



BHC Award for Best Affordable Housing Development 2015 Award Criteria

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Award Criteria

This is a new Innovation & Excellence Award category for 2014/2015 that seeks to award organisations that are committed to meeting an ever increasing market demand for affordable housing.

The category is focussed on home ownership and is open to the private, community and government sectors. Applicants will need to ensure that all subsidies from the government are disclosed to allow like-for-like evaluation.

This award aims to recognise and publicly reward the 'value for money' in a new or refurbished affordable housing development.

Eligible entrants will be developments or refurbishments that have been completed in the previous five years and have been operating for at least one year as at 31 December 2014.

Also where the development is multi staged the entrant may nominate a completed stage and will be awarded on the basis of the completed stage only. The entrant may also enter further stages as they are completed in future years but will only be recognised for those nominated stages not previous ones.

The award is open to members of the Property Council of Australia only. Innovation in your responses should be clearly expressed.

Judging Criteria

PRE-QUALIFYING CRITERIA

1 ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL FACTORS – 35% WEIGHTING

Detail how the development demonstrates the opportunity for people on low to moderate incomes to afford home ownership on both an initial cost and longer-term operating basis. Judges will look at the positioning of the project against the median price for a particular location and/or product.

SUPPORT CRITERIA

1 PROJECT VISION AND INNOVATION – 15% WEIGHTING

Describe how the development displays innovation in the project concept and in overcoming site or development complexities. This should be described as a point of difference.

2 CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY – 15% WEIGHTING

Describe the projects approach to supporting people to maintain connection with their community and neighbourhood, avoid social isolation, increased broader economic benefit (such as ageing-in-place) and maintaining home ownership over time.

Applicants may wish to address the projects specific demographic or sectoral responses such as accessibility, adaptability, health care or provision of other facilities for those with other abilities such as sensory impairment etc. with an emphasis on high amenity experience for occupants.

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3 QUALITY OF DESIGN AND FINISH – 15% WEIGHTING

Detail and provide examples on how the development exhibits a high quality of architectural design; represents value for money and is compatible with surrounding land uses and contributes to the success of housing affordability (e.g. site constraints, unique design solutions, and project cost constraints). Include supporting pictures.

4 RESIDENT SATISFACTION – 10% WEIGHTING

Describe, using testimonials from a variety of stakeholders, including residents, the extent to which the development has a proven high satisfaction level of all users.

5 INDUSTRY PERCEPTION – 10% WEIGHTING

Describe, using testimonials from a variety of stakeholders, the extent to which the development is considered a success by the property marketplace or a particular affordability sector.

Conditions of Entry

- Entry in the Property Council of Australia/Rider Levett Bucknall Innovation & Excellence Awards costs \$1,100 (including GST) per nomination.
- Nominated companies must be a Property Council of Australia member.
- We welcome both self-nomination and third party nominations.
- All entries must be submitted via the online Nomination Form.
- Entries must stick to the word limit on the online nomination form. Nominees are reminded that judges will not take into account formatting or presentation of entries.
- Nominees must include 4-6 images to support their submission. Other material relevant to support the application may also be uploaded as an Appendix.
- All nominees should be prepared to attend a site inspection with the judges, should it be deemed necessary.
- All nominations and contents will remain the property of the Property Council of Australia.
- Please note entries are exclusive to the Property Council of Australia Innovation & Excellence Awards and no details private or professional will be distributed to outside contacts.
- The judge's decision is final and no communication will be entered into concerning the final decision.
- The Property Council of Australia reserves the right to publish the results and winner details.
- The finalists should be available to attend the presentation ceremony at the Property Council of Australia/Rider Levett Bucknall Innovation & Excellence Awards Gala Dinner to be held in Sydney in May 2015 (exact date to be determined).
- All entries must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, 28 November 2014.