

# BUILDING AWARDS

# A winner from every angle



Award-winning townhouses at 10 Murlong Cres, Palm Beach, are blessed with clean lines.

A LOCAL builder has won one of Queensland's top building awards for a duplex at Palm Beach.

Andrew Welsh, who is the managing director of Robina-based Welsh Building Company, took the Townhouse/Villa of the Year award at Queensland's Housing Industry Association – CSR Housing and Kitchen and

Bathroom Awards last month. He also won the same award at the HIA Gold Coast-Northern Rivers awards the previous month.

The builder won for 10 Murlong Cres, designed by Total Vision Design Gold Coast and built for WOL Projects, linked to Ken Owen, John Wilson and Robert Lund.

Mr Welsh said the project

took nine months.

"We used different materials like Urbanline cladding, a compound cladding made of recyclable materials," he said. "We used it on the facade to give it a bit of character."

Mr Welsh said other materials and fixtures included frameless glass for the balustrade on the staircase of each villa, porcelain tiles and

Smeg appliances. The build followed another project at Burleigh Heads, which was completed at Christmas last year.

"The one I did 12 months previously, I was really proud of that but this one exceeded it."

"It came out extremely well because of the quality of the extra finishing touches."

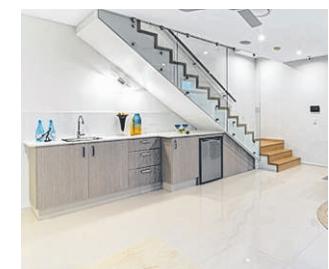
Mr Welsh is now in the

running to win the HIA national award for his townhouses in May next year.

"To see a block of land and it's dust and then the finished product, that's rewarding."

Mr Welsh moved from the mid-north NSW coast in 2000 and has 50 subcontractors on his books.

Both villas at Murlong Cres have three-bedrooms, two-



The characterful compound cladding is made from recyclable materials.



Stone benchtops in the kitchen are easy care.