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Idyllic log cabin originally built by late stockbroker, Rene Rivkin, for sale at \$5m

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Originally built by the late high-profile stockbroker, Rene Rivkin, this Australian Cypress log cabin will go to auction for \$5m

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A SECLUDED log cabin originally built by the late high-profile stockbroker, Rene Rivkin, has hit the market for offers of above \$5 million.

Perched on the banks of the Hawkesbury River, on the New South Wales Central Coast, the home was built by Mr Rivkin 20 years ago but has been extensively renovated by the current owner.

It was built with whole Australian Cypress logs grown in NSW and sits on 10 acres which it shares with Sentry Rock, the landmark believed to be used by Captain Arthur Phillip as he explored the Hawkesbury in the 1700s.

It was originally a three-bedroom home but has been transformed to a six-bedroom “masterpiece”, according to selling agent [Ray White Windsor](#) Principal, Peter Chidgey.



5501 Wisemans Ferry Road, Spencer, was originally built by the late Sydney stockbroker, Rene Rivkin. Picture: Ray White/realestate.com.auSource:Supplied

“The owners have transformed the three bedroom house into a six bedroom masterpiece that includes features you couldn’t find anywhere else. I’ve honestly never seen anything like it before and there is nothing that comes even close to it on the market today,” he said.

The extensive renovations also include a downstairs living area complete with fireplace, a wine cellar and a spiral staircase carved into the rock that takes you down to a jacuzzi.



The secluded six-bedroom cabin features a World War II munitions barge on the river for entertaining. Picture: Ray White/realestate.com.auSource:Supplied

Not feeling relaxed enough yet? The gardens include a lily pond, a man-made cascading waterfall, and a World War II munitions barge on the river which can be used for mooring boats and as an outdoor entertaining area right on the river.



The home was built using whole Australian Cypress logs grown in NSW. Picture: Ray White/realestate.com.auSource:Supplied

“The property is at one with its natural surroundings, nestled on 10 acres of land with extensive landscaping. It has deep water frontage and 360-degree views. The owners have planted Australian natives to complement those plants that already grew in the area,” Mr Chidgey said.

“Rivkin installed the barge to moor his boat, but the new owners often use it to eat dinner and take in the view on summer evenings. A deep trench was recently dug to allow for bigger boats to dock at the barge.”

The current owner, who are permanent residents of the area, purchased the property five years ago for \$1.45 million.