

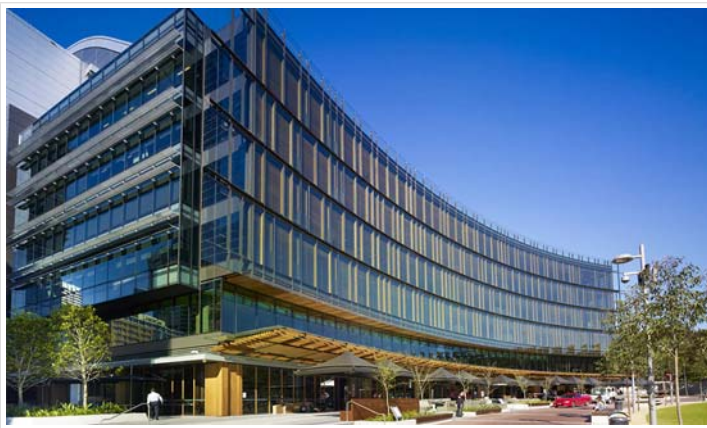
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Sydney Landmark Named Australian Development of the Year



A landmark office building in Sydney has been judged the development of the year at one of the most prestigious **construction** industry awards in Australia.

Lend Lease's Darling Quarter and Commonwealth Bank Place won the Australian Development of the Year award at the 2013 Property Council of Australia/Rider Levett Bucknall Innovation and Excellence Awards at the Star Event Centre in Sydney on May 18.

Owned and nominated by Lend Lease, Commonwealth Bank Place is located within the \$500 million Darling Quarter precinct, a 1.5-hectare development featuring a family playground, retail terrace, children's theatre and community green space.

As the largest office development in Sydney's CBD, Property Council of Australia chief executive Peter Verwer says the building and associated surrounds represent a showcase in social, environmental and economic sustainability.

"Lend Lease has transformed an under-used part of the CBD into a dynamic destination for the community to enjoy, while also providing a world-leading office environment for 6,500 CBA employees," Verwer says.



Lend Lease Darling Quarter, a 1.5-hectare development featuring a family playground, retail terrace, children's theatre and community green space. Credit: Lend Lease

In addition to the development of the year, the project also took home the Colliers International Award for Best Office Development and the WSP Award for Best Sustainable Development – New Building awards, whilst the fitout was recognised with the Project Control Group Award for Best Workplace Project.

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In addition to being recognised for Commonwealth Bank Place, Lend Lease also won the John Holland Award for Best Public Building for its \$1 billion Royal Children's Hospital development in Melbourne.

In a separate development, the hospital project, considered to be largest and most complicated healthcare development ever undertaken in Victoria, was also a joint winner of the 2013 Australian Construction Association Achievement Award presented in Sydney last week by Engineers Australia and the Australian Constructors Association.

In other awards:

- **Westfield's** \$1.2 billion redevelopment in the heart of Sydney received two honours - *the Woodhead Award for Best Mixed Use Development* and the *Redpath Partners Award for Best Shopping Centre Development*. Westfield's former National Operations Manager, **Ross Copland**, also took home the *Judd Farris Award for Future Leader of the Year* for developing a portfolio-wide sustainability project which has made significant cuts to Westfield Australia's resource consumption.
- **The Port Coogee coastal and brownfield remediation project** in West Australia, which upon completion will include 800 homes, 1,100 apartments, a 300 berth marina and a vibrant retail commercial tourism precinct for 4,000 people, was presented with *the RPS Award for Best Master Planned Community*. **Willoughby City Council** was presented with the *Philip Chun Award for Government Leadership for The Concourse*, one of the largest and most successful local government projects delivered in Australia over the last decade.
- The **CareerTrackers Indigenous Internship Program**, which connects the property industry with talented young Indigenous Australians, was presented with the *Spire Award for Innovation*.
- **Greystanes Estate Development**, located on 110 hectares of land in Sydney's west, won the *BlueScope Buildings Award for Best Business or Industrial Park*.
- **Dee Why RSL Club** on Sydney's Northern Beaches was rewarded for its innovative approach to seniors' living, taking out the *Gadens Lawyers Award for Best Retirement Living Development*.
- The first luxury hotel to be built on the Gold Coast in a decade, the **Hilton Surfers Paradise Hotel and Residences**, was presented with the *Ryan Lawyers Award for Best Tourism and Leisure Development*.
- The **Garden House** in Melbourne, a development comprising comprises 46 luxury apartments overlooking the world heritage-listed Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens, won *The Village Building Company Award for Best Residential Development*.
- The **RM Hope Building**, one of the first buildings erected within Canberra's Parliamentary Triangle, won the *S4B Studio Award for Best Heritage Development*.
- The **sustainable transformation of 215 Adelaide Street** in Brisbane was rewarded with the *Thinc Award for Best Sustainable Development – Existing Buildings*.

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Hilton Surfers Paradise was presented with the Ryan Lawyers Award for Best Tourism and Leisure Development. Credit: Hilton Hotels & Resorts

RLB chairman Asia Pacific Michael Kerr says the awards celebrate excellence in Australian property and construction standards and recognise both established leaders and upcoming talent.

"We have partnered with the Property Council of Australia to present this outstanding awards program since its inception in 1982, and are proud to see the best developments recognised again in 2013," Kerr says.

By Andrew Heaton
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