



Strong angles and materials give the complex a distinctly modern edge.

It's one big happy family

■ Tamara Hunter

The judges dubbed this impeccably finished townhouse — part of an extended family complex created to replace a single home which had outlived its purpose — an inspired lifestyle development.

The family which owns the secure complex had lived in a single home on the 720sqm block for more than 30 years. They loved the area and didn't want to move, so when the children grew up and the five-bedroom home became too much for their mother, they decided to bowl over the old house, subdivide the block and create a series of homes where family members could live independently but still be close.

The winning townhouse is now home to one of the family's grown children and her partner. Her brother lives in another of the townhouses and her mother in the third.

Like the other homes in the development, the winning three-bedroom townhouse is a spacious, light-filled design with a distinctly modern edge. The exterior displays strong angles and a mixture of materials, with a boxy second storey topped by a skillion roof.

The interior is marked by topnotch fixtures, fittings and design touches. NSW blackbutt flooring throughout combines with extensive windows, positioned to take advantage of the sun, to create a fresh, light feel.

The ground floor has a study, powder room, laundry and open-plan living and dining area overlooked by a well-appointed

kitchen with plenty of glossy storage and bench space. A long stone island bench with waterfall ends provides an ocean of uninterrupted prep space — perfect for the keen cook owner.

The second storey has another living area, two generous minor bedrooms and a vast main suite.

Every element of the suite is huge — from the big bedroom and deep walk-in robe to the ensuite with its long twin vanity.

Inspired Homes managing director Vasko Spaseski said the winning townhouse, with 260sqm of floor space on a 190sqm block, had specifications of exceptional quality.



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From the contemporary elevation to the chic interiors, the HIA judges praised this Tuart Hill home for its high-impact design aesthetic.

"This is a creative design that introduces immediate visual impact," they said of the project, which was built by Inspired Homes.

"An imaginative range of new building and design elements have been combined to create a stunning contemporary design. The overall finishes and craftsmanship is of an extremely high standard."

These included the "excellent modern" elevation and

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emphasis on maximizing the sense of volume, light and space.

"The sense of space is apparent upon entering the home," the judges said.

This was achieved with soaring ceilings, including 32 courses in the main areas and a 35-course bulkhead in the main living area.

The judges also highlighted the "well thought-out" floor plan. "The shape of the home allows the design to work well with the environment and would be suited to a family who are looking for a spacious entertaining home," they said.

Other highlights of the four-



bedroom, two-bathroom home include white cedar blinds throughout, full-height porcelain tiling with feature aluminium mosaics in the bathrooms, and a luxurious theatre room with New York City skyline-print wallpaper, dual remote-controlled Velux skylights, built-in cabinetry and cavity slider doors.

The kitchen boasts stone benchtops, a waterfall-edge island bench and walk-in pantry.

Outside, the alfresco area houses a built-in outdoor kitchen with a barbecue, sink and fridge recess.

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