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Welcome from Master Builders Queensland

Welcome to the annual 2017 Master Builders Downs & Western Housing & Construction Awards magazine.

This year is extra special because we're celebrating 30 years of the Awards success and prestige.

Each year the Awards continue to attract hundreds of quality entries from across Queensland and 2017 has been no exception.

The range of projects reflect the high standards and exceptional skills of Downs & Western's Master Builders.

Judges scrutinised the winners based on stringent list of criteria such as quality of workmanship, degree of construction difficulty, external appeal, siting and aspect, and amenities and aesthetics.

It is a promising sign for the building and construction industry to have so many quality winners.

Each winner has put their business, product and workmanship under scrutiny as part of an extremely competitive process.

This year we also welcomed three new award categories for Diversity, the Institute of Building Consultants, and Bluescope Best Use of Steel Frame Housing.

For homeowners considering a new home, renovation or addition to an existing home, there is sure to be some inspiration among these pages.

For the commercial sector, these projects highlight Downs & Western's best commercial builders with specialist staff, contractors and

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The outstanding craftsmanship on display as

part of the Master Builders Housing & Construction Awards program points to the important role Master Builders plays in nurturing and promoting excellence within the industry and encouraging members to take pride in their work.

The high standard of workmanship achieved by our members highlights Master Builders' commitment to equipping members with specialist advice and professional services, which in turn helps members to provide unmatched workmanship and attention to detail for clients.

Whether you are about to undertake a minor

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You can choose one of the award-winning builders featured here, or use Master Builders easy-to-use online search facility www.homeofbuilding.com.au which provides details of properly licensed contractors who match your specified criteria.

On behalf of Master Builders, I thank all winners and entrants for supporting the Housing & Construction Awards program and wish them all the best.



Master Builders Downs & Western regional manager Linda Rosengreen



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— *Master Builders Downs & Western regional manager
Linda Rosengreen*





Master Builders introduces new awards

Master Builders has introduced three new categories for the Housing & Construction Awards this year for Diversity, the Institute of Building Consultants, and Bluescope Best use of Steel Frame Housing.

The Diversity award recognises a company or organisation that could demonstrate positive change via initiatives aimed at promoting diversity within their business.

It includes initiatives such as pro-actively seeking to attract and place workers in non-traditional roles (such as female carpenters), promoting and encouraging flexibility in job design and hours of work such as flexible work arrangements, initiatives for carers and parents telecommuting options, and sustainable employment opportunities for disadvantaged workers including the long-term unemployed, indigenous or disabled.

The Institute of Building Consultants award was designed to be presented to the consultant who has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the building and construction industry, including exemplary customer service, teamwork and leadership skills.

The Best use of Steel Frame Housing award is given to a housing project built using steel frames. It is judged according to workmanship, degree of difficulty, value for money, street appeal, livability, design and innovation and siting and aspect.



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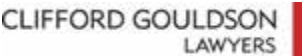
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Master Builders Downs & Western Winners 2017

Master Builders congratulates this year’s winners who have demonstrated excellence across a wide range of categories

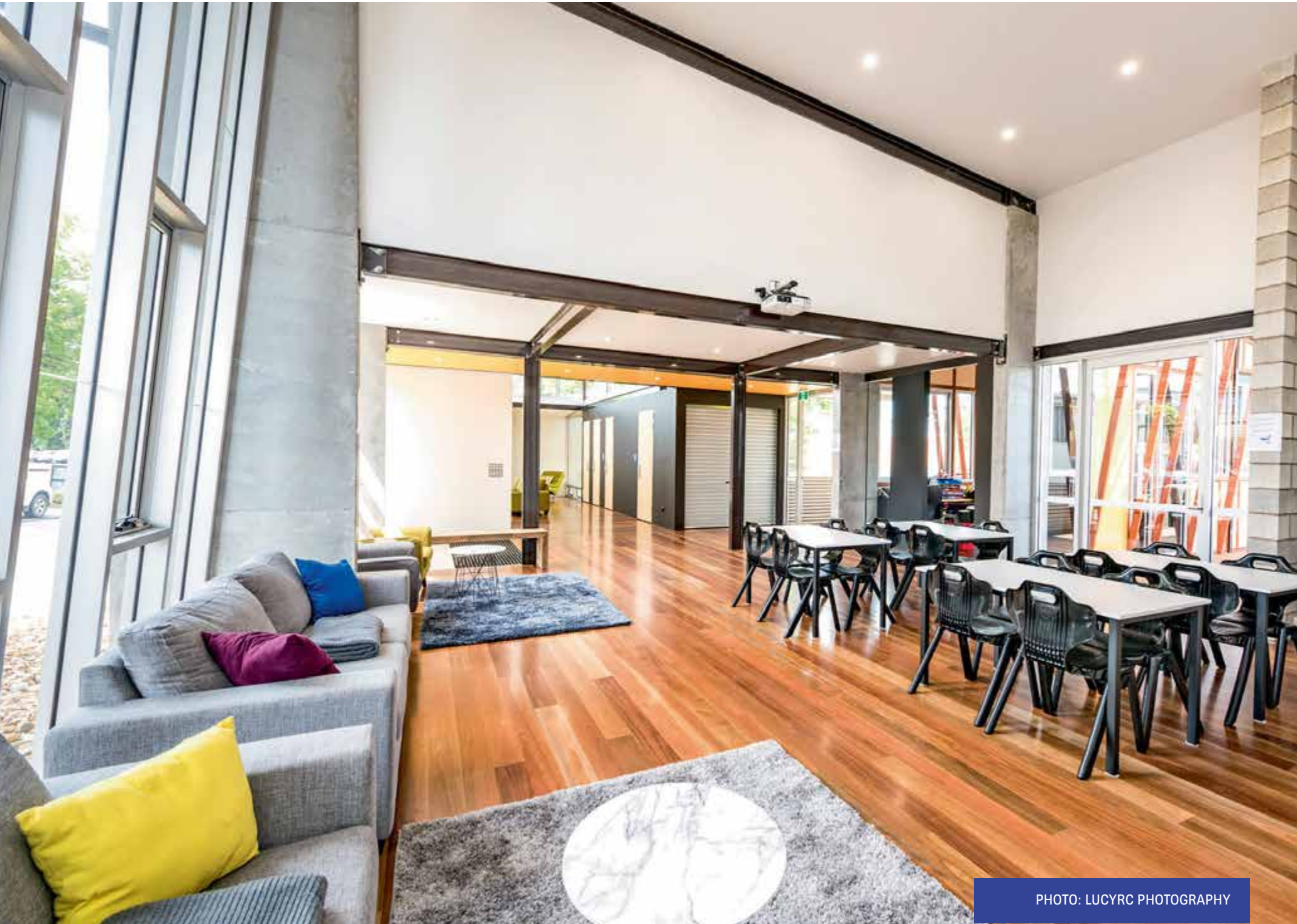


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Education Facilities up to \$10 million
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Intergenerational Mentoring Hub

Retail Facilities
Lavish Constructions Pty Ltd
John’s Hair Studio

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Ergon Energy Toowoomba Amenities Building

Industrial Building
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Spring Gully Warehouse

Refurbishment/Renovation up to \$2 million
J Hutchinson Pty Ltd T/A Hutchinson Builders
Miles Hospital

