

## MASTER BUILDERS WINNERS

# Judges left 'stunned'

## Buderim pad tops quality line-up

A Buderim home with an entrance that left judges stunned was last night named the House of the Year at the Master Builders Sunshine Coast Region Housing and Construction Awards. The Saltwater Constructions creation was up against a strong field, but Master Builders Sunshine Coast regional manager Stephen Robinson said it was a standout entry in the eyes of the judges.

It also won the Individual Home over \$3 million category.

"This ultra-modern home has been built with leading edge technology to create a statement in construction on the Sunshine Coast," Mr Robinson said.

"It is outstanding and far exceeded all facets of the regional house-of-the-year criteria.

"The judges marveled at the enormity of the challenges the builder must have faced with such a house, as it sits suspended on the edge of Buderim's most prestigious escarpment.

"They commented that this home had one of the most striking entries of any home they had ever experienced.

"They found it difficult to imagine how you could better the experience of taking those first steps into a world of sparkling water, glass and tiles, fresh clean lines and unparalleled views of the Sunshine Coast."

Mr Robinson said the annual awards played a pivotal role in promoting excellence in the building and construction industry.

They not only provided a platform for builders to gain industry and public kudos for quality workmanship and innovation, they also recognised the important contribution the building and construction industry made to the state's economy.

The caliber of work around the Sunshine Coast showcased the commitment and dedication Master Builders members had in providing quality and professional services to the public, Mr Robinson said.

"In today's industry, there is a greater demand and expectation placed on builders by consumers and the industry has had to respond to those demands by developing innovative designs and construction practices," he said.

"Sunshine Coast builders are leading the way in this area and the results can be clearly seen in the standard of entries in these awards."

This was also evident in the project of the year award, which was taken out by RCQ for Elandra Settler's Cove.

The first stage of a master planned community has set a remarkable benchmark in design and quality of construction. It also won the category for Residential Building (high rise over three storeys) in the \$12m-\$60m category.

"With over two-thirds of the total 36 hectares allocated to conservation and habitat protection, this sensitive project embraces a bold commitment to sustainable development on the Sunshine Coast," Mr Robinson said.

"All the judges were enthusiastic about how Elandra Settler's Cove provided the complete package for the discerning consumer - from the tranquil surrounds and luxurious appointments to the brilliant concept, with every apartment designed to capture stunning views and sea breezes."

The President's Award, which recognises a home that combines affordability with innovation and quality workmanship, was taken out by Cribb Constructions for their home at Pelican Waters.

Chris Flaskas was named Apprentice of the Year, and Acclaim Apprentices and Traineeships won the award for the Apprentice Employer of the Year.