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Australia's best properties announced

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The 2014 Property Council of Australia/Rider Levett Bucknall awards (PCAA) have been announced with 83 nation-wide finalists narrowed to 16 category winners.

Showcasing innovation and leading practice within Australia's property development and investment industries, the PCAA's were presented to the winners at a gala dinner on 17 May in Sydney.

Designs from renowned architects were featured, with Hassell and Fitzpatrick + Partners taking top honours with their Brookfield Place development in Perth.

The Council described the development, which took out the *Australian Development of the Year*, as an excellent contribution to Perth's skyline and a demonstration of a design-led community transformation.

"Brookfield Place Perth is not only an exciting addition to the Perth city skyline, but also demonstrates how leading-edge contemporary design can transform an unloved heritage area – one that had been described an 'ugly hole in the ground' – into a spectacular new space for people," says Property Council of Australia (PCA).

The PCA awards consider the built environment's wider contribution to the community and reward innovators who deliver exceptional built outcomes to the benefit of all.

"The awards showcase the contribution our industry makes not only to Australia's built environment, but to the nation's economy, wellbeing and quality of life. This year, winners were drawn from 83 finalists across 16 categories nationwide, and were chosen for delivering inspiring design, leading-edge practice and exceptional outcomes for the community," says the PCA.

The award winners:

Brookfield Place, Perth by Brookfield

Architects: Hassell and Fitzpatrick + Partners

Awards: *Australian Development of the Year*, *SAS International Award for Best Office*



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Development, S4B Studio Award for Best Heritage Development



The 74,854sqm development included a 45-storey office tower construction, the refurbishment of five heritage buildings including Newspaper House, Print Hall, WA Trustees, Royal Insurance and Perth Technical College, a new childcare centre, gym, and a 10 tenancy cafe court, as well as four levels of basement, tenant end of trip cycling facilities, a tenant roof terrace and storage. *Image: Brookfield*



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Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre, Victoria by Hansen Yunken

Architects: David Newstead - Mantric Architecture

Awards: *Ryan Lawyers Award for Best Tourism and Leisure Development, ISPT Award for Government Leadership*



The \$43 Million centre includes aquatic facilities, health club and various outdoor services. *Image: Mantric Architecture.*

Soleil apartments, Brisbane by Meriton Group

Architects: DBI Design Group

Award: *Gough Recruitment Award for Best Residential Development*



The 80 storey development includes 200 serviced apartments, 203 residential apartments plus commercial offices and ground floor retail.

RMIT Swanston Academic by RMIT University and Brookfield Multiplex

Architects: Lyons Architects

Award: *Woods Bagot Award for Best Public Building*



The \$200 million, 35,000sqm, 11-storey educational facility contains 80 teaching spaces including lecture theatres, a cinema classroom, and project and interactive spaces using state-of-the-art technologies and incorporating the largest virtual desktop initiative in Australia. *Image: Lyons Architects*

WorkSmart@420, Sydney by JLL

Architects: Building Services Engineers (BSE)

Award: *Project Control Group Award for Best Workplace Project*



A 6 Star Green Star rating, Sustainable Tenant Guide, 89.3 per cent of construction waste for this project was recycled. It also incorporates GECA certified sustainable workstations, flooring, partitions, chairs and storage units, with environmental monitoring and reporting commitments by both base building and tenant. *Image: BSE*

Hamilton Harbour, Brisbane by Leighton Properties and Devine Limited

Architects: The Cox Group

Award: *GHD Woodhead Award for Best Mixed Use Development*



About: The \$500 million, 1.7 hectares development is the largest master-planned community in Brisbane. The urban village development is complete with five towers, three of which are residential. *Image: Cox Architects*

5 Murray Rose, Sydney Olympic Park by The GPT Group

Architects: Turner design studio

Award: WSP Award for Best Sustainable Development – New Buildings



About: 5 Murray Rose is a \$70.4 million, 12,400 sqm five level commercial building in Sydney Olympic Park precinct. It has a 6 Green Star Rating and a target rating of 5 Star NABERS Energy and Water, and features a solar installation that contributes 25per cent of the base-building's peak load, making it the largest solar installation in an Australian commercial building of this scale.

10-20 Bond Street, Sydney by Mirvac

Architects: Mirvac

Award: The JLL Award for Best Sustainable Development – Existing Buildings



About: The \$60 million, 37,806sqm refurbishment of 10-20 Bond Street incorporates next generation building performance systems. These include trigeneration, back-up power, active chilled beam air conditioning, intelligent lighting controls, a new high-speed lift system and a state of the art Building Management Control system. *Image: Mirvac*

Other Awards:

The suburb of Crace in Canberra, *RPS Award for Best Master Planned Community*

The Forest Hill Chase Rejuvenation Development by Colonial First State Global Asset Management, *Redpath Partners Award for Best Shopping Centre Development*

The Arbour at Berry by Berry Village Retirement Partnership, *Colliers International Award for Best Retirement Living Development*

Dandenong LOGIS Eco-Industrial Park by Places Victoria *Yardi, Award for Best Business or Industrial Park*

'UltraRope' elevator hoisting technology by KONE, *Hindmarsh Award for Innovation*

Davina Rooney, Stockland's Senior Manager, Operations and Sustainability, *Harris Mackay Award for Future Leader*

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