Commercial Trade Contractor of the Year
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HOUSING

Display Home up to \$250,000
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Negrita Street Display Home

Display Home \$251,000 – \$350,000
Windamere Homes Pty Ltd
“The Panna”

Individual Home up to \$250,000
Bryant Brothers Building Group Pty Ltd
High Street

Individual Home \$251,000 – \$350,000
Bryant Brothers Building Group Pty Ltd
Harelmar Road

Individual Home \$351,000 – \$450,000
Gray Homes Pty Ltd
King Residence

Individual Home \$451,000 – \$550,000
Irwin Family Constructions Pty Ltd
Charis Place

Individual Home \$551,000 – \$650,000
Antonio Building Pty Ltd
Reflections

Individual Home \$651,000 – \$750,000
Arden Vale Homes Pty Ltd
Ramsay School Road

Individual Home \$751,000 – \$1.25 million
Swish Design & Construct Pty Ltd T/A Swish Homes Queensland
Peak House

Individual Home \$1.26 million – \$2 million
Schriek Building Group Pty Ltd
McDonald Residence

Individual Home over \$2 million
Downs Designer Homes Pty Ltd
Collier House

Best use of Sloping Sites
Downs Designer Homes Pty Ltd
Collier House

Best Use of Steel Frame Housing
Schriek Building Group Pty Ltd
McDonald Residence

Home Renovation/Remodelling Project up to \$275,000
Janke Constructions Pty Ltd
Harvey House

Home Renovation/Remodelling Project \$276,000 – \$575,000
Valdal Projects Pty Ltd
Speed Residence

Home Renovation/Remodelling Project \$576,000 – \$1 million
Valdal Projects Pty Ltd
Valdal Residence

Medium Density up to 3 Storeys – 2 to 5 Dwellings
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Peak House

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Japan House

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Best Residential Bathroom
Swish Design & Construct Pty Ltd T/A Swish Homes Queensland
Peak House



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Best Residential Kitchen
Arden Vale Homes Pty Ltd
Ramsay School Road

Best Residential Swimming Pool
Lavish Constructions Pty Ltd
Bogong Court

INDIVIDUAL

Apprentice of the Year
Ashley Walker
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Project of the Year
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House of the Year
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Peak House



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Swish Design and Construct wins House of the Year

SWISH Design and Construct have taken home House of the Year with their exceptional Peak House, nestled in the stunning Highfields region.

Construction began in April 2016 for this project, with a design process of nearly two years being undertaken to achieve the exceptional design.

Extensive front end planning was completed between owner, designer, builder and colour consultant to ensure construction was not delayed and finishes and building techniques were completed to the absolute highest level throughout the actual build process.

The owner envisioned a residence that would suit the Toowoomba landscape and climate, ultimately with a facade and finishes to ensure that the property would never date and look better with age.

With stone features sourced from Victoria, the home encloses two beautiful fire places, timber windows and a combination of stained timber features and charcoal roof tiles, ensuring the homes facade was meeting the criteria requested.

The look of timelessness was met, with the much talked about 50mm split Hawthorn Black brick from Tasmania emanating throughout the entire home.



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Internally the home design combines a mix of old with the new with a perfect balance between the two.

Extensive joinery throughout the home is complimented by the French oak waxed finished timber floor, which is a work of art in itself.

With six-metre high raked ceilings, a sitting room with traditional wood fire place, bar area with a guest bedroom complete with ensuite, there is an immediate feeling of space as you enter the home.

The study joinery leaves no stone unturned with a feature glass pivot door to close off from the rest of the home.

The designer kitchen features 100mm thick calcutta stone, Miele appliances, bar fridges and scullery preparation area with a walk-in

pantry.

The bottom level living area with a gas fire place seamlessly connects through large timber stacker doors and the outdoor living and pool area to make for easy living and entertaining.

The western wing of the bottom storey leads into a children's leisure room with bathroom laundry/mud room and three generous sized bedrooms with joinery finished robes and desks.

A double lock up garage with generous storage area completes this area of the home.

The engineered designed steel staircase with timber treads is unlike anything undertaken in the region before.

These elevate to the second storey, which leads through a sitting

room to the main bedroom with a floating timber bed and full joinery finished walk-in robe.

The home also incorporates a wet area bar that leads to the ensuite.

The beautiful ensuite offers views of the valley to the east, and a combination of brick and wrought iron fencing and electric gates keep the extensively landscaped yard private.

The modern pool area is complete with a sun deck and servery from the barbecue space, perfect for spending time with loved ones.

Peak House in Highfields is a unique, modern and exceeding representation of the building and construction industry for the Downs and Western region.



FKG Group takes home Project of the Year



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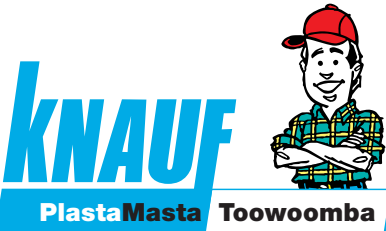


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THE 2017 Master Builders Downs and Western Awards Project of the Year was awarded to the FKG Group for their magnificent project, the Intergenerational Mentoring Hub at the Flexi School.

The Lifeline Darling Downs and South West Queensland engaged the FKG Group to deliver the Flexi School Intergenerational Mentoring Hub, which is an annex of Centenary Heights State High School's existing mentoring Hub.

The hub allows students to complete their secondary schooling and transition from school or work to further study or employment opportunities with the support of mentors.

The learning hub is a unique purpose built construction and far from a standard classroom.

Project deliverables included construction of five purpose-built mentoring pods, training room, audio-visual production training room, two flexible meeting spaces, kitchen and amenities within a 450 square metered block.

With very limited space on site, precise co-ordination of building materials was needed to ensure any materials delivered were used immediately.

The hub was built around two large trees located on site, achieving the unique impression of a treehouse.

To overcome any space issues being that they were building to

such a small area, materials were used or erected as soon as they were delivered to the site.

Exposed native Australian timber is also featured throughout in keeping with the tree house theme. To achieve the relaxed treehouse aesthetic, the FKG group had to put extensive thought and planning into the construction process.

This included alternative fixing for hidden connections, Stepping back in time and using mortice and tenons joints, native Australian timber polished flooring and decking, concealed fixing in exposed timber work and exposed timber studs.

Alongside this, external cladding consisting of a combination of glass and iron sheeting, plywood and fibre cement was included in the plan, with roofing and framing allowing for natural curves in roof sheeting.

Within the project is internal FC and plywood cladding and feature glazing, polished render to feature walls, glass roofing for natural light, feature exposed internal stones and hardwood steps and polished concrete entries as well.

Building on a very small block and with a tight budget, it was important to consult with the architects and stakeholders on a daily basis.

There was regular liaison with Friends of Flexi Consortium and

the Federal Government to ensure best results and meet the high expectations for the project.

Providing students both now and in the future with a unique and safe learning environment, the FKG Group have delivered an exceptional project that aligns with the key stakeholders' vision of providing a state-of-the-art alternative learning unit.

The FKG Group is a privately owned, leading tier two contractor with a 40 year history of delivering outstanding building and engineering projects through Queensland, New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

The FKG Group's construction projects include industrial facilities, schools and tertiary education buildings, hospitals and medical centres, aged care and retirement facilities, retail centres, performing arts centres and community facilities, hospitality and tourism buildings and defence and aviation facilities.

