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HIA recognises Leaders in Housing, Kitchens & Bathrooms at 2011 HIA-CSR Hunter Housing Awards.

McGowan Building Services has been awarded one of the housing industry's highest recognitions, as HIA-CSR Hunter Home of the Year.

The winner was announced at the HIA-CSR Hunter Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards at Western Suburbs Leagues Club before a crowd of hundreds of industry leaders.

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

The 2011 Hunter Home of the Year had earlier in the evening taken out the awards for 'Custom Built Home over $1 million' and overall 'Custom Built Home of the Year'. Set over a series of levels the home is perched on a sandstone outcrop which drops sharply away to a secret bay at Buttaba.

The judges said there is little evidence of the complexity of the design from the street, however from the moment you enter the home you encounter an incredibly well detailed and constructed project.

Excellence of the highest standard is evident throughout this impressive modern home and as you enter, the first wow factor is only surpassed by the following wow factor, the judges said.

Other winners, in what was a packed night of awards, included Rawson Homes for 'Display Home of the Year', G&C Building for 'Bathroom Project of the Year' and Nadin West Joinery took out 'Kitchen Project of the Year' for the second year running.

Tribute was also paid to Matt Camilleri Building who won 'Renovations & Additions Project of the Year', Myles Jackson who was awarded 'Apprentice of the Year' and Hillman Homes who took out 'Professional Small Builder of the Year'.

McDonald-Jones Homes was the most awarded picking up four awards, including the distinguished 'Professional Major Builder of the Year', 'Display Home under $250,000', 'Display Home under $200,000' and the 'Best Practice Award for OH&S'.

HIA Hunter Executive Director Steve Jeffries congratulated the winners. "In a year where home building activity has been powering along in the Hunter, it's wonderful to see that the standard of new homes is also improving," Mr Jeffries said.

"Hunter builders are proving once again to be first class in the design, workmanship and quality of new homes. Both the design and construction are of a higher quality than has been the case in the past. Builders are also incorporating more environmentally friendly designs and products to help ensure a more sustainable future," he said.

HIA congratulates all the HIA-CSR Hunter Housing award winners.

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NOTE TO MEDIA:
A full list of winners from the awards night, held October 15, is attached.

A selection of photos of the HIA-CSR Hunter Home of the Year and other winners are available. For photos contact HIA's Events on 02 4014 2000 or email hunter_events@hia.com.au.

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2011 HIA-CSR Hunter Housing Award Winners

Category	Winner
Hunter Home of the Year	McGowan Building Services
Apprentice of the Year	Myles Jackson
Bathroom Project under $15,000	Adbuild
Bathroom Project under $25,000	G&C Building
Bathroom Project over $25,000	JCG Building
Bathroom Project of the Year	G&C Building
Bathroom Design of the Year	Rustic Touch
Kitchen Project under $20,000	Vogue Kitchens Australia
Kitchen Project under $25,000	Vogue Kitchens Australia
Kitchen Project under $35,000	Vogue Kitchens Australia
Kitchen Project over $35,000	Nadin West Joinery
Kitchen Project of the Year	Nadin West Joinery
Kitchen Design of the Year	Kitchens For Living
Industry Innovation Award	Trend Windows & Doors
Residential Building Designer of the Year	Sorensen Design
Business Partner of the Year	Tracey Buckton
Best Practice Award for OH&S	McDonald Jones Homes
Outdoor Project of the Year	Proctor Building Solutions
Energy Efficiency Project of the Year	Andy Gubi Builder
Special Purpose Housing of the Year	Procorp
Professional Major Builder of the Year	McDonald Jones Homes
Professional Small Builder of the Year	Hillman Homes
Project Home under $300,000	Procorp
Project Home over $300,000	Metricon Homes
Project Home of the Year	Metricon Homes
Apartment Project of the Year	Mirvac Projects
Renovations & Additions Project under $200,000	Winspace Constructions
Renovations & Additions Project under $750,000	Sean Richards Building
Renovations & Additions Project over $750,000	Matt Camilleri Building
Renovations & Additions Project of the Year	Matt Camilleri Building
Townhouse/Villa Development (2-5 Dwellings)	Sean Richards Building
Townhouse/Villa Development (over 5 Dwellings)	Steve Mace Building Services
Townhouse/Villa Development of the Year	Sean Richards Building
Display Home under $200,000	McDonald Jones Homes
Display Home under $250,000	McDonald Jones Homes
Display Home under $300,000	Metricon Homes
Display Home over $300,000	Rawson Homes
Display Home of the Year	Rawson Homes
Custom Built Home under $400,000	Sorensen & Caldon
Custom Built Home under $500,000	Hillman Homes
Custom Built Home under $750,000	Andy Gubi Builder
Custom Built Home under $1,000,000	Brian Bagnall Building
Custom Built Home over $1,000,000	McGowan Building Services
Custom Built Home of the Year	McGowan Building Services