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Struggling family win \$1.2 million Buderim home

A family of five, who have been struggling to make ends meet, are now the proud winners of a \$1.2 million BoysTown prize home at Buderim.

The couple from the Golburn Valley in Victoria, started buying BoysTown lottery tickets around two years ago, after a friend won first prize in the lottery. Because Donna had bought multiple tickets in the draw, she and her family also won a brand new Mercedes car.

"The funny thing is that we'd just put a deposit down for a car only a couple of days before winning this home. Luckily, the vendors were pretty understanding and gave us back our deposit," she said.

Donna's prize also includes \$77,000 in gold bullion, which will be sold to pay for an extension for their existing home. For now, they plan to hang onto the luxurious Buderim property for a year and then re-assess.

Sunshine Coast residents still have the chance to win a million dollar luxury home, following the opening of BoysTown's latest prize home at Doonan.

The spacious home, comprising around 380 square metres of outdoor and indoor living, is on one hectare of landscaped gardens, in an established rural enclave of Doonan.

"This home is like a luxurious rural retreat with all the trimmings. Everywhere you look, you see trees and greenery. It's hard to believe that you're only a short drive from the beaches, cafes and shopping of Noosa and Noosaville," according to the Charitable Art Union's General Manager Fundraising, Mr Keith Coventry.

Keith said the beautifully designed home features a stunning open plan living area, flowing to an outdoor entertaining area and full sized pool. Although the home makes extensive use of glass and louvers, ducted air-conditioning is also included for really hot days. The fully furnished four-bedroom home features a kitchen with quality appliances and a walk-in pantry.

A four bay shed with remote control doors, security and power, is located on the property, separate from a carport next to the house. Keith said that the sizable shed is the perfect place to create the ultimate tool shed.

The home, which also has a media room and study, is part of a package valued at \$1,208,438. Furniture and electrical, gold bullion, a travel voucher and a ride-on mower are all included in the prize. The property, located at **22 Whipbird Place, Doonan**, is open for ticket sales and viewing until Wednesday 27 January 2010. The prize will be drawn on 29 January 2010.

Funds raised will go towards BoysTown's many charitable services, which give a fresh start to children, young people and families in need. These services include Kids Helpline, employment and training services and homeless and domestic violence refuges.

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