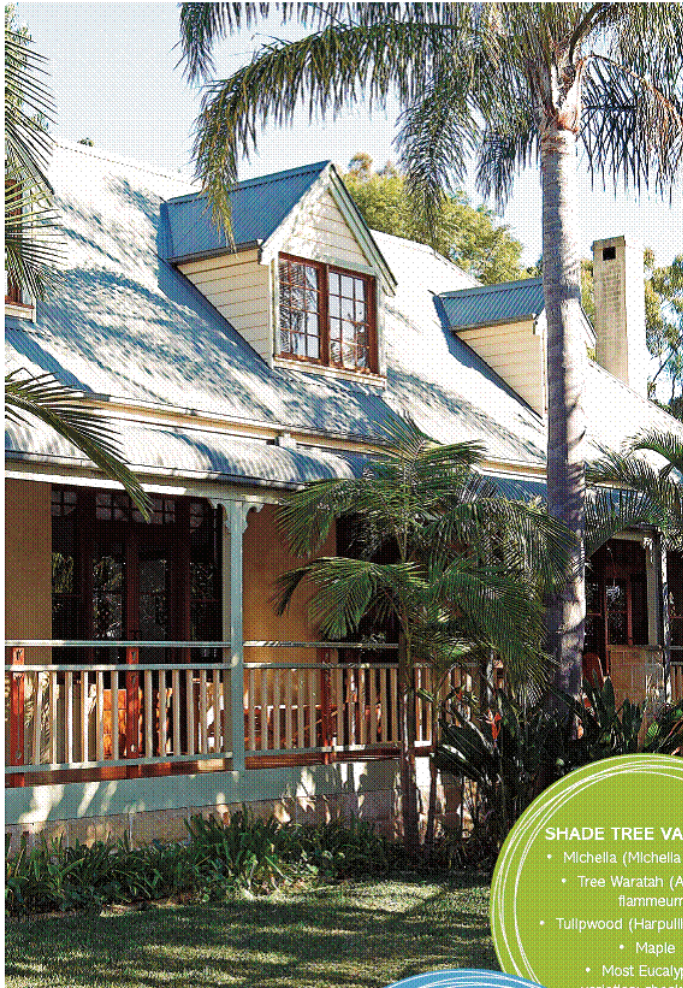




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### Nicely shaded

Create an ambient oasis and plant trees around your home – a popular natural cooling choice for many eco-conscious homeowners, most shade trees are easy to maintain and have large spreading canopies that give relief from the harsh summer sun. And don't forget the beautiful native birds that will love the new additions to your yard!

#### TOP TREE TIPS

1. Research what tree types are best suited to your area, particularly if you live close to the sea or on a property with established native trees – often newly planted trees can take over and suck nutrients that are integral to natives, so be wary.
2. Plant only deciduous trees to the north of your house as they will lose their leaves over winter, letting warmth flow through your home.
3. The position of your shade tree is important; the right spot means maximum protection from the sun at all times, and be sure you have enough space in your yard to accommodate it – sometimes a deep root system can cause damage to pavements, driveways and plumbing.



#### SHADE TREE VARIETIES

- Michella (Michella maudiae)
- Tree Waratah (Alloxylon flammeum)
- Tullipwood (Harpullia pendula)
  - Maple
  - Most Eucalyptus varieties; check what's native to your area.

#### MAKE SURE YOU:

Check that your skylights have a tint with UV protection like these from Skydome, which have a smoke-grey tint to minimise the effects of the midday sun, and Skyguard glazing that blocks 99 per cent of harmful UV rays, from \$379.50 (excluding installation). And invest in skylight heat control blinds, also from Skydome, for an extra-cool house!

### Reach for the sky

It doesn't take long for a home to heat up during the sunny season – as heat gets trapped in the roof space, joint distortion, sagging ceilings and paint problems can occur and staying indoors becomes unbearable. The key is good ventilation that will help release hot air trapped in the roof and also increase the performance of roof insulation. Skydome's amazing Powervent is

unlike traditional wind-powered vents because it operates thermostatically or on a timer switch and is able to expel 15,000 litres of air per minute, equivalent to eight usual wind vents operating at maximum capacity, and costs less than one cent an hour to run. Your energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and energy costs will be reduced dramatically.