Their civil engineering team have a range of clients, including Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and private developers, with major road projects in Queensland and New South Wales.

President’s Award won by Bryant Brothers

AFTER only five years in operation the Bryant Brothers Building Group have taken out the Master Builders Downs and Western 2017 President’s Award with their spectacular project at Haremar Rd.

The brick veneer home is situated on 30 acres of rural Southbrook, and has been designed and constructed to accommodate the growing family that occupies it.

With a large rumpus room and a silicone butt join window displaying the rural views, this house has everything for the growing family.

The stylish kitchen, bathrooms, ensuite and powder room add the finishing touches to what makes a very tasteful family home.

This home also comes complete with a fully ducted air-conditioning system and septic system.

With timber decking to the outdoor areas it adds a touch of warmth to this great home, perfect for entertaining.

The modern yet sophisticated appearance throughout will keep the home timeless over the years.

Owner Jason Bryant credits the company’s staff to their success.

“I am most proud of our staff, they are all extremely talented, approachable and great workers,” Mr Bryant said.

“Clients always tell me what a great bunch of guys we have working here and that nothing is ever too much trouble.

“It is this approach that we always try and take with all clients and prospective clients.”

With a particular interest in the extension and custom home market, the Bryant brothers established principles in their business that create cohesiveness between all parties involved.



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Winner of Individual Home \$251,000 – \$350,000 and President’s Award 2017



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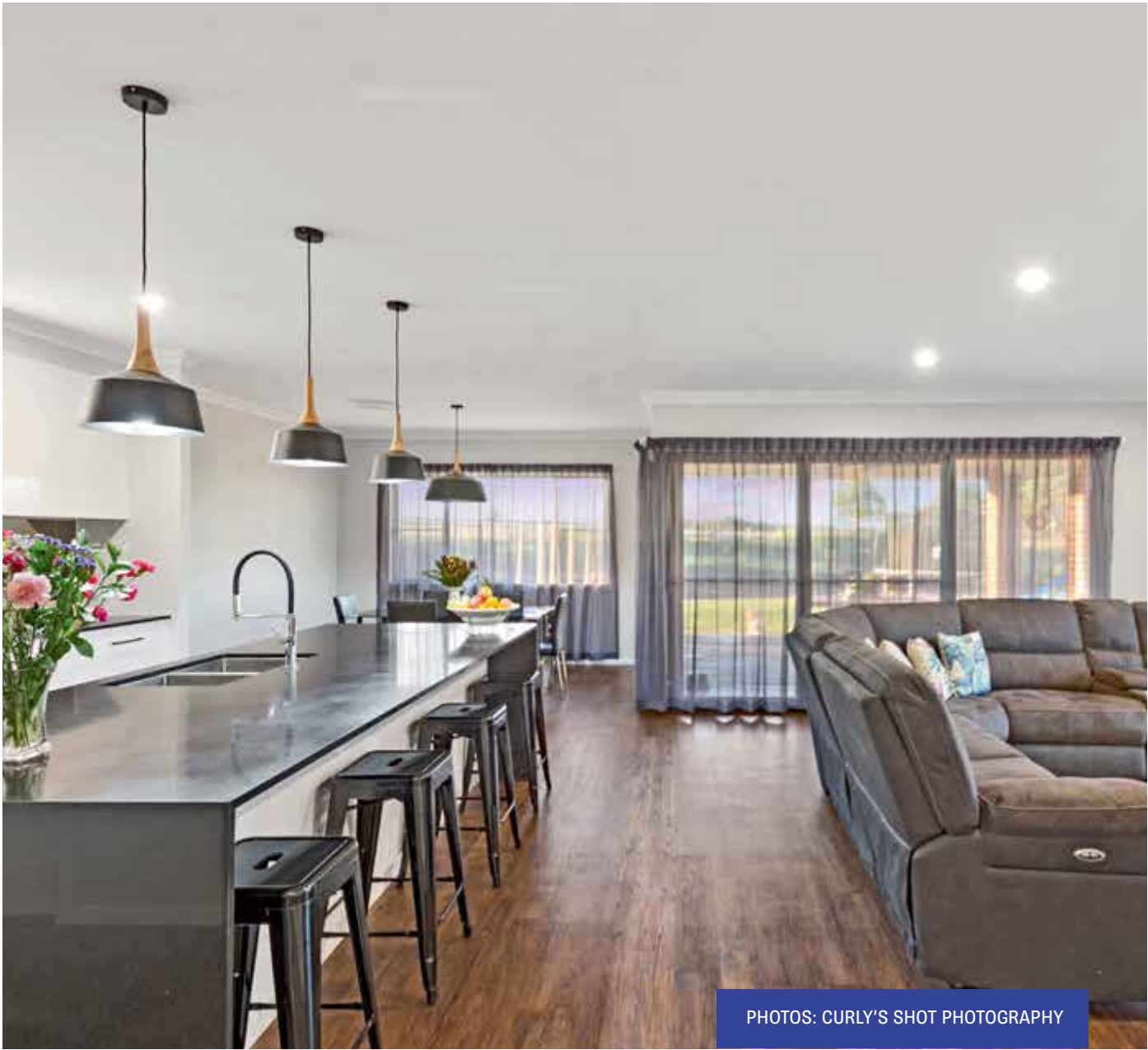


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“We create a pleasant working environment for everyone involved so that all clients, trades and suppliers work together well and enjoy the process,” Mr Bryant said.

“I feel like the Toowoomba region is in a good position at the moment, with a lot of new infrastructure going up around the place and more and more land is being made available.

“If Toowoomba’s population continues to grow like they are predicting we shouldn’t have a shortage of work for the foreseeable future — I look forward to building more beautiful homes around the region.”

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Bryant Brothers take home multiple Master Builders awards

ALONG with their success of the President's Award, local builders the Bryant Brothers Building Group have taken out other Master Builders awards in the Downs and Western region including Individual Home up to \$250,000 category and Individual Home \$251,000 – \$350,000 category.

Haremar Rd was the project that won both the President's Award and Individual Home \$251,000 – \$350,000 category.

The extremely functional brick family home located on acreage at Southbrook is a combination of modern, sophisticated, chic and purposeful living that has given the clients an exceptional property.

The property that took out the Individual Home up to \$250,000 category was a colonial style home on High St.

Constructed on a small block of land, this home was designed to maximise yard space without compromising privacy and outlook.

Owner of Bryant Brothers Building Group Jason Bryant enjoyed constructing this project.

"Once again the clients had excellent taste and were great to work with, together we were able to construct a beautiful, cost-effective yet incredibly stylish home with great finishings," Mr Bryant said.

The property was designed to blend in with the heritage of the area as well as give the owners privacy.

It has genuine spotted gum and blackbutt timber floors throughout the main living areas with all the trimmings to stay true to its heritage style.

With tasteful fittings and finishes and considering the shape of the block, this house ticks many design boxes while still maintaining its functionality.

"As always our team takes a lot of pride in all our jobs so it should come as no surprise that the workmanship on this job is second-to-none," Mr Bryant said.

The Bryant Brothers are in their fifth year of operation, creating new, stylish homes, extensions and renovations regardless of project size, budget or timeline.

