather than Dyalite in our other two properties.”

## Audiophile-Friendly 11.2 Pre-Amplifier/Processor

*Multi-channel Flexibility  
11.2 Pre-amplifier Channels*





## THE SYSTEM

### ■ Media room:

Pioneer 50-inch Kuro plasma TV  
 Vidikron Vision Series projector  
 Stewart Filmscreen electric screen  
 Ultralift motorised projector lift  
 Marantz SR8001 A/V receiver  
 Tivo PVR recorder  
 Cambridge Audio Blu-ray player  
 Stealth Acoustics seven-speaker system  
 Stealth Acoustics subwoofers (4)  
 Stealth Acoustics subwoofer amplifiers  
 Thor power station  
 Philips Pronto room controller

### ■ Dining room:

Stealth Acoustics speakers  
 Sonos Amplified Zone Player

### ■ Alfresco area:

Ultralift motorised TV lift  
 Samsung LCD television  
 Stealth Acoustics speakers  
 Sonos Amplified Zone Player

### ■ Master bedroom:

Ultralift motorised TV lift  
 Loewe Individual Compose 46-inch LCD TV  
 Marantz A/V receiver  
 Cambridge Audio Blu-ray player  
 Stealth Acoustics speakers (5)  
 Philips Pronto room controller

### ■ Ensuite:

Stealth Acoustics speakers  
 Marantz A/V receiver zone 2

### ■ Home automation:

Dynalite lighting system  
 Philips Pronto touchscreen controls  
 Data network



"We have had the pleasure of dealing with Life Style Store for more than 10 years and are extremely impressed with its professionalism and commitment to our projects," says homeowner Craig. "Vinod and his team's knowledge of the latest products and ability to make them work seamlessly is exceptional. We wouldn't consider anyone else for any future installations."

### The facts

**Approx. price:** \$220,000  
**Categories installed:** Home theatre, multi-room audio-visual, home automation, lighting control  
**Year of installation:** 2010  
**Suburb:** Darlinghurst  
**Architect:** Existing apartment



# MCA Series

*Superb Value in Multichannel Amplifiers,  
 delivering 225 continuous watts per channel  
 into 8 ohms*



visit [anthemAV.com](http://anthemAV.com) for more info.

# Middle Harbour magnificence

Approachable luxury meets a great level of functionality



**T**his family home renovation at Castle Cove, on Sydney's lower north shore, was of a significant scale, with all new audio-visual and cinema installations completed by the Life Style Store. "Our brief was to have audio and visual easily accessible throughout the house and integrated in a seamless and attractive manner to flow with the rest of the house's finishes," explains homeowner Tatyana. "Having a high-performing and reliable WiFi platform was also a key requirement."

The household accommodates three children ranging from teenagers through to much younger children, plus lots of friends, so ensuring that everyone could enjoy access to reliable WiFi and great audio-visual content was very important. Entertainment was also a priority and the Life Style Store team ensured that audio could be accessed through the property.

The home is set on a generous and private piece of land blessed with scenic Middle Harbour views and stunning sunrises. The original architect took great lengths to allow the house to capture the best of the surrounding natural aspects, with builder Bellevarde Constructions and the interior designer, Dylan Farrell Design, enhancing each space during the renovation to deliver a fantastic family home.

Life Style Store worked with Tatyana and Bellevarde Homes during the renovation to design and deliver an integrated home theatre and multi-room audio system. The home theatre features a Sony 4K projector with CinemaScope zoom in conjunction with a Screen Technics 125-inch, 2.35:1 fixed screen with electric side masking for 16:9 viewing.

Sound is taken care of by an Anthem A/V receiver and Paradigm speakers with an in-wall Paradigm subwoofer. Numerous multi-room audio-visual zones were also installed, including 5.1 and stereo zones to provide sound and picture throughout. A centrally located glass in-wall iPad dock in the kitchen allows easy centralised control of the distributed audio-visual system.

A comprehensive, fully monitored Packedge wired and wireless network supports all connected devices within the home, including those that Life Style Store installed. It includes an advanced router, multiple POE network switches and wireless access points to cover all internal and external areas.

According to Tatyana, seamless integration that was functional and high end to marry with the design elements was a crucial design consideration. "Having great outdoor audio which is automated and accessed from our mobile



devices makes it a pleasure to use,” says Tatyana. “The ease and efficiency with which everything works has meant that music constantly flows throughout the home.

