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David Hartnell MNZM (with Miss Liza) and partner Soomboon Khansuk, gossip columnist and assistant manager of Harvest Wholefoods store, live in Westmere.

DAVID/ Soomboon, who is from Thailand, and I have been living in this quaint Westmere bungalow for 23 years. Because of my job and the many years I've spent befriending various Hollywood legends, one might assume that my favourite room is my office, which has lots of movie memorabilia, or my lounge, which has framed pictures of me with stars like Audrey Hepburn and Sylvester Stallone. Even my loo is filled with snapshots of me with celebrities and houses the very special invite to Elizabeth Taylor's 60th birthday held at Disneyland. But our favourite room is this conservatory, which isn't very Hollywood at all. Everyone gravitates here and because it's right next to the kitchen, we've held many dinner parties. We've hosted very special guests like Michael Barrymore and Joan Collins. The decor is a combination of influences. We have masks from Thailand, and the old couches give the room a Kiwi flavour. I had a vine growing in here to block out the sun. But it made a mess, so I ripped it out and put in fake plants. Our newest addition is the plastic chandelier, which we adore.

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