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Regional HIA WA award winners crowned in South West

HIA members from the South West, Mid-West and Great Southern regions of WA have come together to celebrate the **2021 CSR HIA Regional Western Australian Housing Awards** held at Eagle Bay Brewing Co in the State's South West.

This year's **2021 HIA CSR South West Home of the Year** was awarded to Tallwood Constructions for a deluxe home located in Yallingup, complete with stunning ocean views and flawless finishes throughout the property.

HIA WA Executive Director Cath Hart said this home was a stand-out.

"The upstairs layout, described by the judges as impeccable, includes a fully equipped meals area with exquisite ocean views that are visible from all major areas of the home," Ms Hart said.

"The judges instantly felt they had walked into a special space, with the unique elevation of the site maximised to its greatest potential."

2021 HIA Great Southern Home of the Year was won by Home Group WA Great Southern for its project located in Warrenup.

"The judges recognised an internal ambience they couldn't fault upon entering the home," Ms Hart said.

"The practical yet spacious kitchen design and a large, raked ceiling connecting the front of the home to the back proved a notable highlight and overall, the quality of workmanship was second to none."

Warren Taylor Homes won **2021 HIA Mid West Home of the Year** for the creation of an eye-catching Drummond Cove home north of Geraldton, creating a modern floor plan suitable for a broad demographic.

"The judges praised the attention to detail throughout the home, and the use of water efficient water fixtures shows a continued consideration for sustainable building practices which is fantastic to see."

Ms Hart said this year's awards held particular significance given the recent labour pressures and a natural disaster experienced by some of our members in the Mid-West.

"As the first event of our 2021 housing awards season, it was fantastic to see the judges comment on the high level of workmanship and design of every project entered into the awards, especially given the challenges faced over the past 18 months.

"With COVID and the heightened level of activity following the announcement of the government building schemes last year, our industry has had to deal with inflated demand while trying to cope with labour and material shortages.

"For our members in the Mid-West, Cyclone Seroja caused widespread damage and the initial rebuild process was affected by labour shortages in the Perth metropolitan area.

"It's incredible to see the standard of homes produced in the past 12 or so months, which just further proves the resilience of our sector."

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