

into automated future



to private hinterland views. The generous walk-in robe has the space and quality cabinetry expected of a home of this calibre.

One of the singularly impressive features of the house is the home automation system.

Alan has a Noosa-based home automation business called Ingenious, and the house is "future proofed" with the latest technology.

"I spend a lot of time on the internet so I have more data ports and a faster network than most companies in South East Queensland," said Alan.

The ports can be used for anything; they can be switched from TV to phone to data depending on what's needed.

From a central computer,

the owners can control lighting and audio in other rooms.

For example, they can automatically switch off the kids' bedroom lights and computers when it's time to go to bed.

There is also a media jukebox in the centre of the house called a "popcorn", which can be uploaded with photos and music.

It has stored 500 to 600 hours of the latest TV shows.

The family can watch back-to-back TV shows without advertisements and they can stop or pause the action.

Alan admits there is an element of "gadget fixation" to the wiring of the house but he strongly believes that's the way of the future.

The lighting in the house is Dynalight, which means there

are no conventional light switches; it's just an instruction pad.

You press a button and it tells the computer what to do.

"We have a family button. It's the lights we normally have on as a family on a normal evening," said Alan.

"It turns on six circuits. Some are 20%, 50% and 100%. Having them all on at 100% would be quite expensive, but having them set at different levels saves us a bit of money

over the year.

"It's stuff like that that makes practical sense."

Master Builders Sunshine Coast regional manager, Stephen Robinson, said the judges were extremely impressed with the breadth and scope of this magnificent home.

"They have fully appreciated the many challenges the builder had to overcome to complete this project, including limited access to the site, the rocky and steep terrain, the

complex nature of the design and the difficult weather conditions," said Mr Robinson.

The judges also marvelled at the outstanding workmanship that typifies Braeden Constructions, from the intricate positioning of the stacked stone walls to the tiling and timber decks, cabinetry and much more.

"In such a competitive environment it takes a special home and a quality builder to win the Master Builders Sun-

shine Coast Regional House of the Year," said Mr Robinson.

"The judges had set extremely high standards in this particular category and were each eager to view what this home had to offer.

"Needless to say, the judges believed this home to be the best construction on the Sunshine Coast and a credit to the whole team at Braeden Constructions for completing this amazing home to the total satisfaction of the owners."