

Bidders can compete from their lounge chairs



VIRTUAL reality ... agent Rob Honeycombe at his father's Yeronga house, which will be sold online.

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Torny Jensen
house in an eBay-style auction.

KEEN bidders looking for hot property this weekend won't need to leave the comfort of their own home to get in on the action.

Buyers looking for their own piece of the Brisbane River are now able to bid for a Yeronga

house in an eBay-style auction.

According to agent Rob Honeycombe of Bees Nests City Realty, this is the first time a Brisbane property has been sold via an online auction.

"We're going through 2Bid2, which is a Queensland company," Mr Honeycombe said.

"I think we're the first in Brisbane but they launched two properties on the Sunshine Coast the week ahead of us."

With a starting bid of \$1.5 million, no buyers had taken the opportunity to bid via online portal www.2Bid2.com as of yesterday.

But Mr Honeycombe remained optimistic the new-style auction would be a success.

"I guess the appeal to auction this property in this way was that a lot of the early inquiry was from fairly wealthy neighbourhood people who probably don't really want to stand out on the

lawn in the gaze of the public and make their bids," he said.

"It's a very good opportunity to do an auction but to also give people some privacy."

Mr Honeycombe has a lot riding on a sale. The vendor is his father John. Bidding is due to close at 1pm on April 8.