

Katie's ready to wed again for good cause

IF you think Katie Lingard needed a blushing excuse to relive her magical wedding day, you're on the right track.

The local hospital secretary will get to wear her wedding dress one more time when walking down the catwalk at this year's Bride of the Year competition to help raise much needed funds for Angel Flight.

"I have really fond memories of my wedding day and the day couldn't have turned out any better," Katie said.

"Getting to do it all over again while supporting a great cause is just great and I am really looking forward to it.

"I entered the contest because I believe in the vital service Angel Flight delivers to sick people living in remote areas.

"However, while I will enjoy wearing my wedding dress once more, it really is all about raising money for the cause.

"You never know, it could be us who will rely on their services one day."

Katie will also be accompanied to the event by some of her bridal party, including her children, who played a significant role at the wedding as page boy, flower girl and "mini" bridesmaid.

The 2009 Bride of the Year competition will be held at Ridges Southbank in Townsville on December 6.

If you think Katie should take home the crown as Bride of the Year, cast your vote on www.trssuebride.com.au and follow the prompts.



Bowen's Katie Lingard will be putting on her wedding dress once more in the aim to raise much needed funds for Angel Flight.



Deputy Mayor Rogin Taylor, Cr Mark Gaudry, head project builder Ben Kirkpatrick, project developer Frances Flammear, project and design Manager Kylie Moss and project developer Annette Hem at the Queens Bay Estate ribbon-cutting last Monday.

New estate aims to boost economy

WATER features, day beds and gourmet kitchens will be some of the features on offer at Bowen's Balinese Residential Estate.

The new Queens Bay Estate development on Crofton Street is promising to lift the local economy, with 50 per cent of house and land packages having already been sold to families from interstate and overseas.

While the site at present only offers dirt and turf,

the 49-block property is to be transformed into a tropical Balinese oasis by next March.

Project and design manager Kylie Moss said the development had been three years in the making.

"This is all about giving people a product which they can't get in the current market," she said.

"The design is a first for Bowen and has already attracted enormous interest

among people looking to purchase property in Bowen.

"So far, and especially for upper class families from cities like Melbourne and Sydney, the current market hasn't been inviting enough to move the whole family up here while dad works for a nearby company.

"Now, Bowen can compete with the national real estate market."

House and land packages start from \$465,000 and use

one of the architectural designs, including three to four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a media room, gourmet kitchen, stainless steel appliances, timber blinds, fans and air-conditioning, double lock up garage and Balinese style landscaping.

With building to start in October, Queens Bay Estate was officially launched last Monday with a ceremonial ribbon cutting by Deputy Mayor, Rogin Taylor.

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