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Victorian builder F & J Sanders Builders Pty Ltd wins 2012 HIA Australian Home of the Year

The 2012 HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards were unveiled today at the residential building industry's prestigious awards ceremony held at the Cairns Convention Centre.

The HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards remain the ultimate platform to showcase the talents of the nation's top builders and designers. Winners are selected from a list of state-based finalists, with awards in 20 separate categories (see full list below).

National housing award winners are wide spread and include:

F & J Sanders Builders Pty Ltd took out the top award, winning the 2012 HIA Australian Home of the Year. It also won the award for the Australian Custom Built Home of the Year. The judges were impressed with this pavilion-style house that was mostly hand built from raw materials.

Sammut Constructions Pty Ltd won the Australian Apartment Project of the Year. The judges were impressed by the modern and luxurious finish, resulting in a "homelike" feel and look.

Mirvac Victoria Pty Ltd won the Australian Townhouse/Villa Development of the Year. The judges described the use of stunning screens as highly artistic and a great compliment to the minimalist approach to finish.

Tony Rettke Builders won the Australian Special Purpose Housing Project of the Year. The judges said it was an excellent representation of a stylish and practical house that seamlessly blends special purpose features into the design.

MC Building & Construction Pty Ltd won the Australian Spec Home of the Year. The judges said this house is perfect for the market it is built for and makes great use of an attractive canal frontage.

APS Homes won the Australian Display Home of the Year. The judges described this house as visually outstanding and faultless in its workmanship.

Gage Roads Construction won the Australian Renovations/Additions Project of the Year. The judges applauded the seamless transition between old and new, making a technically challenging home, appealing.

Webb & Brown-Neaves won the Australian Outdoor Project of the Year. The infinity pool made this outdoor space spectacular. The use of different sustainable elements was commended by the judges.

Dale Alcock Homes won the Australian Project Home of the Year. The judges described this home as both modern and functional with great emphasis on drawing the outside rural surroundings into the design.

F & J Sanders Builders won the Australian Custom Built Home of the Year. The judges applauded the quality of workmanship, saying the attention to detail was meticulous.

Sugar Designs won the Australian Bathroom Design of the Year. The judges described the finish as faultless, demonstrating a high level of innovation.



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Everyday Homes Pty Ltd won the Australian Bathroom of the Year. The judges loved the way functionality and luxury came together bringing the surrounding views into the design.

Quail Constructions Pty Ltd won the Australian Solutions in Steel. The judges appreciated the minimalist and understated design that expresses its simple detailing.

Sublime Cabinet Design won the Australian Kitchen Design of the Year. The striking and visually balanced design works well with the open plan layout. The unique mural was described as incredible by judges.

Sublime Cabinet Design also won the Australian Kitchen of the Year. The space was designed to be the focal point for all activities and to bring the outside into the home.

Ruairi Taylor has won the Jim Brookes Apprentice of the Year. A carpentry apprentice from ACT, he impressed the judges with his holistic approach to site safety.

Dale Alcock Homes won the Australian Professional Major Builder of the Year. The business is built on a legacy of innovation and leadership and takes a hands on approach to customer service.

Wilson Homes won the Professional Medium Builder of the Year. By offering quality at an affordable price, the company strives to maintain a high level of customer satisfaction.

Today's Homes & Lifestyle won the Professional Small/Renovator Builder of the Year. Today's Homes & Lifestyle can be seen as a market leader when it comes to quality individual, custom designed, sustainable homes.

Franzine Karamfiles won the Business Partner of the Year. Franzine dedicated herself to the business her husband built, juggling a family and her commitment to seeing Karamfiles Builders grow.

HIA Managing Director Shane Goodwin said the HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards are the pinnacle of housing awards and reflects the increasingly diverse and competitive Australian housing industry.

"HIA is committed to recognising the outstanding achievements of our members. This year, we have had some of the most creative and innovative ideas from HIA members. They have certainly outdone themselves and it is my pleasure to congratulate each winner for the hard work and dedication they continue to display. From sustainable initiatives to incredible workmanship, these homes will be unforgettable and we are proud to call these winners HIA members."

HIA is Australia's peak building industry body representing more than 40,000 builders, suppliers and contractors involved in residential construction.

Judged by industry professionals, the awards acknowledge the talent of builders, designers and building companies who plan and construct quality new housing, apartments, renovations, kitchens and bathrooms.

For images of the winning project visit: media.hia.com.au

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