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Sustainable homes recognised at Australian awards

The prestigious **2019 HIA Australian GreenSmart Home** was presented today to Victorian building company **Beaumont Concepts** for a home that has no electricity costs for a family of four. The award is the highest accolade presented at the 2019 Housing Industry Association (HIA) Australian GreenSmart Awards.

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

The 2019 HIA Australian GreenSmart Home is net energy positive; made possible by a 6kW solar PV system and battery energy storage. A 10,000-litre rainwater tank, low-VOC paints and locally-sourced materials round out the sustainable features of this stylish build.

The judges were impressed by the eco-friendly design and finishes.

“The home integrates sustainable design and recycled materials with a close to zero energy efficiency result,” the judges commented.

The home also won **HIA Australian GreenSmart Sustainable Home**, partnered by JH Envirtech.

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

Oliver Steele for Steele Associates, NSW won **HIA Australian GreenSmart Professional** for incorporating the best building practices and systems to deliver sustainable housing options. This category is partnered by HIA Insurance Services.

Steele Associates also won **HIA Australian GreenSmart Multi Dwelling Development**, partnered by RapidRidge, for bringing together refined urban living and sustainable design with their *passivhaus* apartments.

SJD Homes, Victoria won **HIA Australian GreenSmart Display/Project Home**, partnered by InfraBuild, for their Z-range net carbon display home which is designed to be adaptable to today's housing market, easily replicated and affordable.

La Perouse Homes, Northern Territory won **HIA Australian GreenSmart Renovation / Addition Project** for converting an iconic Darwin home into a flowing, well ventilated dwelling which is fit for the climate using clever energy management. This category is partnered by CSR.

Nulook Homes and **Solar Dwellings**, Western Australia won **HIA Australian Custom Built Home**, partnered by B&D Doors and Access Systems. The judges commented: ‘From the adjustable shading, passive solar design to the use of recycled building materials, there is a lot more to this project than meets the eye’.



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Aztek Constructions, NSW won **HIA Australian GreenSmart Energy Efficiency**, partnered by Solahart, for a solar passive home which optimises northern glazing, clever zoning, extensive insulation and cross ventilation to ensure its homeowners enjoy the advantage of near zero energy costs.

Ecoduct, Victoria won **HIA Australian GreenSmart Product** for the Ecoduct Low Profile Duct System. The lightweight, durable and environmentally-friendly system is built with up to 50 per cent recycled PVC and has been designed for applications where ceiling space is limited. This category is partnered by Brighter.

In congratulating the winners, HIA Managing Director Graham Wolfe said HIA Australian GreenSmart Awards represent the latest in environmental design and building practices.

“HIA Australian GreenSmart Award winners and finalists are leading the way in sustainable building practices, including site management and energy saving techniques, to build comfortable homes for their clients,” Mr Wolfe said.

“The awards recognise HIA members who build and design greener and more liveable homes.”

The HIA GreenSmart program began 20 years ago and is a voluntary initiative available to HIA members.

Award winners were announced today on greensmart.com.au/awards

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