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Gray Homes establishes stellar reputation

LOCAL Darling Downs company Gray Homes saw success at the 2017 Downs and Western Master Builders Awards, taking out the Individual Home \$351,000 to \$450,000 category. Director of Gray Homes Lachlan Gray has 14 years' experience in the industry, however has only had his own business for three-and-a-half years. Their winning project, the King residence, was a 426sq m slab on-ground build overlooking spectacular views of Tabletop Mountain. Featuring 2.7-metre high ceilings, 2340mm high internal doors and a massive alfresco area covered by an impressive freestanding

insulated panel roof, the spectacular property is one to remember. A full blackout theatre room features in the home for the best at-home cinema experience. There are four large bedrooms, a study, double garage and kids retreat. With a beautiful walk-in ensuite, main bathroom and separate toilet with its own vanity, the home is truly a complete space. There is a handy joinery to the kitchen, a walk-in pantry, walk-in robe, kids retreat, theatre and laundry, all completed by Weston kitchens. This home's street appeal is apparent with seamless transitions between multiple facade finishes of face brick, render, cladding and irregular sandstone, topped off with a tasteful colour selection. To quote the clients, "the end result is that our home is more beautiful than we had dreamed of". Mr Gray focuses mostly on renovation and extension work, but he does enjoy completing new builds. "When you engage us you will only deal with myself from start to finish, as I'm full-time on the tools as well as being the director of our company," Mr Gray said. "We have found this gives clients peace of mind at all stages of the project." Mr Gray is finding the construction industry quite exciting at the moment due to its constant development. "Clients are willing to take design options more out of the norm, but the final products can be so much more impressive for it," he said. "The rear skillion insulated panel roof heights and spans were quite out of the norm. "It required extensive structural steel/bracing, concealed inside the roof and frames." Award-winning Gray Homes places honesty, communication and the highest standard of finishes at the forefront of their business.



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Antonio Building collects award with Reflections project

RENOWNED local construction company, Antonio Building have taken out the Individual Home \$551,000 – \$650,000 category at the Master Builders Downs and Western 2017 Awards with their stunning Reflections project.

Reflections is a dynamic, architect-designed home built specifically to suit its premier location in Top Camp.

The end result of this impressive home was achieved through the vision of the clients and award-winning building designer, Robin Payne, to design a stylish and modern residence from the fabulous floor plan, chic interior, abundant use of glazing, outdoor living area, to all the bedrooms capturing the majestic views.

The rendered facade of the home, painted with rich modern colours blends perfectly with the use of Hardies Axon and Cedar at the entry.

This elaborate residence comes complete with multiple living areas including three bedrooms, a study/guest room, media room with surround sound, open kitchen/meals/living areas, master bathroom and laundry/sewing room.

The home has been cleverly designed so that each bedroom comes with a view.

The design, colours and lighting create a harmonious space that complements the large open plan living and dining areas.

Entertaining guests easily extends outdoors to the

huge undercover terrace and built-in barbecue area.

Other standout features to the home include underfloor heating throughout the tiled area, guest bathroom/powder room and walk-in-robe in the third bedroom.

The kitchen is sleek in design and encompasses all the modern features including stone bench tops, quality appliances, soft closing drawers and a spacious scullery with ample storage space.

Quality joinery, fittings and fixtures and use of colour, quality tiles, and light fittings accentuate the high standard of workmanship and represents excellent value for money.

The team at Antonio Building aims to continue building their already stellar reputation for providing quality custom build homes, renovations and extensions.

Owner of Antonio Building Gavin Antonio prides himself on the fact the he personally manages all building services from start to completion.

“Communication is our key to success,” Mr Antonio said.

“Our team strives to make the process of building stress-free and to deliver a home that exceeds our clients’ expectations while keeping within the scope of their budget and design brief.”

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With many custom-designed projects entered, there were a lot of items within the project that required their experienced team to think outside the box, creating a unique home for the client.

Having been in the Toowoomba region for more than 25 years and receiving more than 70 awards from small homes to large multi-residential projects, Arden Vale Homes ensures that their inclusions are some of the best in the market.

Arden Vale Homes won two categories in the 2017 Master Builders Downs and Western Awards — the Individual Home for \$651,000 to \$750,000, and the Best Residential Kitchen.

The project, based on Ramsay School Rd, is a sight to behold — a true treat to the eye.

The amazing kitchen has been fitted with high-end appliances and room to entertain.

Being a central part of the home, this kitchen is fit for a chef.

There is plenty of pantry storage and a prep room off to the side.

Large fridge space with a flatscreen above provides function and entertainment.

Lovely light coloured finishes and windows facing the main entry to the property ensures the family can

prepare food and see the guests arrive.

Set in the beautiful countryside, this kitchen is the soul of the home.

The beautiful timber floors throughout were sourced and milled from the owners property and seasoned for years waiting for their final resting place, the home of the clients' dreams.

With sweeping views, both front and back, the client loves their new kitchen and home.

Director of Arden Vale Homes Tim Waring credits the success of his family business to his team.

"I am most proud of our staff and our tradespeople [who] all take pride in their work and have really created the highest standards of detail and finish," Mr Waring said.

"We expect the best from our trades and they in turn expect the support from our business.

"It's a real partnership to ensure the clients expectations are met."

Mr Waring believes that the Darling Downs area has a great future ahead of it.

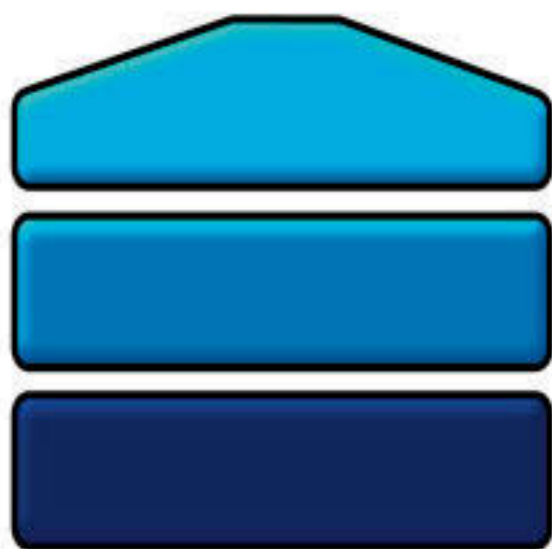
"With such a large amount of development coming to our region it provides us with plenty of opportunity to grow our business," he said.

"[It] also gives us the ability to assist new and old clients with a hassle-free high quality build.

"Thank you to our clients and trades for making these projects a pleasure to build."



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Constructing both residential and commercial builds, Schriek Building Group values high quality workmanship on all builds, irrespective of the construction cost.

This year the Schriek Building Group took out two awards at the 2017 Master Builders Downs & Western Awards — the Individual Homes \$1.26 million to \$2 million and Best Use of Steel Frame Housing with their project, the McDonald residence.

This contemporary European style home is nestled into a secluded range escarpment allotment set among the gum trees.

The home commands a sense of authority while maintaining homely aesthetics, both inside and out.

The building achieved all aspects of the clients brief.

These included a simple palette of building materials with large spans of glass on the exterior, which were utilised — an innovative steel structural frame system was included to maximise the extent of glazing.