“The cinema, audio-visual installations and automation that the team from Life Style Store delivered elevated our level of everyday enjoyment. From the initial consultation with the team from Life Style Store to the last installation visit, it was a fantastic experience. No question was ignored, no request was denied, no obstacle was too hard to address. I had the same high level of quality service and customer care from every member of the team. I’m grateful that Bellevarde made the introduction to Life Style Store.”

---

### The facts

**Approx. price:** \$125,000

**Categories installed:** Home theatre room, multi-room audio-visual, data network

**Year of installation:** 2018

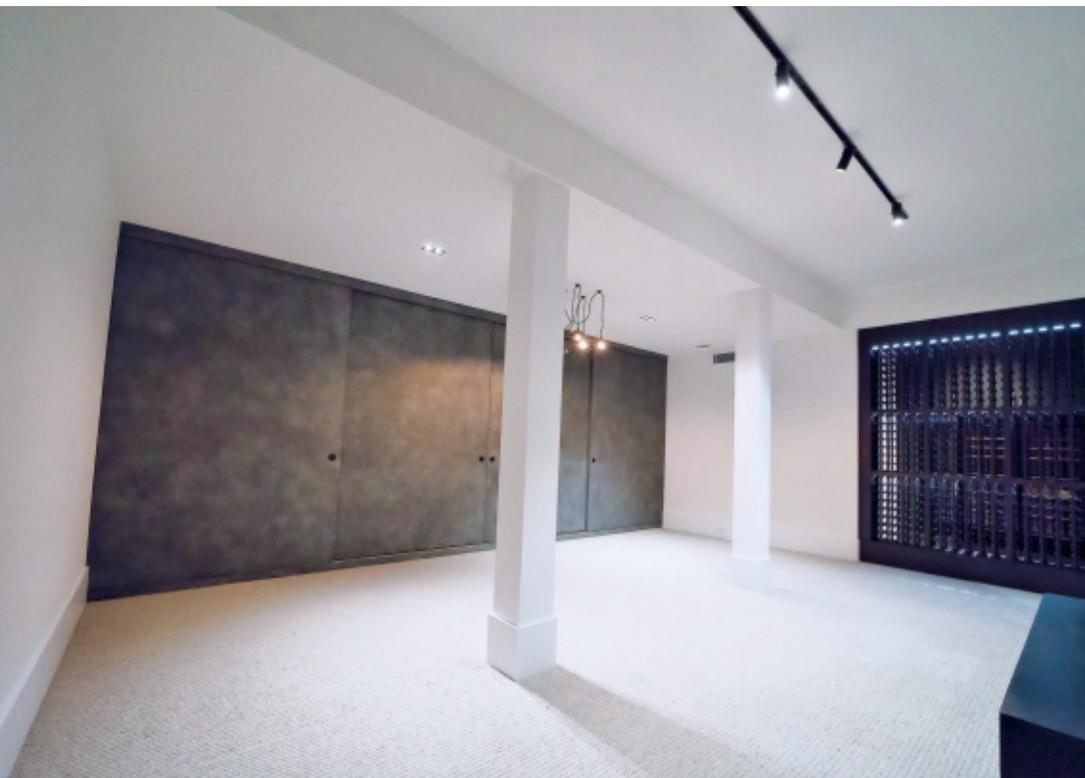
**Suburb:** Castle Cove

**Architect or designer:** Dylan Farrell Design (DFD)

**Builder:** Bellevarde Constructions

**Interior designer:** No dedicated architect. DFD incorporated the interior design and architectural changes as part of its brief





## THE SYSTEM

■ **Home theatre room:** Sony VPLW360ES 4K UHD projector, Screen Technics 125-inch 2.35:1 Cinemascope fixed screen with electric side masking, Anthem MRX720 A/V receiver, Paradigm Elite Series E80 8-inch in-wall main speakers, Paradigm Elite Series E80 8-inch in-wall centre speaker, Paradigm Elite Series E65R in-ceiling rear speakers (4), Paradigm RVC Series in-wall subwoofer and back box, Paradigm X850 850-watt subwoofer amplifier, Isotek Polaris power conditioner, Control4 EA3 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Rumpus room:** Samsung QA75 Q7 75-inch QLED television, Wall-mount TV bracket, Video sources from HDMI Matrix, Paradigm Pro Series P80A 8-inch angled in-ceiling main speakers, Paradigm Pro Series P80A 8-inch angled in-ceiling centre speaker, Paradigm Pro Series P80R 8-inch in-ceiling rear speakers, Paradigm DSP3100 10-inch active subwoofer, Marantz SR5012 A/V receiver, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Games room:** Paradigm Elite Series E80R eight-inch in-ceiling speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Kitchen/meals:** Samsung QA55 Q7 55-inch QLED television, Vogel's articulating wall-mount TV bracket, Paradigm Elite Series E80R 8-inch in-ceiling speakers (4), Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control, iRoom glass in-wall iPad dock and Apple iPad

