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## Canberra designer and builders win national awards

Three Canberra-based companies have been recognised nationally at the prestigious **2020 Housing Industry Association (HIA) Australian GreenSmart Awards** announced today.

Sustainability designer **Light House Architecture & Science** won three awards:

- GreenSmart Renovation /Addition Project, with builder **Indepth Building Solutions**, for a clever retrofit to bring new life to a 115-square metre house, impressively increasing its amenities within the existing footprint and taking the home from 3.6 to nearly seven stars.
- GreenSmart Energy Efficiency, with builder **360 Building Solutions**, for a home which makes excellent use of the passive solar and cross ventilation of the site. The stunning result means the household of five consumes less energy than the average one-person household in Canberra.
- GreenSmart Multi Dwelling Development, with builder **360 Building Solutions**, for an intergenerational co-housing project in Canberra which includes a free-standing house and a duplex, for three families on the one site. Along with incorporating solar passive design principles, detailed thermal performance modelling was used throughout the design to ensure an energy-efficient development.

The judges commented that the development's "thoughtful design was carefully delivered to provide exceptional energy efficiency and comfort".

NSW builder Blue Eco Homes won the highest accolade - the **2020 HIA Australian GreenSmart Home** for their display home west of Sydney. The judges were impressed by the energy positive Sapphire display home, commenting "the home exceeds on all levels."

"The home is completely airtight except for the front door key hole, and features highlight windows for abundant northern sunlight, lightly-hued polished concrete floors for thermal mass and high-performing uPVC aluminium-clad triple-glazed windows and doors," the judges said.

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.

In congratulating the winners, HIA Managing Director Graham Wolfe said "HIA Australian GreenSmart Awards represent the latest in environmental design and sustainable building practices, and recognise HIA members who build and design greener and more liveable homes.

"HIA is committed to sustainable building outcomes, including environmentally focussed construction, innovation and design. The winners and finalists are leading the way in this field, including site management, energy saving techniques and innovation, to build comfortable homes for their clients," Mr Wolfe said.

"Each winner and finalist is congratulated for achieving success at a national level and demonstrating that comfort, security, innovation and value for money can co-exist in a sustainable built environment. HIA members are up to the challenge."

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

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Award winners were announced today on [facebook.com.au/housingindustryassociation](https://facebook.com.au/housingindustryassociation).

The 2020 HIA Australian GreenSmart Awards are partnered by InfraBuild Construction Solutions and Smart Wired.

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**2020 HIA Australian GreenSmart Award Winners**

Category	Winner
HIA Australian GreenSmart Home HIA Australian GreenSmart Display/Project Home	Blue Eco Homes NSW
HIA Australian GreenSmart Renovation/Addition Project	Light House Architecture & Science and Indepth Building Solutions ACT & Southern NSW
HIA Australian GreenSmart Custom Built Home	Blue Eco Homes NSW
HIA Australian GreenSmart Sustainable Home	Beaumont Building Design Victoria
HIA Australian GreenSmart Multi Dwelling Development	Light House Architecture & Science and 360 Building Solutions ACT & Southern NSW
HIA Australian GreenSmart Energy Efficiency	Light House Architecture & Science and 360 Building Solutions ACT & Southern NSW
HIA Australian GreenSmart Product	Nu-Rock Construction for Nu-Rock Building Block NSW
HIA Australian GreenSmart Professional	Joe Mercieca for Blue Eco Homes NSW