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Brisbane CEO revealed as mystery buyer of Broncos chair's mansion

Rumour has it the cashed-up mystery buyer of the mansion formerly owned by the Brisbane Broncos chairman is another high-profile CEO who has splurged \$17 million on the home.

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The former home of Broncos chairman Karl Morris is believed to have sold to the CEO of Canstruct International.

RUMOUR has it that the cashed-up mystery buyer of the riverfront mansion formerly owned by the chairman of the Brisbane Broncos is another high profile chief executive.

Reliable sources have revealed to *The Courier-Mail* that Canstruct International CEO Rory Murphy paid about \$17 million for the property at 1 King Arthur Tce, Tennyson.

Canstruct International, a construction and services company operated out of nearby Yeerongpilly, was awarded the lucrative contract by the federal government to run the immigration detention centre on Nauru.

The house sits on a whopping 4224 sqm and has seven bedrooms, five bathrooms, garaging for six vehicles, a pool and a championship-size tennis court.



The view from 1 King Arthur Tce, Tennyson.

It also boasts possibly Brisbane's biggest private pontoon at 50m, plus 98m of river frontage and unobstructed northern views up the Brisbane River to the Walter Taylor Bridge.

The property has just one neighbour, and is otherwise flanked by bushland, the Brisbane River and Oxley Creek, with parkland and golf course views.

Karl Morris and his wife, Louise, bought the property in 2008 for \$6.8 million, public records show.





Rory Murphy, CEO of Canstruct International, the company which constructed the detention camp in Nauru, in one of his construction factories in Crestmead.

They then tore down the original home, rebuilding a Bayden Goddard-designed, Tuscan-style home in its place in 2010.

It was bought from former richlister and entrepreneur Ross Palmer, who had previously purchased the property from former mining executive Ian Howard-Smith and his wife Margaret in 1997.

While the exact purchase price is yet to be disclosed, the off-market sale represents the second highest residential sale ever in Brisbane.



Brisbane Broncos chairman Karl Morris has sold his Tennyson mansion. Image: AAP/Glenn Hunt.

The deal settles in December.

The most expensive home sold in the city is still the clifftop mansion at 1 Leopard St, Kangaroo Point, which recently came back on the market.

It sold for \$18.48 million in 2017.

Mr Murphy was not available for comment.



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