■ **Alfresco area 1:** Paradigm Elite Series E80IW 8-inch in-wall speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Alfresco area 2:** Paradigm Elite Series E80IW 8-inch in-wall speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Formal living:** Paradigm Elite Series E80R 8-inch in-ceiling speakers (4), Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Family room:** Samsung QA65 Q7 65-inch QLED television, Wall-mount TV bracket, Video sources from HDMI Matrix, Paradigm Elite Series E80A 8-inch angled in-ceiling main speakers, Marantz SR5012 A/V receiver, Control4 EA1 home controller, Control4 SR260 universal remote control

■ **Master bedroom:** LED television supplied by client, Wall-mount TV bracket, Paradigm Prestige 15B compact bookshelf speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Main study:** Paradigm mini bookshelf speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Swimming pool:** Paradigm Stylus 470 on-wall speakers, Control4 Triad One streaming zone amplifier

■ **Core components:** Control4 home controller, Blustream 4 x 2 HDMI matrix switcher, Blustream HDMI baluns, Thor A12 power conditioner boards (3), Full-height A/V equipment rack

■ **Data network:** Pakedge RK-1 network router, Pakedge SX-24P 24-port POE network switch, Pakedge SE-8i 8-port network switches (3), Pakedge NK-1 wireless network manager, Pakedge WK-2 wireless access points (8)

**EPSON**  
EXCEED YOUR VISION

# THE ULTIMATE 4K HOME THEATRE EXPERIENCE



## Meet Epson's new 4K PRO-UHD projectors

4K PRO-UHD uses proprietary dedicated processors to deliver up to 300 inches of big-screen experience right in your home, with the latest 4K experience\*, razor-sharp images, and DCI-P3 cinema standard colour.

[www.epson.com.au/4KPROUHD](http://www.epson.com.au/4KPROUHD)

\*4K Enhancement Technology (4Ke) shifts each pixel diagonally to double the native panel Full HD (1920x1080) resolution. Resolution is Full HD in 3D Mode.



feature

# Music streaming

If you love great audio, a dedicated music streamer is essential, especially if you've shunned your CD collection in favour of music stored on a hard drive. A great and easy-to-use music streamer can become the centre of your hi-fi system, making every listening session much more enjoyable.

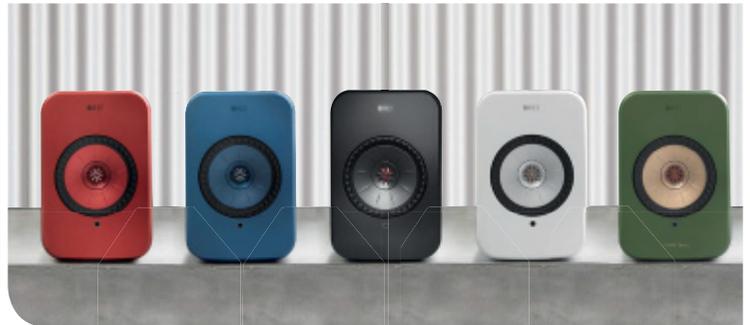
A music streamer is a device that has the ability to play audio stored in another location and can be controlled via your smartphone or tablet. Music playback can be over the Internet, via a streaming service such as Spotify or Tidal, or from a networked or external hard drive.

Life Style Store carries music streamers from entry-level brands such as Sonos, Heos, Control4 and Bose through to premium solutions from audiophile brands such as Cambridge Audio, Marantz, McIntosh, Moon, Bluesound and others. Most of these streamers can be integrated as part of a whole-

house system for streaming different music sources to different rooms at varying volumes.

