



Affordability attracts residents to estate



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AFTER 14 years living in various rental houses, the Rolender family have found the perfect place to call their own home.

The family are among the first residents to move into the now sold-out second stage of the \$150 million Macquarie Downs project.

Ten families have moved into homes at the Ingles Group's 49-lot second stage of Macquarie Downs Estate in Redbank Plains.

Parents Mark and Ruth Rolender and their sons, 16-year-old Jordan and 10-year-old Zane, moved into a four-bedroom home at Olive Street, on November 23.

Mrs Rolender said the size of the home was one of the big attractions for the family, who were able to invite family members and friends around for their first Christmas celebration in the new house.

Settling into a brand new home

has also been a refreshing change for the family.

"We've rented for 14 years and lived in numerous houses," Mrs Rolender said.

"We've never been in a brand new house and this is fantastic.

"It's so nice and so easy to clean."

Ingles Group subsidiary Ingles Homes is now racing to complete construction of the remaining homes sold as part of the development's house and land packages, with another 21 currently under construction.

The housing blocks in stage two were registered in May 2006 and sold out by the end of August 2007.

Ingles Group managing director Graeme Ingles said the community had proved very popular with investors, renters and first-home buyers.

"You would have to look hard to find a better combination of price

and accessibility in the Ipswich region," Mr Ingles said.

"At Macquarie Downs Estate for example, our starting price for quality, air-conditioned, architect-designed new homes was below \$300,000."

While he said Ipswich property had always been considered good value for money in South East Queensland, now that Ipswich had been named the most liveable mid-sized city in the world, he was sure buyers would consider it even more attractive.

"Investors and home buyers who were toying with the idea of investing in Ipswich are now much more likely to take that big decision to buy," Mr Ingles said.

In Ipswich the Ingles Group is also behind the boutique Cityview estate at Raceview, with future developments under consideration.



SETTLED: The Rolender family are thrilled to call Macquarie Downs Estate at Redbank Plains home.

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