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**News**

# Excellence in new, bold and old

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A COMMERCIAL precinct in the parliamentary triangle, the National Arboretum and Parliament House have taken out top honours at this year's ACT architecture awards.

Fender Katsalidis Architects received the Canberra Medallion for the 2 and 4 National Circuit Precinct and the project was also recognised with the Sir John Overall Award for Urban Design.

The jury for the award described the project as a commonsense architectural solution that created complementary public space within the realm of related agency buildings.

The jury said it was a clear and sensitive introduction of new architecture into the heritage-listed former patents office and an established site that "creates a comfortable and inviting space consistent with the aim of increasing urban density around the parliamentary triangle".

Number 2 National Circuit, the RM Hope Building, was also

**Winners, clockwise from left: Numbers 2 and 4 National Circuit by Fender Katsalidis Architects ; The Village Centre at the National Arboretum by Tonkin Zulaikha Greer; Roberts House by Dennis Formiatti; Parliament House by Mitchell Giurgola and Thorp; and St Mary MacKillop College Chapel by Collins Caddaye Architects.**

awarded the Best Heritage Development at this year's Property Council of Australia's Innovation and Excellence Awards.

The Village Centre at the National Arboretum, which was the venue for Saturday's Australian Institute of Architects ACT event, picked up an award with Tonkin Zulaikha Greer winning the Romaldo Giurgola Award for Public Architecture for the application of distinctive materials and a curvilinear form displaying subtle empathy with the surrounding landscape.

"The architects have ensured that the National Arboretum will become one of Canberra's most notable iconic buildings," the jury said.

The top residential houses award went to Knobel House, which was a project produced by a father-and-son team of owner, architect and builder.

Architect Anthony Knobel won the Malcolm Moir and Heather Sutherland Award for Residential Architecture for the home.

The jury said it was a superb example of cost-effective sustainability that provided a welcoming living space that was functional, beautiful and respectful. It also won the ACT Sustainability Award.

Parliament House was recognised in its 25th anniversary year for enduring architecture. Mitchell Giurgola and Thorp was given the commission for the building in 1980 following an international design competition.

The jury for the award, led by Philip Leeson Architects' David Hobbes, said 25 years after its completion it remained both classic and of its time, reflecting the dignity and humanity of citizens in their work.

For the full list of awards go to [canberratimes.com.au](http://canberratimes.com.au)

**Australian Institute of Architects' 2013 ACT architecture awards**

**Canberra Medallion:** 2 & 4 National Circuit Precinct by Fender Katsalidis

**W. Hayward Morris Award for Interior Architecture:** St Mary MacKillop College Chapel by Collins Caddaye Architects

**Malcolm Moir and Heather Sutherland Award for Residential Architecture**

**Houses:** Knobel House by Anthony Knobel Architect

**Romaldo Giurgola Award for Public Architecture:** Village Centre – National Arboretum Canberra by Tonkin Zulaikha Greer

**BCA Certifiers Mervyn Willoughby-Thomas Renovation Award:** Dickson House by Marcus Graham Architect

**Sir John Overall Award for Urban Design:** 2 & 4 National Circuit Precinct by Fender Katsalidis

**Enduring Architecture Award:** Parliament House by Mitchell Giurgola and Thorp 1988

**Small Project Architecture Named Award:** Roberts House by Dennis Formiatti Architect