In the transition from physical to digital media, something has been lost. We have more convenience than ever when it comes to music in our homes, but we have lost the feeling of excitement or engagement. While vinyl helps restore this for many clients, there hasn't been a solution for digital formats.

To take your music-streaming experience to another level, consider adding a music-streaming system such as Roon. A Roon Nucleus looks at your music and finds photos, bios, reviews, lyrics, and concert dates, and makes connections between artists, composers, performers, conductors, and producers. What you get is a searchable, surfable magazine about your music. Roon also detects your different types of audio playback devices and streams the optimal audio resolution to each of them so that you can enjoy your music instead of managing your audio equipment.



LS50  
WIRELESS

**KEF**

OBSSESSED WITH HIGH RESOLUTION

KEF.COM

LSX



feature | wireless speakers

# Wireless speakers

It's been a boom time for Wi-Fi loudspeakers, with most major speaker makers introducing wireless models that stream music via AirPlay, Streaming Services, or Chromecast Built-in

**D**ifferent rooms have different needs, design and furniture. Therefore you may need a speaker with a completely different look to fit in the environment of your kitchen or bedroom, for example. In this page, we showcase three options of wireless speakers, available at Life Style Store.

## AUDIO PRO SOFTLY SHAPED MULTIROOM

Audio Pro's range of wireless speakers offer all the benefits of a multi-room speaker, such as seamless wireless connection to other speakers and devices across a WiFi network, so you have the ability of playing the same music throughout your entire house. In addition, some models can also be connected via Bluetooth, ideal for when you do not have access to a WiFi network and, of course, you will always have the option of connecting via AUX.

The range starts with the Audio Pro A10, its modest footprint and rounded design making it a space-savvy addition for the smaller room. The fabric front perfectly complements modern interior design trends, with the choice of two shades of grey allowing a complete colour-match for your home.

The speaker has an astonishing sound, despite its compact size. It has a discrete aluminium control panel recessed into the top, with LED illuminated buttons and volume indications for a sleek, streamlined finish.

The Addon range includes four models with each offering the same multi-room functionality as the A10, but featuring dual tweeters and dual woofers powered by class D amplification.

Drumfire is Audio Pro's flagship within multi-room speakers and is a very powerful multiroom speaker for those who want to enjoy a pure and detailed sound with amazing dynamics and to be able to play loud.

Wrapped in faux leather, with handstitched threads and details in solid aluminium, Drumfire blends in naturally in the modern home.

[audiopro.com/en/](http://audiopro.com/en/)

## DEVIALET PHANTOM

Devialet's range of Phantom active wireless speakers are the absolute expression of the vision Devialet is constantly working towards: making the best sound in the world as universal as possible.

By combining radical new patented inventions, Phantom consistently shatters expectations from each of the five models in the range at every step of the sound reproduction chain.

Unlike any wireless speakers that have gone before, Phantom Premier's revolutionary technologies fuse together to deliver an intense emotional experience. Developed exclusively for Phantom, HBI® is a one-of-a-kind system that takes you to the lowest frequencies ever emitted. Engineered to perform under extreme compactness and pressure, Phantom's hermetically sealed architecture consists of two lateral woofers powering together. The sheer thrust force behind their combined movement generates ultra-dense sound with physical impact. Right down to infrasound. 14Hz.

Phantom is powered by a Devialet-patented amplification technology, ADH® or Analog Digital Hybrid which delivers all the sophistication of analogue amplification together with all the power and compactness of digital amplification. The latest model in the range is Phantom Reactor, a new breed of wireless speaker with the most extreme concentration of high technology known to any sound system: 981 parts protected by 160+ patents. By stretching size and performance beyond reasonable limits, Devialet engineers have brought to life the only ultra-compact home sound system capable of delivering high fidelity and physical impact, whatever volume you listen at. All Phantom models can be used as single speakers, stereo pairs and can be grouped together for party mode within your home.

## HEOS

HEOS is a wireless music system that allows you to control all your music effortlessly from anywhere in your home. All you need is one or more HEOS speakers and the free app to get started. HEOS technology is built into Marantz and Denon AV Receivers so if you have a media room or home theatre system powered by one of the AV Receivers with HEOS onboard you already have the first step in the chain. HEOS has a range of wireless speakers, soundbars, subwoofers, music streamers and even single- or four-zone streaming amplifiers that can be connected to



existing or new speakers to create a complete HEOS wireless multi-room speaker system within your home.

