



## QMBA Awards have Charlton Homes beaming

A spectacular hinterland retreat of extensive timber handcrafting by Charlton Homes took out two awards at the Queensland Master Builder's 2008 State Awards and Annual Dinner in Brisbane on 10 October: **Best use of Timber** and **Best Housing for Sloping Sites over \$2.5 million**.

The 1000m<sup>2</sup> home in Mapleton, in Queensland's Sunshine Coast hinterland, was entirely post-and-beam constructed by David Charlton from a massive supply of Hyne timber for termite-protected framing, beams and rafters, floor joists, cladding and flooring.

"We congratulate David and are very pleased he has received industry recognition for his outstanding work," said Hyne's General Manager Wholesale, Peter Hyne.

"David prides himself on exceptional craftsmanship and building quality homes on an individual basis. Two years in the making, this exceptional home showcases his magical abilities with timber," he said.

The site, on the side of a 140 metre drop to the valley presented some significant logistical issues for Charlton, who had a tower crane on site for 10 months to place each rafter individually, due to their weight.

"I specified Hyne Truebeams made from the locally-grown dense hardwood Spotted Gum for their fire retardant attributes. This single species was used for all external cladding and battens, decking as well as the interior timberwork – which was completely handcrafted from solid timber, with no use of veneers," Charlton said.

The largest single beam was a Hyne Beam 21C weighing 2 tonnes, and at 15.5 metres long was the main hip-rafter through the lounge.

Charlton Homes will now go on to compete at a national level in the 2008 MBA Housing & Construction Awards in the categories in which it won in Queensland.

The team from Hyne, especially at Hyne Wholesale on the Sunshine Coast, wish him all the best.

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