



Sisters two-year-old Zara and one-year-old Claire Jamison explore their new award-winning Parkwood house.

Photo: GLENN HAMPSON

# Modest winner

## Award recognises design innovation on a budget

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WORDS such as luxury, waterfront and mansion were nowhere to be seen in the description of this year's most-awarded Gold Coast home.

Instead of the residential palaces that the city is better known for, a modest family property at Parkwood was in the spotlight at this year's Master Builders Housing and Construction Awards.

The property picked up the 2013 President's Award on Saturday night after being named best home in the \$376,000 to \$475,000 category.

Builders Dale Hobley and his partner Karl Howard, who trade under H2 Homes, have notched up

plenty of prestige jobs – but it is the house at Parkwood they finished late last year they brag about.

"It does not make a big statement because of its size," Mr Hobley said, "but because of how it has been executed and all the subtle differences."

The pair worked closely with the home's architect owners, Mark and Angela Jamison, who designed it.

The judges were impressed by how it wrapped around a courtyard, which has a series of screens that open up to allow for entertaining.

They also liked the quirky design twists, including the use of Hardies linerboard inside and outside.

Mr Hobley said the house was an "architectural home that had been done on a budget".

"We discussed it with the owners extensively in the two months before," he said.

"So there were few changes during the build and that kept the costs down."

Mr Jamison said yesterday the home had great "liveability" and was in a perfect position.

"We designed the building to capture the 360-degree views," he said.

"There are views from the Hinterland and bush from one side, then, at night, there are incredible views from the other side of the Surfers Paradise skyline."

Mr Jamison said thanks to the screens, the house was also constantly bathed in filtered light.

Other major winners included Grocon Constructions, which picked

up the Project of the Year and Residential Building (highrise over three storeys) section for the Soul development.

The judges highlighted the style and sophistication of the Surfers Paradise building.

The other major winner was V-Build Constructions Services, which was recognised for a large home built in the northern Gold Coast area.

Master Builders regional manager John Duncalfe said the standard of entries was high across all categories this year.

"It was a tough decision for the judges," he said.

Mr Duncalfe said he was surprised by the high number of luxury homes entered for the awards.