

Get away

THINK of a tropical island holiday and the idea of lazing under a thatched pavilion usually springs to mind.

Coast homeowners can capture the feel of an exotic island getaway in their own backyard.

Old Thatching and Pavilions can create eye-catching and practical outdoor living spaces.

Director Robert Harte said the temperature under a thatched pavilion could be up to 12C cooler in summer and with a patio heater in winter, the area would retain heat because the alang-alang thatching was a natural insulator.

"We not only offer thatching but also various types of roofs, including tiles, corrugated iron and more," he said.

The company also specialises in customised Bali-themed pavilions and timber decks.

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Enjoy the beauty of a Bali-themed pavilion



A colonial-style project by 21st Century Steel Homes and Frames at Parkwood

Sturdy style

WALL frames, floor systems, trusses and over-all framing and structure are vital elements in any project, says 21st Century Steel Homes and Frames director Jay Saeedi.

Mr Saeedi said the team from the licensed building company understood the problems builders had when dealing with incorrectly manufactured, supplied or erected framing.

"Correct steel-framing work allows other subcontractors to proceed with the project efficiently without the hassles," he said.

"We supply and fix our framing system to houses,

multi-units, schools and storage complexes, and now we are looking after home owner-builders' projects by supplying and fixing steel framing to their design specification.

"Since 1989, we have tried different systems and as a result of observing problems in pop-riveted and screwing systems, we kept these systems out of our factory and operation.

"We stayed with a welded system because it's a stronger, thicker and steadier frame."

The system is designed to prevent movement from heat expansion and avoid settlement or sagging on large spans.

It also helps prevent twisted trusses.

An example of 21st Century Steel Homes and Frames' work is at Lot 1 Woodland Way, Parkwood.

"This homeowner-builder project shows if your framework is done correctly, the rest of the procedures are an enjoyable task," said Mr Saeedi.

The two-storey house is about 929sqm, has high ceilings, front and back verandas, four living areas, Colorbond roof and sandstone external walls.

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