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WINNERS: The team at Gladstone Designer Homes won a swag of honours at the Central Queensland Master Builders Awards. KATRINA ELLIOTT PHOTOGRAPHY



Gladstone Designer Homes team takes out top awards

CHRIS Allen and his team at Gladstone Designer Homes swept the pool at the Central Queensland Master Builders Awards held last Saturday in Rockhampton, taking home twice as many awards as their nearest competitor.

As well as winning in three categories, they also took home the Presidential Award for quality and value for money in housing design and construction.

"The homes that won were designed by the team and had the local community in mind, so we went economical to suit the local Gladstone population," Mr Allen said.

A four-bedroom home in Emmadale Gardens built on a relatively small 260sq m block won top honours in the category of Best Home Under \$250,000 for Gladstone Designer Homes.

"It's a great design for a sloping block, with a quite narrow frontage," Mr Allen said.

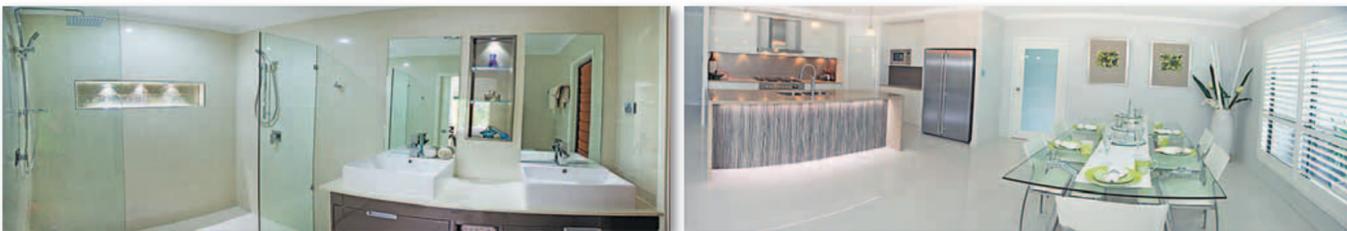
Gladstone Designer Homes' display home at Emmadale Gardens under \$350,000 was also a winner for the team, as well as a bedroom and deck extension in Benaraby which won the category of Best Extension Under \$250,000.

"The display home features a

stone kitchen, a step-down garage which is great for the sloping block, feature corners as well as the three bedrooms and a study," Mr Allen said.

He said he entered homes in three categories, but with about 400 people at last Saturday's dinner and only 12 awards for house construction, he was not expecting to take home all four. "We're very proud and a bit overwhelmed," he said.

"We've been so lucky to have excellent staff and a fantastic team of subcontractors. I couldn't have done it without them."



'The William' – Presidents Overall Region – Under \$450,000

This 4 Bedroom house designed and built by Gladstone Designer Homes is one of the finest in it's class. The 'William' was tailored especially to maximise the narrow and typical sloping site, often found in the Gladstone region.

Cost efficiency has been a key contributing factor in designing and building this home. From the combination of rendered features and single height bricks to the stained timber featured scillian roof that merges into an economical hip roof. The slim design of the plan also reduces the truss & frame cost.

Once you step inside this designer home you instantly feel a welcoming touch with the contemporary yet once again realistic affordable inclusions. From the solid timber front door to the lavish entrance light. You will immediately feel at home. The design team kept in mind the need to open the living space by using 600x600 polished porcelain tiles, along with 2550 ceiling, minimised hallways and by adding stacker doors that open onto the patio and showcase the tiled water feature that can also be seen all the way from the entrance of the house.

The step down garage adds not only storage but assists with the fall of the land.

The design team consider the outside water feature, rendered retaining wall and tropical gardens to add atmosphere whilst utilizing the typical sloping block.

The spacious master bedroom is complimented by the elegant, well designed ensuite with double bowl vanity and illuminated feature niche in the double shower.

Bedroom 2 and 3 are closely accessible to the main bathroom. Which has a large shower, double basin vanity and feature tiled bath hob.

The 'U Shaped' slimline designed kitchen has Essa Stone waterfall bench with the latest cost effective Silk Finish Laminex doors, 900mm upright Blanco gas oven and the ever popular Tandembox soft close draws. The kitchen also has a Lincoln Centry pull out pantry to save on space.

The team at Gladstone Designer Homes consider the 'William' to be their best in value for money with top quality fixtures and fittings. They are proud to build an economical home that doesn't surpass on quality.



'Aspire' - Display Under \$350,000

Gladstone Designer Homes, recognised for innovative designs and commitment to sustainable homes, introduces the affordable, modern, stylish, energy efficient display home 'Aspire' which was built to suit the average working & entertaining family.

Contemporary, open and flowing in design, the 'Aspire' is suited to Queensland's indoor/outdoor living lifestyle. A unique floor plan, quality workmanship and finishes throughout the home, the home features solar electricity; timber louvers, high ceilings; similarly, adapting a light colour scheme throughout the home reflects the natural light which in turn contributes to the energy efficient home. The streamline home was designed to accommodate the narrow frontage and incorporated a step down garage to suit the typical sloping landscape of Gladstone. Along with using a combination of the latest roof tiles, timber decking, render and bricks, the Aspire has street appeal that compliments the surrounding peaceful landscape of Emmadale Gardens. The stunning water feature pond is located off the back patio which contributes to the relaxing atmosphere of the home.

The interior displays our unsurpassed attention to detail, creative design ideas and quality finishes and fitting which include; automatic blinds and shutters, 600 x 600 polished porcelain floor tiles throughout, with floor to ceiling tiles in both bathrooms. A modern home theatre with luxury signature series carpet and a 'night sky themed' twinkle lights scatter in the ceiling contributing to the flow of ambience throughout the home.

The master bedroom features illuminated bulkhead with European made wallpaper.



The Ranch – Best Renovation Under \$250,000

This 20 year old home has been tastefully renovated to maximize the sweeping river views from every angle of the house.

The decked area that spans the length of the house is complimented by the tranquil setting of the large tropical pond that can be seen from the spacious master bedroom.

The master bedroom boast a floating stone bath, fire place, double basin vanity, automatic blinds and large main shower.

Gladstone Designer Homes have done their very best to bring this country style home into the 21st century and make it a place anyone would be delighted to come home to.



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