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## **Victorian builder wins Australian sustainable housing award**

Victoria's **Positive Footprints** won **HIA Australian GreenSmart Renovation / Addition Project** at the 2017 Housing Industry Association (HIA) Australian GreenSmart Awards announced today.

HIA Australian GreenSmart Awards recognise the best in environmentally-responsible housing. Award winners and finalists make a positive difference to the environment by building sustainable, energy efficient and comfortable homes.

Nicknamed 'The Cheese' for its curved roof which resembles a wedge of cheese, this home was transformed from a 'leaky, creaky, dark rabbit-warren' to a bright and fun environment for a growing family.

"Several features make this house carbon positive: the roof designed to maximise solar access, phase-change sheets in the upper ceiling to mitigate overheating, insulation to the existing house, and a 4.7kilowatt photovoltaic grid connect system," the judges commented.

A 5000-litre rainwater tank, redwater valves to the ensuite, bathroom and kitchen, and five-star wells tapware minimises water wastage.

Winners from all around Australia were recognised for their contribution to sustainable building practices.

In congratulating the winners, HIA Managing Director Shane Goodwin said HIA Australian GreenSmart Award winners have reached the pinnacle of sustainable building practices and are leading the industry in providing comfortable homes for their clients.

"HIA GreenSmart Awards are a true showcase of builders and designers at the forefront of sustainability. Now more than ever consumers are looking for smarter ways to build and are increasingly seeking energy efficient homes for their comfort and long-term cost savings," Mr Goodwin said.

The HIA GreenSmart program is a voluntary initiative available to HIA members. Award winners were announced today on [greensmart.com.au/awards](http://greensmart.com.au/awards)

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## 2017 HIA Australian GreenSmart Award Winners

<b>Category</b>	<b>Winner</b>
HIA Australian GreenSmart Home of the Year	The Sociable Weaver Victoria
HIA Australian GreenSmart Display Home	The Sociable Weaver Victoria
HIA Australian GreenSmart Custom Built Home	DJG Projects Queensland
HIA Australian GreenSmart Townhouse / Villa Development	Right Homes Western Australia
HIA Australian GreenSmart Renovation / Addition Project	Positive Footprints Victoria
HIA Australian GreenSmart Spec Home	Eco Essence Homes Queensland
HIA Australian GreenSmart Energy Efficiency	Skookom Tasmania
HIA Australian GreenSmart Water Efficiency	Right Homes Western Australia
HIA Australian GreenSmart Professional	Michael Moriarty For Killarney Homes Northern Territory
HIA Australian GreenSmart Product	Econ Wall and Econ Slab By Ambe Engineering ACT & Southern NSW