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Pooch puts million dollar move on hold

A Gold Coast man, who has won a million dollar apartment in the BoysTown Lottery, has chosen not to move until his beloved dog passes away. Despite winning a prize package worth over \$1.4 million, the man, a limo driver in his 60s, will continue to rent a house nearby with a mate and his old dog.

"My dog is my best mate so I can't throw him out on the street. He's been with me nearly 12 years. I reckon he's got another six months or so left in him. After he goes to doggie heaven, I look forward to loading up my limo with all my stuff and finally moving into my dream home," the man said.

In the meantime, the central Gold Coast resident plans to use the fully-furnished ocean view apartment, as a rest stop, in-between limo jobs.

"The home is in a cracker position at Rainbow Bay near the Gold Coast Airport. This means that I can pop in, have a cup of tea and enjoy the 180 degree ocean views, while I wait for the next job. It sure beats parking by the highway or at the local petrol station".

When BoysTown called with news that he'd won the \$1.4 million prize package, the man was in the middle of navigating his limo up a narrow and "hairy" mountain road.

"I had to tell BoysTown to call back because I didn't want to crash. After I'd dropped my passengers off, they called again and I was able to take it in a bit more.

The man was invited to pick up the keys to his new home that same afternoon but declined.

"I told them to hang onto the keys because I wanted to wait until I got the paperwork the following week. I guess I still didn't believe it," he said.

Although the man has now collected the keys to his million dollar property, he is still yet to pick up around \$30,000 worth of gold bullion which he won as part of his prize. When he eventually collects it, he says he may splash out on a caravan.

"My plan was always to retire in a couple of years and buy a caravan. Winning this home is very handy because now I don't need to live in the caravan all year round. I can spend half the year in the apartment and half in the caravan."

When driving passengers to and from luxury homes as a limo driver, the man often thought to himself ... "Wouldn't that be nice". For now, he will continue work as a limo driver but looks forward to the day when he can hook up a caravan to the limo and park it in his new apartment carpark.

All funds raised from the lottery will go towards BoysTown's charitable services, which aim to give a fresh start for disadvantaged children, young people and families in need, including those living on the Gold Coast. BoysTown services include Kids Helpline, Parent Line, domestic violence refuges and employment and training services for disadvantaged young people.

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