## DYNAUDIO MUSIC

Dynaudio's newest wireless offerings comprise its Music models — a range of compact, all-in-one speakers designed to deliver, via WiFi, the company's sound-quality benefits in affordable, lifestyle-friendly packages.

There are four models available in the Dynaudio Music range, and each one is not just gorgeous to the eye but is also a pleasure to listen to. The angled, furniture-like look boasting fabrics developed by Gabriel is sure to impress, and there are four colour choices available.

It's difficult to overlook the sound quality of these all-in-one WiFi speakers, with a detailed, effortless, natural sound that goes far beyond the boundaries of its single cabinet to create a convincing stereo soundstage with music.

Dynaudio Music provides one-touch simplicity. It adapts seamlessly (and automatically) to any room or position, and to surrounding noise levels — so your music always sounds its best. It even gives you personalised playlists of all the music you love with Music Now. All at the touch of a button. [dynaudio.com](http://dynaudio.com)

# Headphones and portable music players

**H**eadphones give us absolute control over our audio-environment, allowing us to privatise our public spaces. The purpose of the headphone is to concentrate a quiet and private sound in the ear of the listener and create a personal environment.

Personal music devices change our relationship to public spaces. People like to control their environment and music is the most powerful medium for thought, mood and movement control. From the early morning gym workout to the train ride home, headphones allow us to create and escape to our own space.

In a world where people are often limited by space, head-fi is often replacing large hi-fi systems. Headphones, portable players, DACs and amplifiers are replacing obtrusive equipment and allowing access to different sound signatures without intruding on the living space.

Portable audio players are dedicated music players and provide many benefits over using your phone to playback music including battery

life, sound quality, dedicated music controls, large storage capacities, premium integrated amplification for your headphones and they support hi-res music playback.

The best audiophile headphones provide the highest audio fidelity, reproduce sound accurately and create a spacious and open soundstage.

Critical-listening headphones should be comfortable to wear for long periods and be well built.

Wired headphones eliminate lag between what you see and what you hear in movies or video games and work instantly with devices with a headphone socket. Most wired headphones work passively, so you don't have to keep an eye on battery levels.

Depending on your music preference, some headphones perform better than others. If you're into bass-heavy genres, a headset with a deep, yet well-balanced low end will emphasise rumbling and thumping. If you love bass-heavy love genres such as hip-hop, dubstep, or EDM, choose headphones with great bass performance.

If you prefer classical, jazz, folk and ambience

music, open and neutral-sounding headphones may be better as they reproduce instruments, vocals, and soundstage more accurately.

Closed-back headphones suit most listeners, as they are comfortable and offer a well-isolated listening experience in noisy or quiet environments and have great bass response.

Closed headphones have sufficient noise isolation to not let too much ambient noise in. They also don't leak as much as open headphones, so they're not distracting to those around you.

Open-back headphones reduce the level of isolation between you and your environment, producing a spacious soundstage closely representing the ideal music room. However, they leak sound a lot, so may distract others around you.

A red-themed advertisement for the Phantom Reactor headphones. The background features a 3D-rendered scene with a large, draped fabric structure, a hand holding a small white spherical object, and various geometric shapes. The text is white and red on a dark red background.

PHANTOM  
**REACTOR**

**UNREASONABLE SOUND**  
600 W · 95 dB · 18Hz - 21kHz

OPEN TO ANYTHING

- BLUETOOTH
- AIRPLAY
- OPTICAL
- SPOTIFY CONNECT
- ANALOGUE
- UPnP

**DEVIALET**  
INGÉNIERIE ACOUSTIQUE DE FRANCE

feature | turntables and the vinyl revolution

# Spinning around

Despite the progression in digital music technology, many people still own records and turntables in the 21st century, and these look and sound better than ever



Over the past 10 years, turntables and vinyl records have experienced a major resurgence. Music lovers agree that you can hear the difference in sound and that vinyl is better than a CD or digital file when it comes to warmth, musicality and preserving that traditional analogue sound of music. MP3s have been the popular listening format for more than a decade and when someone listens to a vinyl record for the first time, they can tell there's something slightly different with the sound quality. Although it is often hard to pinpoint what that is, they are drawn in and captivated by the sound.

