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2005 BORAL EXCELLENCE IN BUILDING AWARDS





About Master Builders

MASTER Builders is the major Australian building and construction industry association. Its primary role is to promote the viewpoints and interests of the building and construction industry and to provide services to members in a broad range of areas. These include training, legal services, industrial relations, building codes and standards, industry economics and international relations.

Master Builders is Australia's oldest industry association. Founded in the early 1870s in Melbourne, Sydney and Newcastle, the movement quickly grew with Master Builders Associations (MBA) established in every state and territory in Australia. The organisation was federated in 1890.

Today, MBA's membership consists of national, international, residential and commercial builders and civil contractors, together with smaller local subcontracting firms, suppliers and professional industry advisers.

Each year, the MBA holds an awards ceremony, dedicated to recognising outstanding work and practices.



Form and function: The Master Builders Home of the Year combines modern lines with a wheelchair-friendly layout and design.

Winning home rises from ashes

TERRY Ring discussed plans for his latest award-winning home in the intensive care unit of the Canberra Hospital.

His friend was suffering from a rare nervous condition called Guillain-Barre syndrome. An inflammatory disorder of the peripheral nerves, the syndrome had left him virtually paralysed — unable to do anything but hear and smell.

Ring's friend was battling through the worst phase of his illness when his Chapman home burned down in the Canberra bushfires.

"It was a hell of a time," Ring

said. "I met with my friend and his wife in hospital and discussed the plans for rebuilding their home. Whilst my friend told me to build something without wheelchair modifications, his wife quietly warned me that her husband would probably suffer some loss of mobility.

"I think we met both their demands in the end. The house is wheelchair friendly and functional, but it still looks and feels like a normal home."

'Normal' might be a bit of an understatement. The Chapman home, designed by Terry Ring and Associates, and built by Cre-

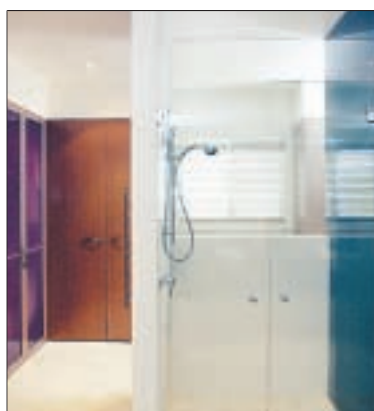
ative Building Services, has been named the 2005 Master Builders House of the Year.

Built in a 'U-shape', Ring's design focused on the only remaining feature of the original home — the swimming pool.

The home also features wide corridors and doors, and a user-friendly kitchen designed by Sonia Archer.

"We are delighted to have won house of the year — especially considering that this home was fairly modest in terms of cost.

"It's great to know that winning homes are not always the most expensive."



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