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## Queensland businesses win at national awards

An extraordinary energy efficient Brisbane home by **Solaire Properties** and building product **NuPod by Neumann Steel** were named winners against entries from around Australia when the prestigious **2021 Housing Industry Association (HIA) Australian GreenSmart Awards** were announced today.

**Solaire Properties** won **GreenSmart Sustainable Home** for a home which dramatically minimises its carbon footprint and maximises energy efficiency and comfort using sustainable materials. Utilising a combination of high-performance triple glazing, superior insulation and an airtight building envelope, the home enjoys constant internal temperatures.

**NuPod by Neumann Steel** won **GreenSmart Product** for the revolutionary method of creating concrete slabs using built-in interlocking spacers. NuPod is produced using 100 per cent Australian recycled plastic, and removes the need for polystyrene. The product increases the home's insulation and reduces the need for heating in winter and cooling in summer.

Victorian sustainable builder **Ovens & King Builders** won three awards including the highest accolade - the **2021 HIA Australian GreenSmart Home** for a one-bedroom home built to the Passive House standard. The home was also awarded the HIA Australian GreenSmart Custom Built Home and HIA Australian GreenSmart Energy Efficiency.

The judges were impressed by the standard of construction by Ovens & King Builders to achieve a comfortable home year-round with minimal energy consumption.

"Thermal performance of the windows minimise air movement and limit heat gain and loss contributing to the superior performance of the home" they commented.

"Material choice reflects the overall high quality of construction and demonstrate a passion for sustainable building."

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

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

"HIA is committed to sustainable building outcomes through environmentally focussed design, innovation and construction. The winners and finalists are at the cutting-edge in their field and demonstrate expertise and commitment to build superior performing, energy-saving 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.

The 2021 HIA Australian GreenSmart Awards are partnered by The Australian Reinforcing Company. Award winners were announced today on YouTube, available on <https://hia.com.au/awards/greensmart-award>

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**2021 HIA Australian GreenSmart Award Winners**

Category	Winner
HIA Australian GreenSmart Home HIA Australian GreenSmart Custom Built Home HIA Australian GreenSmart Energy Efficiency	Ovens & King Builders Victoria
HIA Australian GreenSmart Renovation / Addition Project	McArdle Projects South Australia
HIA Australian GreenSmart Display/Project Home	Adelaide Green Homes South Australia
HIA Australian GreenSmart Sustainable Home	Solaire Properties Queensland
HIA Australian GreenSmart Product	NuPod by Neumann Steel Queensland
HIA Australian GreenSmart Professional	Janine Strachan Green Design Solutions Victoria