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This in return allows natural light and the beauty of the surrounding landscape to be on display, day or night.

Quality detailing and construction was employed to deliver clean and modern spaces throughout, and unique spaces were established for family and entertaining.

Energy efficient claddings were used to reduce energy usage throughout the home.

Natural stonework and timbers were used as features internally to tie the modern spaces and volumes to the surrounding landscape, while maintaining a timeless yet sophisticated interior, with the polished concrete flooring offering a modern twist.

Quality detailing is a contributing factor to the aesthetics of the home, as clean and modern spaces were a requirement without compromising living space or storage.

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“Our complete and supportive hassle-free approach ensures that we are able to consistently provide our clientele with a premium standard of service and the highest levels of communication,” Mr Janke said.

Janke Constructions has been operational since 2013, and Mr Janke is a qualified carpenter and builder with a hands-on approach.

He has been actively involved in delivering residential building projects for more than 10 years.

Harvey House consisted of the renovation of a bathroom, ensuite and laundry as well as the addition of an outdoor covered entertaining area.

This renovation also involved underpinning of the rear of the house prior to the addition of the entertaining area.

The renovated wet areas transform the house into a more modern era due to new tiling, joinery, plumbing fixtures, cedar shutters and windows.

The outdoor entertaining area features detailed timberwork and a timber deck over concrete slab.

Upon builders advice, the “deck over slab” method of construction was used rather than a “pier and beam” design to ensure good site drainage and hence achieve a long lasting, quality build.

The new outdoor area allows the owners to capture the range views available from the site and by incorporating some sections of roof with only partial blackout, the owners are able to maximise northern light during cooler months.

Attaching the new outdoor area to the existing dwelling while maintaining the required level of bushfire attack resistance provided challenges to the build.

“Janke Constructions would never shy away from a challenge and is always willing to take on unique projects to ensure the end result is an affordable, quality and livable home,” Mr Janke said. “We enjoy working with clients from the very start of the design process to attempt to achieve the best design for the client based on their needs and the shape, size and orientation of the land.

“Working to construct your architecturally designed home is our loyal network of qualified tradesmen, committed to providing building excellence through immaculate attention to detail, resulting in a home that will withstand the test of time.”

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Valdal Projects sweeps renovation awards

Valdal Projects have succeeded at the 2017 Master Builders Downs and Western Awards, taking out multiple commendations for projects across the region, namely in the Home Renovation/Remodelling Project \$576,000 – \$1 million category, and the Home Renovation/Remodelling Project \$276,000 – \$575,000 category.

The renovation and remodelling of the Valdal residence in the \$576,000 – \$1 million category was a renewal of the property. The property was completely gutted and renovated, as the original existing home was just a small two bedroom house. It was transformed into a three bedroom, one bathroom home with living area section. The home seamlessly combines the original front of the home and the extension of the property, creating a flow throughout the home. With blackbutt timber throughout as the feature, large concrete look tiles for the living/kitchen/dining area to set as a nice base tone for all the whites, timber and feature stone throughout, it's easy to see why this contemporary home is setting the standard for the Downs and Western region. The large box style second floor extension features a huge bedroom with a walk-in robe and bathroom.



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Valdal Projects is an innovative renovations and home improvement company based in Toowoomba.

We're a hard-working, motivated team and we pride ourselves on building friendly relationships with clients from the initial stages of building approval, right through to completion and post completion.

This has been acknowledged by our 8 Master Builders Housing Awards plus 2 specialty Master Builders Awards.



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The project has lots of glass throughout to let the light in, creating a beautiful indoor/outdoor feel to the home.

Even though the home is facing south, the property has been designed so there is as much of a north-east aspect as possible.

This house has all the mod cons such as ducted air-conditioning, Miele appliances including an induction cooktop, indoor bar area as well as outdoor barbecue area, pool and contemporary landscaping.

Valdal Projects' second winning property, the Speed residence, took out the Home Renovation/Remodelling Project \$276,000 – \$575,000 category.

This was a renovation and extension of an existing home, restoring the beauty that was already hidden beneath a dated facade,

re-designing the internal layout.

The extension was to allow more room for the home and to allow the kitchen/living area much more space and light.

The beautiful colonial style was maintained throughout the home, with the clients opting to add a pool and entertaining area that benefit from sunsets.

Every part of the home was gutted to cater to the new floor plan.

The exterior was restored and the landscaping was an enhancement to the final product with feature stone retaining walls, a new cottage style fence and restored carport.

The kitchen, dining and living areas are all open plan, with timber floors throughout and a fresh white kitchen.

Stone benchtops, ducted air conditioning and natural timber floors add to the modern and chic essence of the property.

Owner of Valdal Projects Stuart Valdal has been in the building industry for eight years.

"We like to build strong relationships with our clients, guiding them through the process and allowing them to be a part of the job as much as they like," Mr Valdal said.

"We ensure everyone on our job sites are respectful to each other and work well together, and the end product is something that everyone is really pleased with."

Mr Valdal believes that the Darling Downs construction industry is trying new things.

"Toowoomba is embracing a more modern, contemporary design to their renovations and extensions and we're excited to be a part of that movement forward," he said.

"We're working towards opening a design arm of the business so we can draw plans for our clients and have maximum input — it helps make the whole process as smooth as possible and we can design right to a clients' budget."

"We'd like to be a one-stop shop for the design and build process."

With an award-winning reputation, Valdal Projects are committed to serving their clients' needs.

"I'm proud of the strong team we've built who pride themselves on their finish detail — everyone we work with brings these jobs to life at the end for the client and it's really rewarding being at the front end of that," Mr Valdal said.



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Mark Winter Constructions wins with unique build

Mark Winter Constructions has been in operation in Toowoomba for 12 years and director Mark Winter has been working in the construction industry for 28 years.

"We are proud to be a multi-award winning builder with many repeat clients over the years," Mr Winter said.

"We pride ourselves on producing quality projects that are built on time and on budget."

This year Mark Winter Constructions were awarded two prizes at the 2017 Master Builders Downs and Western Awards — the Medium Density up to Three Storeys — Two to Five Dwellings, and the David Turton Memorial Award.

The David Turton Memorial Award is an award dedicated to local builder David Turton who passed away in 2008.

David was not only passionate about the building industry but his family and community, and optimised pride in the job, which is the Master Builders motto.

Mark Winter Construction's project, Views on Velodrome, is an exceptionally memorable build for clients and judges alike.

Set on a triangular shaped corner allotment in Kearneys Spring,

the brief for this project was to create two detached villas with a modern feel.

Boasting effortless style and superior substance, these villas offer stunning interiors and high-end fixtures and fittings.

With spacious, contemporary interiors, higher ceilings and timber floors designed to capture breezes and natural light, the villas have a modern and unique feel.

Seamless indoor/outdoor living spaces embodied ease and convenience throughout the property.

The generous kitchens are fitted with high-end appliances, with stone bench tops throughout.

Each villa has three bedrooms, with master bedrooms opening to stunning ensuites.

Villa two has a separate courtyard and outdoor living area for spacious entertaining.

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Downs Designer Homes takes home prizes

Owner of Downs Designer Homes Jeff Bubeck started his building apprenticeship in Toowoomba 40 years ago, and has been in business for the last 27 years.

