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Former North Bondi boy Pete Evans and his fiancée have snapped up several properties in the suburb.

An anonymous tip in late March that celebrity chef Pete Evans had bought a three-bedroom house in Malabar wasn't enough to make a Title Deeds story, as intriguing as such news is given his recently publicised financial woes.

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But now the \$1.27 million settlement on an unassuming brick house on Austral Street confirms the **purchase** by the co-founder of Hugos and judge on My Kitchen Rules, presumably at its March 26 auction.

The **property**, which was **sold** by Andrew Malouf, of Ray White Maroubra, is majority-owned by Evans' fiancée, Nicola Robinson, better known in New Zealand as Nicola Watson, the swimsuit model and ex-wife of Warriors league club owner Eric Watson.

This isn't Evans' only recent Malabar **purchase**. He and Robinson also bought an imposing four-bedroom house on the same street for \$1.44 million last July.

Evans isn't totally turning his back on his former life in North Bondi. The Ramsgate Avenue **apartment** he bought in 2009 for \$880,000 with his brother, David, also a co-founder of Hugos, was transferred into Pete's name last December with an exchange of \$525,000.

Crossways at crossroads

The Crossways, in Centennial **Park**, arguably Sydney's finest piece of parkside real **estate**, isn't officially launched until August, but there's a sneak peek for those with the \$11 million to \$13 million to secure the historic mansion.

The Federation Arts and Crafts residence was built in 1908 for surgeon Dr Gordon Craig and designed by then renowned architect **firm** Waterhouse and Lake.

The 1814-square-metre **property** was renovated extensively in the 1990s by architect Espie Dods for then owners, former McGuigan Wines director James Smiley and his wife, Jane, who set a suburb record in 2006 when they **sold** it for \$10 million. Now owned by the Zavattaro family, the seven-bedroom residence, has impressive drawing, reception and billiard rooms, loggia, library, self-contained quarters, gym, master suite and a swimming pool, all surrounded by a Paul Bangay garden. Bill Malouf, of LJ Hooker Double Bay, has the listing.

Surf in sight

The long-held Palm Beach retreat of Australia's former consul-general in New York, Phillip Scanlan, AM, and his wife, Julie, is for **sale** for more than \$5 million.

The Florida Road **property** has been in the family since 1993, when the 1390-square-metre **site** was bought for \$610,000. Architect Geoff Watson was then commissioned to design the five-bedroom, four-bathroom beach house with an open-plan living area and terrace overlooking the surf.

The Melbourne-based former chief executive of Coca-Cola Amatil has listed the three-level getaway with LJ Hooker Palm Beach's David Edwards.

Movement on the hill

Meanwhile, up on Palm Beach's Pill Hill (so named for its many medico weekenders), **Hong Kong**-based finance executive Damian Rowe and his wife, Larisa, are the latest buyers at a rumoured \$1.7 million-plus.

Marketed facetiously as the Pink Palace, records show it has been in the Grundy family since 1965, and was **sold** by sisters Rosemary and Christobel, the latter of whom is married to former soldier Justice Clifton Hoebe, AM. It was **sold** by Sotheby's International's newest affiliate, Michael King.

Setting sail

Yachtie Colin Woods and his wife, Gladys, have put their contemporary Yowie Bay deep waterfront home up for a May 24 auction with \$4 million-plus hopes.

Woods, who owns the Sydney to Hobart challenger Pretty Fly III and civil infrastructure **company** Haslin Constructions, had the five-bedroom steel and glass home built in 2009. Set on 3200 square metres with a jetty, boatshed and a swimming pool, it is listed with McGrath's Bernadette Berlyn.

Reid takes another punt

FOR **SALE**: \$10m+

The Bellevue Hill residence of former hedge-fund whiz Jeremy Reid and his wife, Tammi, has been relisted for \$10 million-plus.

Reid bought the 2100-square-metre **property** in 2005 for \$9.25 million when he was 28. After suffering big losses in the global financial crisis and a two-year ban last July on giving financial services advice, Reid has turned his hand to the digital commerce arena to launch brand sampling **company** PINCHme.

The six-bedroom residence with a championship tennis court, pool, guest quarters and harbour views goes to auction on Thursday, June 12, through Ashley Bierman and Elliott Placks, of Ray White Double Bay.

Gorgeous Georgian

FOR **SALE**: \$7.5m+

Another Bellevue Hill residence up for grabs is Warncliffe, the home of New York-born management consultant Philip Stern and his wife, Leslie.

The Georgian facade looks over a front lawn that was a tennis court in the 1950s when the owner was Edwin Hamilton. It comes with four bedrooms, formal and informal living areas, a music room and a swimming pool. Over the back fence is the home of Max Brenner franchise rights holders Tom and Lilly Haikin, which they bought in 2010 for \$23 million.

Stern, who is on the Cranbrook School council, bought the 1239-square-metre **property** in 1999 for \$2.675 million. It is listed with Sotheby's Michael Pallier for more than \$7.5 million.

Last Boheme offering

FOR **SALE**: \$10 million

The penthouse of the Boheme Bondi Beach development has hit the market with a \$10 million price tag. The three-bedder had been held off the market, prompting speculation that the Toga **Group's** managing director, Allan Vidor, and his wife, Sharon, would take it as their own, but the listing clearly puts the kibosh on such talk. The Vidors are Watsons Bay locals, having paid \$24.9 million for their double-block waterfront home in 2008. The 627-square-metre Bondi spread with a north-east aspect and private swimming pool is the last of the offerings in the Bates Smart-designed development, with the 42 other apartments now all **sold**. CBRE's Ben Stewart is taking inquiries.

Shh!

Guess which ANZ senior executive is the buyer of a glamorous, surfside residence for more than \$6 million?

Who is the prominent business chief who has snapped up new digs in the CBD? Expect to see their Walsh Bay pad hit the market shortly.

INSIDE STORY visits Southern Highlands

FOR **SALE**: \$4.25m

Just as a few Southern Highlands landmarks find new owners, there's a new listing on offer for the well-heeled farmer.

Former managing director of Hambros Australia Ed Blackadder and his wife, Elaine, are opting out of the farming business in favour of a more gentrified life in Burradoo where they have bought the beautiful **property** Patchway. Drew Lindsay's John Renouf wouldn't comment on the **sale**, but another source says the elegant residence **sold** for \$4,175,000, prompting the Blackadders to list their 56.6 hectare Wallaroy Angus

stud in Exeter.

Blackadder turned to cattle farming in 1995 after retiring from Hambros, ending his time as one of Australia's longest serving chiefs of a financial institution.

Boasting 12 paddocks, eight dams, town water and a stylish four-bedroom residence, it is now listed with a \$4.25 million guide by Renouf.

This week also saw the pre-auction **sale** of Bowral's Chateau Blondel, the opulently finished, French-inspired home of antique dealers Gary and Maryanne Nolan.

It was **sold** by agents Bill Bridges and Ian Rayner, neither of whom would comment on the **sale**, leaving it to a local source to reveal the **sale** price of more than \$4 million.

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