



The 2019 Master Builders Queensland House of the Year winner was the Cooroy Mountain Residence by Braeden Constructions.

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Noosa builder shines at Queensland awards

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IT'S not an easy job being a builder. You are asked to provide work for free to price a build, not knowing whether you are going to get the job or not.

You are competing against others, and a lot of times know you have got the best value for money but you are still competing.

In accepting the 2019 Master Builders Queensland House of the Year award Mick Devlin of Braeden Constructions said that as a builder you are first there and last to leave.

"Along the way you need to deal with everyone involved in the building trade - contractors, suppliers.

"You know it's not easy ... getting through a job successfully is a huge achievement.

"Building design in Queensland is amazing, as you can see tonight.

"I would like to thank the clients for choosing us to build their home ... It's a really interesting design on a nice acreage property."

The Cooroy Mountain Residence took out house of the year, individual home over \$2 million and best residential bathroom at the Housing and Construction Awards.

It was the third time Braeden had been

Queensland winners - the second time with a Cooroy Mountain property as their Tunba House went on to win 2010 Australian house of the year.

Other major winners on the Sunshine Coast were Adco Constructions for Stockland Birtinya Shopping Centre in the commercial building ranging in cost from \$5 million to \$50 million.

Honed + Polished Concrete took out commercial trade contractor for their work on the Coles Birtinya trading floor. Lend Lease Building's Sunshine Plaza at Maroochydore won retail facilities over \$5 million.

People's choice winner was Grant McDonald Homes for the Allan Residence entry that also took out individual home ranging from \$651,000 to \$750,000.

The Cooroy Mountain Residence impressed the judges with the way it sat in the environment as well as the builder's ability to take the owner's vision and make it a reality.

Their vision was to create a residence that made a huge statement while enjoying an appreciation of the landscape.

A central and lavish kitchen is at the heart of the house, with quality craftsmanship evident throughout and rooms that take full advantage of sweeping views.

"The way the Cooroy Mountain Residence interacts with the environment is surprising," the judges said in their summary.

"With a mix of rendered walls and feature brickwork, beautiful timber floors, cabinetry and stone benches, the design provides an interesting and unique house."

Sunshine Coast winners

- Education Facilities up to \$10 million - Evans Built for Caloundra Christian College Junior Learning Centre;
- Retail Facilities over \$5 million - Lend Lease Building for Sunshine Plaza Redevelopment;
- Commercial Building \$5 million - \$50 million - Adco Constructions for Stockland Birtinya Shopping Centre;
- Excellence in Energy Efficiency and Environmental Management - Hutchinson Builders for Park Road Boardwalk;
- Community Accommodation for Aged Care and Nursing Homes - McNab NQ for Shine Birtinya Retirement Village;
- Individual Home \$651,000 - \$750,000 - Grant McDonald Homes for Allan Residence;
- Individual Home over \$2 million - Braeden Constructions for Cooroy Mountain Residence;
- Medium Density up to 3 Storeys - 2 to 5



Dwellings - Ryan Designer Homes (Qld) for The Hampton Residences.

Specialty

- Best Residential Bathroom - Braeden Constructions for Cooroy Mountain Residence;
- People's Choice - Grant McDonald Homes for Allan Residence;
- Commercial Trade Contractor of the Year - Honed + Polished Concrete for Coles Birtinya Trading Floor;
- Major
- House of the Year - Braeden Constructions for Cooroy Mountain Residence.