“Building is no different to most businesses, you have to diversify and keep up with new trends,” Mr Bubeck said.

“Having said that, Downs Designer Homes prides itself on building in any price range, any style and any terrain.”

As the 2016 winner of Downs and Western House of the Year with the magnificent Casa De Sogni project, Downs Designer Homes have a fantastic reputation across the region.

With a focus on attention to detail, finish and close involvement with the client, Downs Designer Homes has succeeded in the 2017 Downs and Western Master Builders Awards.

Winning the Best Use of Sloping Sites and Individual Homes over \$2 Million categories, Downs Designer Homes created a project that embodied consistent quality and exciting designs — The Collier House.

The client’s brief was to create a spacious, contemporary home that suited modern living and could easily cater for extended family members.

“The steep sloping and north facing block was a real challenge not only to have a manageable, low maintenance home and grounds, but to achieve maximum light and ventilation,” Mr Bubeck said.



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Entering through a huge glass facade with entrance door, the foyer has high ceilings and showcases a modern Tasmanian oak staircase with glass balustrading.

To the east is an office, powder room, rumpus, gym and guest bedroom with ensuite.

This is all connected by a hallway that has continuous views overlooking the pool and escarpment.

All internal doors are higher than normal, adding to the sense of space.

Larger skirtings and architraves complement the large doors and windows.

The main living area features large porcelain tiled floors with higher ceilings, a fireplace and dining area with modern kitchen and walk-in pantry.

Large cavity stacker doors open expansively to give a seamless flow from inside to out.

This area leads onto a large tiled entertainment area with built-in barbecue and glass balustrades.

The pool can be viewed from most areas on the ground floor.

The home boasts a state-of-the-art theatre room with concealed speakers, elevated stage and multi-coloured strip lighting.

The laundry and three car garage with a workshop is positioned on the western side of the home.

Upstairs consists of four more bedrooms and a sitting room.

The main bedroom has coffered ceilings with concealed strip lighting.

A large customised walk-in robe is adjacent to a beautifully appointed main ensuite.

The generous main bedroom also has elevated views to the south.

A large main bathroom and storage cupboards completes the upper floor.

A large workshop and storeroom is found under the suspended slab of the large alfresco area, giving more room for vehicles and storage.

Timber decks hug the southern and eastern sides of the ground floor and lead to the impressive pool and spa area.

Overall the home offers luxurious, modern style living with fantastic vistas while maintaining the privacy of the family within.

Mr Bubeck is proud of the team that represent his company.

"It's the consistent quality and that we have a team of tradesmen that know my expectations, regardless of the size or budget of the home," Mr Bubeck said.

"Some have been with me over 20 years.

"Also the many repeat customers and the friendships I have forged with them."

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Representing Downs Designer Homes at the 2016 Master Builders Housing and Construction awards night are (from left) Michael Nobbs, Nichola Nobbs, Jeff Bubeck, Karyn Bubeck, Jason Bubeck and Brittney Jones.

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Representing Gordon Bourke Constructions at the 2016 Master Builders Housing and Construction awards night are (from left) Helen Kain, Tom Kain, Lauren Timmins, Kirk Timmins, Adam Kain, Tash Kain, Trudy Thornton and Amanda Mackinlay.

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Housing & Construction Awards celebrate 30th year

THE Master Builders Housing & Construction Awards have been recognised as one of Queensland’s most prestigious and longest-running industry events since 1987 when the inaugural ceremony was held.

Initially known as the Housing Awards Competition, it was expanded in 1988 to encompass the residential housing and commercial industrial fields, and became what is now known as the Housing & Construction Awards.

The new program was run in conjunction with the Housing and Construction Conference ‘88, which was part of Brisbane’s Expo ‘88 program.

It wasn’t until 1993 that entries from regional Queensland were encouraged and the first Master Builders Regional Housing & Construction Awards were launched.

The Downs & Western ceremony was much smaller than those held today, with only a handful of categories being awarded.

Today there are more than 50 categories under the banners of construction, housing, trade contractor/specialty and individual.

The winners of those first regional awards were:

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- Dominion Homes Pty Ltd** – Project/Display Home up to \$85,000; Contract House \$125,000 to \$175,000; Best Interior Design/Construction
- Beauville Quality Homes** – Project/Display Home \$85,000 to \$125,000
- Richards Homes Pty Ltd** – HOUSE OF THE YEAR; Project/Display Home \$125,000 to \$175,000; Contract House \$250,000 to \$500,000; Town House & Villa House up to \$300,000
- Mastermen Homes** – Project/Display Home \$175,000 to \$250,000
- L J Adams Pty Ltd** – Contract House \$85,000 to \$125,000; Kit House (Erected) unlimited value; Affordable Housing unlimited value
- K & R Boyle Pty Ltd** – Best Use of Composite Construction
- Watkins Pacific, Arundel Hills Country Club** – Entertainment/Hospitality/Sports/Resorts; REGIONAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR.

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- Ken Grieve** – HOUSE OF THE YEAR, Contract House \$85,000 to \$125,000

- CRC Homes** – Project/Display House up to \$85,000
- Merlin Constructions** – Project/Display House \$85,000 to \$125,000
- Pingel Homes** – Contract House up to \$85,000; Contract House \$125,000 to \$175,000
- Gus Mattiazzi** – Contract House \$175,000 to \$250,000
- John Stedman** – Contract House \$250,000 to \$500,000
- Darryl Sugars** – Home Units \$250,000 to \$500,000; Heritage House unlimited value; Best Use of Concrete Masonry; Best Interior Design/Constructions
- Guenter Hediger** – House Additions/Alterations/Restorations up to \$150,000
- Clearspan Building Systems/Allan Biffin** – Steel Framed House
- Fallon Homes** – Affordable Housing unlimited value
- Faulkner Homes** – Best Use of Composite Construction
- Gerry Ryan** – Best Use of Clay Bricks
- Pingel Homes** – Best Use of Site & Outdoor Area
- Colman Constructions** – Workmanship Award
- John Karl Constructions Pty Ltd, Toowoomba Garden Settlement “Epworth” Nursing Home** – REGIONAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR; Commercial Building \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000
- Trevor Cook, Nissan Dealership Showroom, Kingaroy** – Commercial Building up to \$2,000,000.

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- P.J. Burns** – Project/Display House \$85,000 to \$125,000
- Dwyer Quality Homes Ltd** – Project/Display House \$85,000 to \$125,000; Project/Display House \$175,000 to \$250,000
- Leisure-Melbach Pty Ltd** – Project/Display House \$125,000 to \$175,000
- R.W. Watt Pty Ltd** – Contract House \$85,000 to \$125,000
- Classic Queenslanders** – Contract House \$125,000 to \$175,000
- Fauna Homes Pty Ltd** – Contract House \$175,000 to \$250,000
- R.J. Salmon** – Contract House \$250,000 to \$500,000
- Oakbay Homes Pty Ltd** – Home Units over \$500,000
- Evans Harch Constructions Pty Ltd** – Commercial Building up to \$2,000,000
- Welch Contracting** – Refurbishment/Renovations/Commercial Building up to \$2,000,000
- Unistyle Homes** – Steel Framed House

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- J.T. Lennox** – Contract House \$125,000 to \$175,000
- D.R. Dewar** – Contract House \$250,000 to \$500,000
- Mark Fox Pty Ltd** – Project/Display House \$85,000 to \$125,000
- L.J. Taylor** – Project/Display House \$175,000 to \$250,000
- Walbone Pty Ltd** – Entertainment/Hospitality/Sports/Resorts up to \$5,000,000
- G.W. Chalmers** – Town House/Villa House up to \$300,000, workmanship award, best use of timber award.