Experiencing music via a vinyl record is also a more engaging experience when it comes to music. Removing a record from the information-packed outer sleeve, placing it on the turntable and placing the needle on the vinyl is all part of the tactile experience that makes the listening process more involved and the music listening more of an experience. Whether you've got lots of old records collecting dust in the garage, or you're a keen purchaser of newly remastered vinyl, turntables can be a fantastic investment.

As well as purist traditional turntables there are also models well-equipped with the latest technological features, such as built-in Bluetooth or USB outputs that allows recording straight to your PC, meaning you can listen to your vinyl albums anywhere.

One of the most vital components to look for when you're shopping for the best turntable is how well damped it is. Damping is essentially the method by which manufacturers combat vibrations — whether internal or external. Vibrations can have a major negative impact on the sound quality of your music and removing these

provides you with a much more musical result. Manufacturers address reducing vibrations through the use of different motor configurations, platter materials and through the use of various materials in the construction of the turntable plinth. There are also aftermarket products such as isolation feet and shelves that can be used with your turntable for further reducing vibrations.

The other item to consider is the cartridge, commonly referred to as the needle. Life Style Store carries cartridges from many brands including Ortofon, a specialist European cartridge manufacturer offering cartridges from under \$100 to almost \$10,000.

Two of the leading turntable brands available are the UK-made Rega turntables and the Czech-made Pro-Ject turntables. Both offer turntables from a few hundred dollars into the thousands of dollars and have an extensive range of accessories available including Phono stages, cartridges and replacement tonearms. Whether the Rega Planar 1 or the Pro-Ject Debut Carbon is the best entry-level hi-fi turntable for a first purchaser is often hotly debated. It's a close match and there is no real clear winner, each model providing an excellent starting place for audiophiles on a budget.

One of the more unique products is Cambridge Audio's new Alva TT turntable. Uniquely specified it delivers all the many and various advantages of the vinyl format with very few compromises. The fact it's able to stream wirelessly to a 24bit/48kHz aptX HD standard makes it number one in a field of one. No other record player from any better-established brand comes close to this level of convenience.

Life Style Store has more than 30 different turntables on display. Specially trained staff would be happy to demonstrate different models and cartridges to you to help you understand these products.

feature

# For the love of music

## Two-channel music



**W**e all know the power of an old song to trigger vivid memories that seem to transport us back in time. The songs we love become woven into a neural tapestry entwined with the people, seasons, and locations throughout our life.

A stereo system uses two speakers with the primary focus of music reproduction.

The components that make up a complete system include the following and, when combined together, will generally deliver the best possible sound and fidelity:

- Sources (such as a CD player, turntable or streamer)
- A pre-amplifier and power amplifier or an integrated amplifier
- A pair of bookshelf or floor-standing speakers
- Cables (interconnect cables and speaker cables)
- Component isolation or specialist AV furniture
- Power conditioning

A pre-amplifier is the control centre that switches the source units, turns the volume up and down, and, in some cases, allows tone shaping or turning bass and treble sounds up or down. Amplifiers are the ‘muscle’ of the audio system and amplify the small audio signal from the preamp to a large one that will operate speakers and determine how dynamic the reproduced sound of the system is in one unit. Integrated amplifiers are single-chassis models that combine the function of the pre-amplifier and power amplifier in one unit.

### RECOMMENDED POWER

In general, it is not excess amplifier power that risks damaging a loudspeaker or its speakers, but rather a lack of power. However, if the sound level is turned too high, the amplifier will get saturated and generate interference signals, which can destroy the tweeter. The team at Life Style Store can help match your choice of speakers with suitable amplification, ensuring you have a system that will last and perform for many, many years to come.

### HI-FI STEREO AUDIO SYSTEMS

Hi-fi systems generally comprise two loudspeakers. They are essentially designed for listening to music whose signal (sound source) is intended to be listened to in stereo (known as 2.0), i.e. a right channel and a left channel.

For optimal music reproduction, it is often best to choose floor-standing loudspeakers. More voluminous, floor-standing loudspeakers can incorporate a greater number of speakers. Each speaker has a dedicated frequency range — bass, midrange or treble. Bass speaker volumes also require the use of larger-diameter speakers to facilitate good bass reproduction. If you pitch on bookshelf loudspeakers or compact loudspeakers (more discrete and therefore smaller), it is advisable to use a bass speaker (subwoofer) for good bass frequency reproduction.

