

# Builder says ciao to Italian masterpiece



FAMILY pressure has convinced luxury home builder **Don Ravida** to offload the luxury Italian villa-style home (left) he has spent the past two years building.

The former Master Builders Association president and Ravida Group director said he expected 8 Maxwell Court, Toorak, to raise more than \$7 million.

"It was a house I really wanted to move into, but we live in another part of Toorak and my teenage kids desperately want to stay there," Mr Ravida said.

"I still want to move, but they have got my wife on side as well so there is no chance."

He said the house, which has interiors by **Peter Strachan** Interiors and landscaping by **Paul**

**Bangay**, was built using traditional artisan practices.

"It all had to be individually designed first and then we had to find the tradesmen to do it."

The property's classic appeal is evident right from the entry, with its 2.7m double doors carved from European oak opening to a wide marble floor gallery with a domed ceiling.

Mr Ravida sourced an Italian painter skilled in creating traditional frescos to lime wash the gallery's 3.3m walls in the traditional way using citrus beeswax.

Kay and Burton is calling for expressions of interest until November 3.