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- Ronald I Hamilton** – REGIONAL HOUSE OF THE YEAR; Contract House \$175,000 to \$250,000; Best Use of Timber; Heritage House unlimited value
- Gavin N Price** – Project/Display House up to \$85,000; Workmanship Award; Best Use of Clay Bricks
- Woolley & Cowie** – Contract House \$85,000 to \$125,000; Project/Display Home \$125,000 to \$175,000; Best Bathroom; Best Use of Site & Outdoor Area
- Winter Homes Pty Ltd** – Contract House \$125,000 to \$175,000; Best Kitchen
- R Turnley** – Project/Display Home \$175,000 to \$250,000; Steel Framed House unlimited value; Steel Framed Construction
- Dave Wilkings** – House Additions/Alterations/Restorations up to \$150,000
- ET & JE Schofield Pty Ltd** – Best Use of Composite Construction; Home Units \$250,000-\$500,000
- Glen Millar Pty Ltd** – Commercial Building up to \$2,000,000

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Hutchinson Builders attain six awards

Taking home an absolutely outstanding six awards at the Master Builders Downs and Western Building and Construction 2017 Awards, Hutchinson Builders are continuing to impress the region.

The renowned construction company won Health Facilities up to \$20 million, Education Facilities up to \$10 million, Commercial Building up to \$5 million, Industrial Building, Refurbishment/ Renovation up to \$2 million, and the Diversity award.

A different project won each category.

These included the West Toowoomba Medical Centre, Wondai State School, Ergon Energy Toowoomba Amenities Building, Spring Gully Warehouse and the Miles Hospital.

The medical centre was the development of a new commercial building created in two separable portions, with the original medical facility remaining fully operable throughout construction.

The Wondai State School project was a small library building within the school, providing a vibrant serpent screening that has 21 different colours located on the facade of the building.

The Ergon Energy Toowoomba Amenities Building was an innovative creation catering for 650sq m of building and 500sq m of landscaped courtyard.

The Spring Gully Warehouse was a challenging project constructing a 160sq m office and 600sq m storage warehouse, however it was built within a fully operational gas field so there was a high level of safety compliance required during the building works.

The Miles Hospital upgrade project involved the extension to an existing Queensland Health Facility and refurbishment to miscellaneous sections within the internals of the existing building, with the new extension providing an additional 91sq m internal space, and a 22sq m external covered link.

Area manager Robert Weymouth highlights the importance of relationships to Hutchies.

“Our clients come back to us time after time – around half of our current projects have come from repeat business,” he said.

“They tell us it’s because they know where they stand with Hutchies – everything is up-front and transparent, (and) it’s the same attitude that keeps our people with us long term, too.

“Trust, respect, and a genuine spirit of everyone pitching in



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together means that our people stick around – on average for 16 years or more.”

Hutchinson Builders is currently in its 105th year of business, and is 100% Australian owned.

Hutchinson Builders have the goal of strengthening and building on their diversification strategy in the next five years, as Mr Weymouth believes they will see the residential sector cool down, and new segments such as aged care continue to ramp up.

“Moving forward, our strategy is to consolidate our reputation as an established, trusted and responsible builder,” he said.

“We will back our established geographical footprint around Australia, reinforce our strong financial position and maintain our capability to operate in all segments of the property industry.”

Hutchies has 12 offices nationally and 800 staff statewide.

While they are one of the bigger builders around, Hutchies is staying true to their roots as a family business, and remaining steadfast in their commitment to quality.

“Our multi-dimensional diversification has facilitated agility and diversity in sector and geographical capability that is rare in similar

sized builders,” Mr Weymouth said.

“It means we can offer the resources of a large construction company with the flexibility and care of a smaller operator.”

Hutchies see themselves differently to other builders, with an intrinsic focus on incorporating the clients and all elements of the construction community.

“Even though we’re now considered to be one of the bigger builders around, our culture remains very much embedded in family values, the idea of taking care of each other and the community, and working towards a common goal,” Mr Weymouth said.

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— AREA MANAGER ROBERT WEYMOUTH

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The Toowoomba Hutchies office has been a consistent high performer for over 20 years. The longevity of continuous employment of our key personnel has allowed us to provide a very high level of service to our clients.

We have a very strong Healthy, Safety, Quality and Environmental section within our team and our team’s commitment to training on Future Leaders is commendable. This has allowed us to build a large workforce of dedicated and proactive people who are all working for the common good of providing an unmatched level of service to all our clients. Our team possesses an extremely positive and innovative mindset and this has lead us to set up several “mini service divisions” within our team including:

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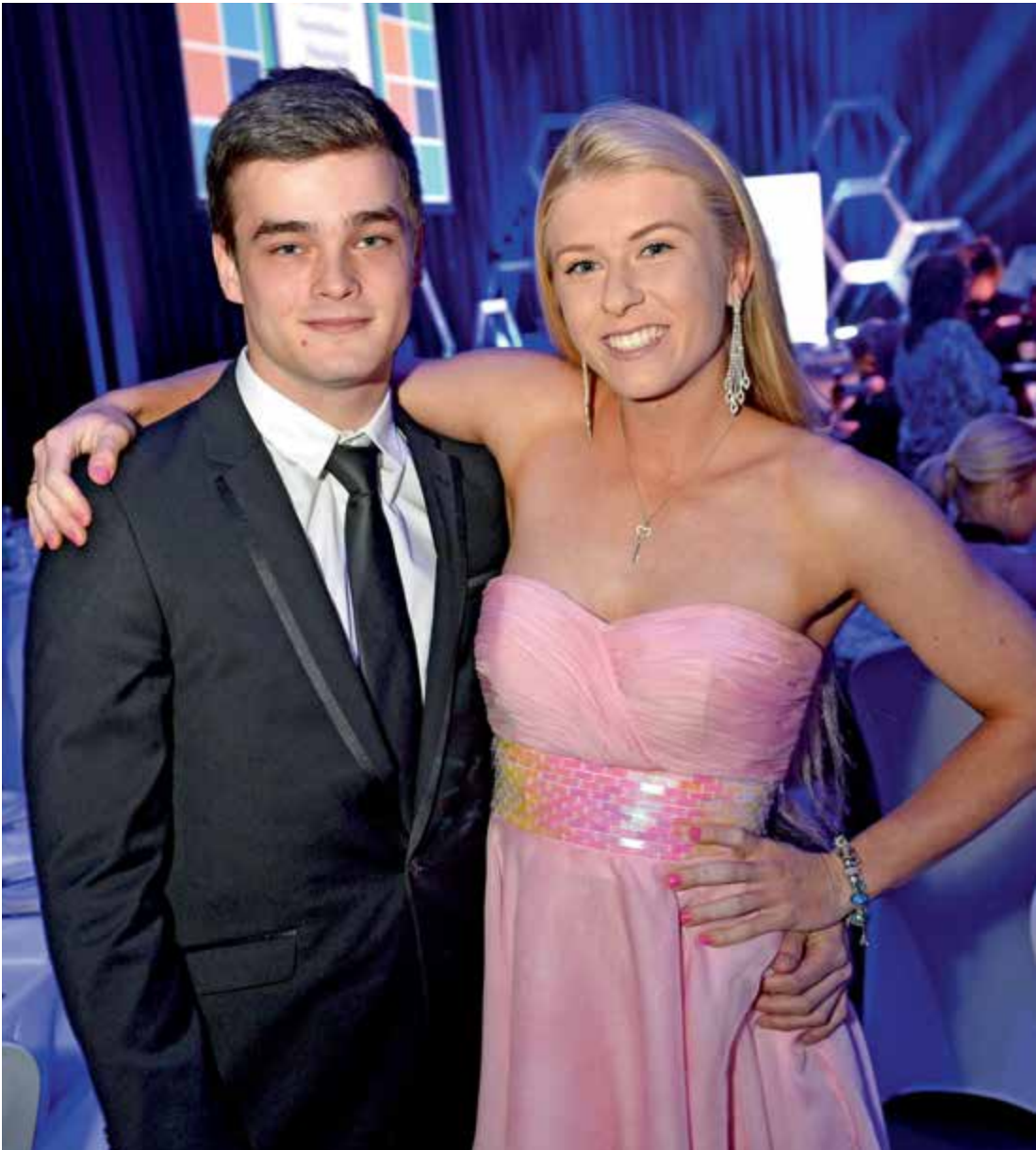
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Enjoying a good night are (from left) Chantelle Humphries, Harrison Humphries, Kylie Howell and Lachlan Howell at Master Builders Queensland Downs and Western Housing and Construction Awards 2017 at Armitage Centre.