The goal of a high-fidelity installation is, in addition to offering daily music listening pleasure, to get nearer to the source sound quality and be faithful to the instruments, channels and detailed nuances of the original recordings and mixes.

# McIntosh®

LEGENDARY PERFORMANCE™



## STEREO BLISS

### MC462 QUAD BALANCED POWER AMPLIFIER

The all new 450 Watt per channel stereo amplifier. Features a 66% increase in dynamic headroom. McIntosh Autoformers™ for 2, 4 or 8 Ohm speakers.

**Handcrafted in America since 1949.**



SYNERGY  
AUDIO VISUAL

[www.synergyaudio.com](http://www.synergyaudio.com) 03 9459 7474 [T](#) [I](#) [F](#) /synergyaudiovisual



# Index

Amina .....	39
Anthem .....	86, 87
Artnovion .....	63
Control4 .....	IFC
Crestron.....	27
Devialet.....	94
Dynaudio.....	IBC
Epson.....	91
Future Automation .....	23
KEF LSX.....	92
Klipsch.....	60
Kurmond Homes .....	75
Life Style Store .....	OBC
Marantz .....	30
McIntosh.....	97
Paradigm .....	14
Roselea Homes.....	76
Row One .....	54
Sonos .....	40
Sonus Faber .....	66
Sony.....	68
Stealth Acoustics.....	41

**life style**  
store

SHOWCASING QLD AND NSW'S BEST BUILDERS

**BuildHome**

**UNIVERSAL  
MEDIACO**

**Editor** Danielle Townsend **Designer** Natasha Michels **Advertising Manager** NSW Dominique Gharibian  
0459 147 592 **Advertising Production Co-ordinator** Alex Dalland  
**Advertising Art Director** Martha Rubazewicz **Associate Publisher** Martin White **Cover Image** Life Style Store

**Chairman/CEO** Prema Perera **Publisher** Janice Williams **Chief Financial Officer** Vicky Mahadeva **Associate Publisher** Emma Perera **Associate Finance & Administration Manager** James Perera **Circulation Business Development Manager** Mark McTaggart **Creative Director** Kate Podger  
**Marketing & Acquisitions Manager** Chelsea Peters

Subscriptions and mail orders: 1300 303 414 Circulation enquiries to our Sydney head office: (02) 9805 0399

*Buildhome* No. 25.2 is published by Universal Magazines, Unit 5, 6-8 Byfield Street, North Ryde NSW 2113. Phone: (02) 9805 0399, Fax: (02) 9805 0714. Melbourne office, Suite 4, Level 1, 150 Albert Road, South Melbourne, Vic 3205. Phone: (03) 9694 6444, Fax: (03) 9699 7890. Printed by C & C Offset Printing Co Ltd, China, distributed by Gordon and Gotch. Phone: (02) 9282 8777. This magazine has content that is advertorial or promotional in nature. This book is copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study, research, criticism or review as permitted under the *Copyright Act*, no part may be reproduced by any process without written permission. Enquiries should be addressed to the publishers. The publishers believe all the information supplied in this book to be correct at the time of printing. They are not, however, in a position to make a guarantee to this effect and accept no liability in the event of any information proving inaccurate. Prices, addresses and phone numbers were, after investigation, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, up to date at the time of printing, but they may change in some cases. It is not possible for the publishers to ensure that advertisements which appear in this publication comply with the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) and the Australian Consumer Law. The responsibility must therefore be on the person, company

or advertising agency submitting the advertisements for publication. While every endeavour has been made to ensure complete accuracy, the publishers cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions. This magazine is printed on paper which was produced in a mill that meets Environmental Management System ISO14001. Please pass on or recycle this magazine.

\*Recommended retail price.

ISSN 1444-2434

Copyright © Universal Magazines 2019

ACN 003 026 944

www.umco.com.au

We are a member of

**PublishersAustralia**  
media that engages

The future of music is already here...



**DYNAUDIO**



# NSW'S NUMBER ONE FOR HOME ENTERTAINMENT & AUTOMATION

Home Theatre Rooms • Multi-Room Audio Visual • Home Automation Systems • Smart Lighting  
Home Security • Intercom & Access Control • Data & Wi-Fi Networking • Design, Sales & Installation



The Junction, Unit 8, 2 Windsor Road, North Parramatta NSW 2151 | P 02 8855 6500

[www.lifestylestore.com.au](http://www.lifestylestore.com.au)