PROTICAL LIVING
FIRE TEAK FURNITURE IS FEATURE IN HOME

After spending her life in the tropics, first in New Guinea and now in Darwin, Mrs Harry Plant, wife of the Director of Local Government, still prefers the elegant look of modern wooden furniture to the popular choice for the tropics — cane.

Their split-level home, which is in Myilly Terrace, Myilly Point, features a collection of fine teak furniture.

Both Mr and Mrs Plant spent many years in New Guinea. Mrs Plant was born there and Mr Plant lived there for 21 years before coming to Darwin about two years ago. They live in a Government house, which is one of only two built in the same design in Darwin.

The other, which is next door, is the home of the Assistant Director of Works, Mr Pal Sullivan and his wife Frances.

View

The house is set diagonally well back in a special court and has a lovely view of Mindil Beach.

The lawn is vast and dotted with shady trees and shrubs, with a large tropical rose garden in front. Mr Plant is the gardener of the family and has developed a way of saving tropical shrubbery in the back yard. There is an attractive rock garden dotted with tropical plants and several large shade trees that provide a cool outdoor area for even the hottest day. There is also a barbecue and white wicker furniture and chairs for those impromptu outdoor parties.

As with most split level houses, the living area is downstairs, and the bedrooms and bathroom upstairs. The elegant teak and gold lounge and dining room theme with contrasting splashes of red and blue has been used for the combined lounge and dining room. The round teak dining table has chairs with mustard gold upholstery. They are matched by a rainfall stand at the bar between the kitchen and dining area — a handy addition for the children's meals.

Rollers

Beside the bar is a small teak cocktail cabinet, which is on rollers for easy moving. The lounge suite, in teak, has gold heavy-wool fabric cushions and a teak coffee table with a sliding glass door. In one corner is a beautiful hand-carved chest of drawers.

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