Anthony Boden and Master Builders Downs and Western Apprentice of the Year Ashley Walker.



Celebrating the industry are (from left) Sarah Springate, Matt Creek, Agnes Redulla and Corey Derrick.



Getting together are (from left) Jonny Wells, Katie Wells, Nicole Winter and Mark Winter.



Meryl Manteufel (left) with Nadine and Matthew Hoare.



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Melinda and Luke Hancock.



Jason Bubeck with Karyn Bubeck (left) and Brittney Jones.



Recognising industry leaders are (from left) Tina Schriek, Paul Schriek, Ryan Woodfield and Jana Woodfield.



Having a good time are (from left) Paul Keats, Jon Crampton, Huck Meppem and Josh Goodall.



Rob Weymouth, Cathy Weymouth, Ross Hogno, Danielle Hogno and Grant Galvin.

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Paragon Homes builds success

OPENING in March 2011, local builders Paragon Homes have taken the construction industry by storm, establishing reputable relationships with their clients by giving delivering quality homes.

Paragon Homes were nominated for two awards at the 2017 Master Builders Downs and Western Awards — the Display Home \$251,000 - \$350,000 and Individual Home \$251,000 - \$350,000.

Their display home was built for the local members of the Independent Builders Network, of which there are five members in Toowoomba.

It is a 283sq m home which features four bedrooms, three living areas, two large bathrooms and a huge alfresco area which flows out from the main living area through the corner stacker doors.

The home provides a lot of value for size and cost, with little wasted space.

The individual home, Weber Home, is a property which was established closely with the clients from the outset to bring everything they wanted in their home and also tailor the home to suit the sloping block.

It is a split-level home carried over three levels, with the main bedroom on the highest level taking advantage of the views through the southern downs.

The middle level features the bedrooms surrounded by the laundry, bathrooms and WC services and also a large open plan living hub and alfresco.

This home shows that while some blocks that may seem to be difficult to build on can actually be turned into great designs and homes by taking advantage of the positive aspects of the block.

Director of Paragon Homes Steve Glover has a strong emphasis on structuring his builds on his clients' lifestyles.

“Everything we do is focused on making families stronger by listening, learning, appreciating and understanding our clients’ circumstances, desires and ambitions in life,” Mr Glover said.

“We use this knowledge to deliver a fantastic building experience and create a unique home and environment for their family to prosper.

“We are really passionate about helping young families get into the

best home possible.”

Mr Glover believes that now is a great time to get into the property market due to all the infrastructure coming to the region.

“We love helping young families get into the best possible home for them in the period of life that they are in,” he said.

“Our homes provide the environment for families to really grow strong and create some great memories to prosper into the future.”



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Institute of Building Consultants winner, Graham Large

1. How long have you been in the construction industry? I've been in the industry for 32 years.

2. What inspired you to be a part of this industry? My dad. He was a carpenter and joiner. I spent many of my school holidays working with him, but I'm sure that he would say that I was getting in the way. I was later completing a degree in Environmental Engineering and I saw a job advertised for an environmental health and building surveyor in Moree and it all went from there.

3. What was your training? Initially I commenced as a tradesman's assistant, then working as an apprentice carpenter and joiner and eventually obtaining my university qualifications in Environmental Engineering and two post graduate degrees in building surveying. After commencing work as a building surveyor in New South Wales, I then went on to more responsible managerial positions in other councils, before starting my own business here in Toowoomba.

4. Where did you begin your training? I worked with my dad who was a sub-contractor for many building firms. I then commenced work with QBuild and eventually did my university studies in Brisbane and Sydney.

5. Why do you like working in the Downs and Westerns region? The area has some great opportunities and the building industry is always steadily moving forward in a positive way. Also, it is home.

6. Why are you excited about the Toowoomba construction industry at the moment? It is finally on the rise at last. It should be, as Toowoomba has a new range crossing to encourage people to come here, we have the Brisbane West Wellcamp International Airport which I certified, the Inland rail is going in, it is around one hour to Brisbane and one hour to the Surat Basin and perfectly placed for drive in drive out mining staff, and the costs are lower than Brisbane.



Women in Building Award winner, Lynette Prince-Large

1. How long have you been in the construction industry? I have been in the construction industry 18 years.

2. What inspired you to be a part of this industry? My husband was heavily immersed in it and I thought it was a good challenge and interesting as well.

3. What was your training? I have two education degrees and worked as a teacher for around 15 years. I now also have a Postgraduate Degree in Urban and Regional Planning and a Postgraduate Degree in the Built Environment.

4. Where did you begin your training? My first education degree was at the Brisbane College of Advanced Education, the second at Queensland University of Technology, The town planning degree was at the University of New England and the building certification degree was at the University of South Australia. My training as both a town planner and a building surveyor were really on the job. When I commenced work as a town planner, I had very little experience and no senior to guide me. I had to read, research and study the legislation many, many times to ensure that my clients would not be let down. I succeeded in doing so given my track record. My husband and boss have taught me much about the building industry and building surveying.

5. Why do you like working in the Downs and Western region? I love the cold weather, particularly a sunny day when there is a crisp chill in the air. I love the region with its beautiful parks and views from the escarpment. I like that people know me by name – for example, when I go to the post office or the newsagent. This wouldn't happen in a bigger city like Brisbane. I like that most builders in Toowoomba are honest hardworking people who aim to give good value for money. I love the heritage buildings, particularly in the city centre and the lovely character homes in the surrounds. I like that I can look out my window at work and see old buildings and trees.





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