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One of the more prominent features is the extensive use of timber inside and out, in the main living areas, which blend with the surrounding natural environment.

This includes a design charac-

range of lake front, bushland and peninsula homes.

Prices in the current release at Laguna Collection are priced from \$548,000 to \$580,000 and home sites are from 243sqm to 267sqm.

Construction has already begun in the precinct and is scheduled for completion in 2010.

residential address that is unrepeatable on the Gold Coast," he said.

"The architectural design of these homes reflects their relaxed coastal location while maximising their position overlooking a pristine bushland setting.

"Laguna Collection homes, much like the Montego Resi-

Talented women take centre stage in the industry

THE Gold Coasts property and development industries have many talented women within their ranks, says Women in Development (WID) president Melissa Buttigieg-Pocock.

Ms Buttigieg-Pocock said contrary to what many people believed, the property and development industries were not men-only domains.

"Some of the Gold Coast's major UDIA

member companies have brilliant women as executives," she said.

The Gold Coast's WID committee started about seven years ago as a springboard for women to gain more exposure in the industry.

Since then its profile has grown to make it one of the most proactive sub-committees under the Gold Coast's UDIA umbrella.

"Regardless of what industry employers belong to, women face differing challenges in the workforce," she said.

"WID canvasses these obstacles and, in particular, how it pertains to property and development.

"WID also offers women the chance to establish strong and fruitful networking relationships, but also make strong friendships as well."

Most recently, the Gold Coast's WID committee hosted a Family Friendly Workplace breakfast at the Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise.

Guest speakers were Dr Marjolein Broers, the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations senior policy officer Vicky Leary and Naomi Lawrence from C-IQ Career Intelligence, who spoke about the complexities of melding work and personal life.

"The speakers explained there are ben-

efits of fostering family-friendly workplaces, not only for employees, but for their employers as well," said Ms Buttigieg-Pocock.

"By establishing family-friendly environments, employers reap the rewards of happy and available staff, which in turn better business outcomes."

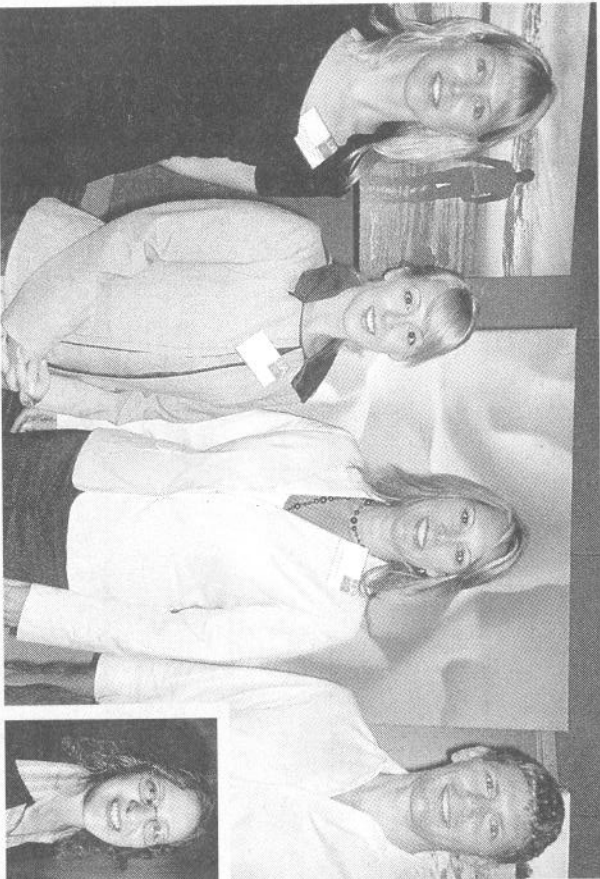
The Gold Coast WID committee hosted networking sessions throughout last year for its members to share industry tips and socialise in an out-of-hours setting.

"Our mentoring program continues to provide young women with a valuable leg-up in the industry," said Ms Buttigieg-Pocock.

"We have held some important information sessions for our members, including a luncheon in May that featured some of the Gold Coast's most successful women, including Gold Coast City Council's Community Services director Colette McCool, Minter Ellison senior associate Carolyn Salan and Federal MP for MacPherson, Margaret May.

"Consistently strong turnouts at our functions last year were a testament to the value our members derive from the WID committee.

"We intend to be just as active this year and hope to attract the same support from our members."



Dr Marjolein Broers, Vicky Leary, Naomi Lawrence and Beau Clarke at a family-friendly workplaces seminar. Inset: WID president Melissa Buttigieg-Pocock



Project: Nunaway Lagunas
Features: The first stage of the Laguna Collection precinct will include eight homes with the majority offering three bedrooms and two bathrooms and some with an extra study room, all backing on to untouched ecological habitat
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