



## Media Statement

### **MAITRAYA MANSION AN EXCLUSIVE AUSTRALIAN SANCTUARY**

Maitraya Private Retreat in Albany – best known for providing a sanctuary for international pop star Lady Gaga during her 2010 Australian tour – is a stunningly secluded slice of paradise in Western Australia’s Great Southern region.

Maitraya – derived from the Sanskrit word *maitrī* meaning ‘loving-kindness’ – is perched high on a cliff-top with awe-inspiring 270 degree views of the breathtaking Southern Ocean.

The location allows for an enviable mix of offerings – it delivers privacy and a peaceful escape with tranquil activities such as admiring the retreat’s \$1m art collection, settling in to the intimate theatre room or indoor spa, taking a dip in the heated pool, or arranging tailored wellness treatments and classes.

Maitraya is equally positioned for adventure and nature exploration with the area offering incredible surfing, diving, fishing, boating, whale watching, kayaking, mountain biking, bush and trail walking, and bird watching, with a built-in bird hide on the property.

The 650 acres of private grounds feature three accommodation options – the pinnacle homestead residence which features a retractable stargazing roof in the master bedroom (one of eight king sized rooms), the gorgeous Fisherman’s Lodge which boasts access to a small private boat ramp into Taylor Inlet, and the quaint Aviator’s Cottage.

Other property highlights include a private lake, atrium, cricket pitch and tennis court, a gym, an enclosed outdoor children’s playspace, a 14-seat boardroom, five meeting spaces, a helipad and sealed private airstrip for VIP guests.

Maitraya owner Rick Fenny – who is best known as the real life movie canine Red Dog’s vet and is now also being recognised as the travelling veterinarian at the centre of Australian TV special *Desert Vet* – said the luxury estate delivered guests with an almost indescribable experience.

“Maitraya is more a feeling than a destination; it has an intoxicating spiritual quality to it that leaves a lifelong impression on those who spend time there,” said Dr Fenny.

“It’s a particularly majestic spot that never disappoints, no matter the time of year.”

Indeed, hanging above the piano in the manor’s main residence is a handwritten note from Lady Gaga.

Penned after her stay there, it reads: “Thank you so much for the freedom and the beauty of this estate. You are very special. I’m leaving rested, happy and inspired. Love + Art, Lady Gaga.”

The property, which also includes a working farm with 100 Angus stud cattle, is nestled above picturesque Nanarup Beach and sits between Gull Rock National Park, Mt Mason Nature Reserve, Taylor Inlet and Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve.

It’s a perfect homebase for those wanting to venture a little further to must-see sights including Bluff Knoll in the Stirling Ranges, the Bibbulman Track, and the Porongorup Ranges.

Maitraya was built by Albany businessman Paul Terry who died in a helicopter crash in 1993 and designed by architect Trevor Saleeba.

## **MAITRAYA AT A GLANCE**

### **Overall Property features**

- Private airstrip
- Helipad
- Private lake (with marron fishing)
- Full-size tennis court
- Football/cricket oval
- Enclosed children's playground
- 15km mountain bike track
- Bird hides
- Gazebo

### **Maitraya Homestead**

- 8 king size bedrooms, sleeps 16 guests
- Retractable stargazing roof in the master bedroom
- Private full-equipped kitchen + and separate kitchenette
- Atrium / conservatory
- Indoor pool & spa & sauna
- 11 bathrooms
- 20-seat theatre room
- Gym
- 4 car garage
- Boardroom
- 5 meeting rooms
- Formal dining space + separate meals area
- Sitting room + lounge area

### **Fisherman's Lodge**

- Sleeps 10 guests
- 5 bedrooms
- 3 bathrooms
- Access to the private lagoon
- Dining / kitchen / lounge spaces
- Family room
- Laundry
- Indoor games room
- Undercover BBQ space

### **Aviator's Cottage**

- Sleeps 4 guests
- 2 bedrooms
- 1 bathroom
- Kitchen featuring wood-fired stove
- Dining/kitchen/lounge spaces
- Laundry

Head to [www.maitraya.com](http://www.maitraya.com) for details.

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