

HOME *my place*



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The Gosbell according to John

The owner of Aldinga Beach's Retro Shack holiday rental shows us a few of his home favourites

The 1950s were a time of daring home interiors, bright colours and simplicity – and no one loves this more than John Gosbell, owner of The Retro Shack.

John has owned and operated his holiday rental business for the past six years, after wanting to showcase his love for retro eras and his collection of vintage wares.

“I wanted to share my love of the retro years and the carefree, easy time it was,” he says.

“It’s really nice to get positive feedback from people staying down there.”

Located at Aldinga, The Retro Shack is a popular destination for retro enthusiasts and holiday-makers, especially during the warm summer months.

“I think people like that nostalgia and that romance about life being a bit simpler,” he says.

“Now we live in a world where we have so many different things, we collect so much, but it didn’t seem to be like that back then.”

With a passion that extends from his business right through to his personal life, John hopes he can continue to share his enthusiasm for the past in years to come.

“The master plan would be to hopefully get some more properties and do 1960s-themed, ’70s-themed and ’80s-themed homes. And a scary thing is that even the ’90s are probably becoming retro now,” he says.

“That’s my dream. Can’t say if that will happen but it’s definitely what I would like to happen.”



At home with John Gosbell

AGE Born in the '70s (just!)

WORKLIFE
Owner/manager of The Retro Shack holiday rental at Aldinga Beach.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
Offering the world a genuine 1950s Aussie beach shack experience.

I'VE LIVED IN MY HOME FOR ...
Six years of summer holiday memories.

MY HOME IS ...
A place to step back in time and forget about the rat race.

I LIVE WITH ...
My fun-loving wife Emma and spirited daughter Zoe.

I LOVE MY HOME BECAUSE ...
The pastel colours and the 1950s furniture lift the soul. Plus, we can stroll to the beach and the local cafes.

BUT I STILL NEED TO ...
Park a pink 1959 convertible in the driveway.

DECORATING STYLE
Authentic retro.

MY FIRST CAR WAS ...
A 1975 Mazda 929 Coupe.

I LIKE TO LISTEN TO ...
Arthur Lyman and Martin Denny.

RECENT PURCHASE
A vintage Tretchikoff framed print.

I COLLECT ...
1950s to 1980s retro goodness focusing on 1960s space age electronics.



FAVOURITE ROOM
Watching an old Elvis movie in the lounge while soaking up the "Island Dream" colour (find similar colours from Taubmans, Behr) of the walls and the feeling of relaxation as soon as we pull into the driveway.

HOME FAVOURITES
- **My 1987 Subaru Vortex AWD Turbo.** The wedgiest car ever made and an epic fail when released.
- **Our pair of concrete flamingoes.** The ultimate in kitschy cool.
- **Panasonic 'Sputnik' TV.** A space age inspired gem from 1971 designed in honour of the first moon landing.

IN MY GARDEN I HAVE ...
Resident concrete as well as plastic flamingoes.

AT WEEKENDS, I ...
Like to hunt for retro wares on Magill Rd.

WHEN I GET HOME AT NIGHT ...
I ask my daughter Zoe what her favourite part of the day was.

I COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT ...
Stinky cheese, red wine and the company of family and friends.

CLEAN FREAK OR MESSY BESSIE?
I want to be a clean freak. But I'm messy.

ON MY WISH LIST IS ...
To visit every building in the world designed by either Frank Lloyd Wright or Antoni Gaudi.

WHEN I'M HOME I LIKE TO COOK ...
Snapper and squid caught with my very own rod and reel.

FAV CAFE/RESTAURANT/BAR ...
Rosey's Cafe at Aldinga Beach.

AS A CHILD I WANTED TO BE ...
A racing car driver and win Bathurst in a Holden Torana.

DREAM HOLIDAY DESTINATION
The aurora borealis (Northern Lights).

SOMETHING YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE BY THE AGE OF 50?
Start showing our daughter the world.

IF I COULD AFFORD IT I WOULD LIVE ...
In a 1960s Futuro House located anywhere beachside.

HOME MEANS ...
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