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HIA WA celebrates combined successes at Perth Housing Awards

A sold-out crowd at Crown Perth has celebrated the collective successes of the WA residential building industry at the combined 2020 **HIA COLORBOND® steel Perth Housing Awards**, **HIA WA Kitchen & Bathroom Awards** and 2020 **HIA Stratco WA Apprentice Awards**.

Giorgi won this year's prestigious 2020 **HIA COLORBOND® steel Perth Home of the Year Award** for a remarkable design in City Beach.

HIA WA Executive Director Cath Hart said this home left a lasting impression.

"The judges commended the home's architecture, taking into account the execution of a striking minimalist front elevation, despite the challenges of a sloping site," Ms Hart said.

"The finishes throughout the home flawlessly enhance the warm ambience, while the living space has been designed to optimise natural light, with the main roof of the home forming a series of fixed skylights with curved ceiling linings for additional brightness.

"The contemporary design is complimented by the use of off-form concrete, polished plaster and curved cabinetry arches. The home contains a range of sustainable features, including the use of low maintenance materials, and has utilised the orientation of the block by maximising the northern sunlight and solar principles."

The design by **Giorgi** also won the **John Pietersen Award for Custom Built Home of the Year** and **Residential Interior Design**. **Giorgi** further added to its award collection on the night, winning other accolades including **Apartment of the Year**, **Apartment Complex of the Year** and the **Peter Overman Award for Innovation in Housing** for additional projects.

In the **Kitchen & Bathroom Awards**, **Lux Interiors** took out **both HIA WA Bathroom of the Year** and the **HIA WA Bathroom Design Award**, creating a practical space with ample storage, and a lavish finish with outstanding attention to detail.

HIA WA Kitchen of the Year was won by **Adrian Zorzi** for a well executed design, further complimenting the spaciousness of the area with timeless features and cabinetry.

Humphrey Homes received the **HIA WA Kitchen Design Award** for an elegant kitchen design that embraces the character of the home, paying homage to the original architecture, while also incorporating a family heirloom table into the main benchspace. The same project also won **Residential Building Designer** as part of the 2020 **HIA COLORBOND® steel Perth Housing Awards**.

20 year-old old apprentice bricklayer **Conor Murphy** from **ABN Training** was awarded the 2020 **HIA Stratco WA Peter Stannard Apprentice of the Year Award** on top of winning the **3rd Year Bricklaying Award** and **3rd Year Apprentice of the Year**.

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These awards further add to Conor's list of career achievements, having been successful at HIA's Apprentice Awards last year, as well as claiming gold in the WorldSkills competitions. Conor already has his sights set on completing his Diploma in Building and Construction. HIA's judges were impressed by his forward planning and his motivation to attain more skills to help further his future in the industry.

Ms Hart said the calibre of the entries across all categories were outstanding.

"There was a stage this year when there was a lot of uncertainty about people's livelihoods in the residential building industry, but look at where we are now – we had a sold-out crowd come together to celebrate some of the top designs and new home builds in WA," Ms Hart said.

"Full credit must go to all finalists and winners for creating some incredible projects.

"I would also like to congratulate all winners and finalists in the Apprentice Awards. It's wonderful to see such a talented group coming through the system because as we know, without a steady intake of apprentices and experienced trades to train them, our industry can't thrive."

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