



A tribute to the past

QUEENSLAND developer Ingles Homes is celebrating after winning the Heritage House of the Year.

Ingles Homes won the award for its spacious and family-friendly Tallai design home located at 2 Jordana Place, Glasshouse Mountains.

The majestic colonial-style home features sweeping bull-nosed verandahs which reflect the charm of Queensland's colonial past and take full advantage of the stunning views of the surrounding area.

The five-bedroom house, which is the last remaining home available for sale at the Glasshouse Mountain estate, boasts 568sq m of space under its roof, including the double garage.

The home has been designed with both family needs and entertaining in mind, with the formal lounge and dining rooms complemented by the family entertaining and meals area.

The meals area is located next to the modern kitchen, which has been fitted out with a host of

modern appliances including rangehood, dishwasher, wall-oven tower and two pot draws.

The kitchen-meals area flows on to the open-plan family room, offering plenty of space for a growing and active family.

Ingles Group managing director Graeme Ingles said the win was a testament to the ongoing quality of the designs and the homes that the company builds.

"We listen very closely to what our buyers demand and we regularly adapt our designs or introduce new designs to meet the changing needs of our market," Graeme said.

He paid tribute to his construction team, saying he was very proud of their achievements.

"I am extraordinarily proud of the team's effort. Ingles Homes is only as good as the people and suppliers who work in our team and we are privileged to have so many talented individuals working with us," he said.

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A chance for everyone to join the winners' circle

It has been a week for winners with the QMBA Awards handing out a swag of accolades to the building industry while realestate.com.au announced that the Queensland agent vying for the top gong in its awards hails from Burleigh Heads.

Martin Ollard of Black&Young Real Estate Burleigh Heads is representing Queensland for realestate.com.au's Agent of the Year Award.

Mr Ollard was chosen from thousands of submissions from Australians who nominated agents they believe went above and beyond the call of duty.

Mr Ollard not only knocked on every door in the neighbourhood to find a property to suit his buyers, he also took his own initiative to get approval to knock down the existing building when it did not fit the buyers' needs.

And when they moved in, Mr Ollard gave his clients a bottle of Moët to help them celebrate their new home.

"I try to be myself and pride myself on trust and honesty," said Mr Ollard.

"What you see is what you get, so it is fantastic to be honoured this way."

Agent of the Year finalists aren't picked by the size of their commissions but by how well they serve their clients and communities, said Jamie Pride, general manager Australia of realestate.com.au.

"Martin is an example of how much good an agent can do," he said.

Along with the four finalists from Victoria, New South

Wales, Western Australia and South Australia, Mr Ollard won a trip to Melbourne to attend the national awards dinner on August 21. If he wins there, he will fly to Orlando, Florida, in November as a guest at the annual conference of the American National Association of Realtors.

The consumer who nominated Martin also won a \$2000 Freedom Gift Card. realestate.com.au has helped more people find a home in Australia than any other

website every month since October 2000 (Nielsen/NetRatings). It is one of six sites owned and operated by the REA Group (realestate.com.au Ltd, ASX:REA, and its subsidiary companies).

MEANTIME winners of the Master Builders Gold Coast Region Housing and Construction Awards were announced recently at a gala presentation at the Royal Pines Resort.

The awards promote excellence in the building and construction industry in Queensland.

Master Builders regional manager, John Duncalfe said the awards not only provided a platform for builders to gain industry and public recognition for workmanship and innovation, they recognised the contribution the building and construction industry made towards the economy.

Watpac took out the Project of the Year award, as well as the Sporting Facilities over \$12 million category for Skilled Park.

Ingles Homes took out the House of the Year honours for

their property at Tallai.

The home also won in the Individual Home Over \$5 million category.

As the value of homes in Queensland continues to spiral upwards, the President's Award recognises a home that

combines affordability with innovation and quality workmanship. This year's winner, Reefsea Homes excelled with their entry.

This one-of-a-kind home was created in partnership with Reefsea Homes and their clients to take full advantage of the water views and the outdoor lifestyle.

Todd McNeill was awarded the Apprentice of the Year while Smart Employment Solutions won the award for Apprentice Employer of the Year.

THOSE thinking of buy a home will be the winners at this weekend's Home Buyer Show at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Now more than ever home buyers and property investors need to do their research and understand the market conditions.

The Home Buyer Show will showcase the latest products and services for property buyers, including the most competitive home loans, new home builders, residential communities, house and land packages, apartments, townhouses, units and off-the-plan developments, land estates, established homes, property inspection, insurance and conveyancing companies as well as government departments and industry associations providing independent advice. Check out homebuyershow.com.au



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