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NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE SHOWCASE THE BEST DEVELOPMENTS ACROSS AUSTRALIA

The winners of the prestigious Urban Development Institute of Australia's National Awards for Excellence were announced at a gala dinner event in Perth on Thursday evening, recognising the high level of urban development that is being achieved around the country.

"The UDIA National Awards for Excellence program recognises the 'best of the best' in urban development, with the winning projects displaying a commitment to innovation, sustainability and raising the bar in terms of development outcomes," UDIA National President Michael Corcoran said.

"UDIA is very proud to represent an industry that is critical to the creation of current and future communities in Australia," Mr Corcoran said. "The award winners are all fine examples of an industry dedicated to producing the best possible products for home buyers, surrounding communities and the environment."

One of the major winners on the night was luxury apartment development Botanica Residences by ARIA Property Group located in South Brisbane Queensland. The project won both the High-Density Development category and the President's Award.

"Botanica Residences is a benchmark development in terms of urban renewal and the transformation of South Brisbane," Mr Corcoran said.

"The project includes impressive sustainability features such as the application of 120 solar panels installed as a vertical façade treatment and this, combined with fantastic resident amenities, such as private dining and cinema rooms with indoor/outdoor health and well-being facilities won the judges over," Mr Corcoran said.

The prestigious Masterplanned Development award was taken home by South Australia's Blakes Crossing, a project by Lendlease that incorporates a central village core that includes traditional supermarkets and specialty retail supported by a medical and allied health precinct, with bus services to two train stations.

“Blakes Crossing epitomises the potential that masterplanned developments have to provide residents with just about everything they need within one community,” Mr Corcoran said. “From schools, to child care to public open spaces along with a range of housing types to suit different lifestyles and budgets.”

Residential Development category winner Fairwater by Frasers Property Australia is an oasis within the established area of Western Sydney and impressed the judges with a vast mix of housing types including smaller lots and narrow frontages, mews housing and rear laneways.

Medium Density Development winner The Barkly by ID Land in Brunswick Melbourne showcases architecturally designed two and three storey townhouses.

“The Barkly is an example of successful urban regeneration where innovative design features work to complement the surrounding area and provide a much sought after inner city living opportunity,” Mr Corcoran said.

South Australian urban renewal project Tonsley, by Renewal SA won in the urban renewal category and successfully reuses the former Mitsubishi Motor Assembly Plant and surrounding site to create a unique environment in which start up enterprises, high tech industries and major education institutions are investing.

Environmental Excellence award winner Osprey Waters by Mirvac, located in Western Australia is an example of how challenging environmental circumstances can be overcome by a dedicated development team.

“Challenges have included the need to retain significant vegetation, manage public access to the waterfront, including historical boat launching usage, manage acid sulphate soils, maintain wildlife corridors and recreate wildlife habitat, specifically for the nesting of the Osprey Eagle,” Mr Corcoran said.

Lifestyle Hastings in Victoria secured the Affordable Development Award and proves that affordability does not mean having to miss out on fantastic amenities including high quality landscaping, clubhouse and extensive resort facilities.

“Lifestyle Hastings is an example of a pioneering approach to funding, whereby purchasers are required to buy their home and enter into a long-term land lease at no more than 20% of pension income, with the developer accepting a financial return over time supplemented by Commonwealth rental assistance,” Mr Corcoran said.

“The developer also achieved an increased density of 26 dwellings per hectare which complements the unique financial model and has resulted in much needed affordable downsizing housing in the region,” Mr Corcoran said.

Finally, the Seniors Living category was won by New South Wales project Mark Moran Vacluse.

Aging in place is noted as a key driver of this project and the UDIA awards judges were impressed by the offering of luxury independent living units in a resort setting with concierge facilities to serve a highly affluent, local community.

“Overall, the depth and breadth of the urban development industry in Australia is reflected by the diversity and quality of all the winners in the National UDIA Awards for Excellence and I heartily congratulate all the winners,” Mr Corcoran said.

WINNERS BY CATEGORY

Awarded to	In the category of	Project	State
ARIA Property Group	President’s Award	Botanica Residences	QLD
Lifestyle Communities Ltd	Affordable Development	Lifestyle Hastings	VIC
Mirvac	Environmental Excellence	Osprey Waters	WA
ARIA Property Group	High Density Development	Botanica Residences	QLD
Renewal SA	Urban Renewal	Tonsley	SA
Mark Moran Group	Seniors Living	Mark Moran Vaocluse	NSW
ID_Land	Medium Density Development	The Barkly	VIC
Frasers Property Australia	Residential Development	Fairwater	NSW
Lendlease	Masterplanned Development	Blakes Crossing	SA

ABOUT THE UDIA - Established in 1971, the UDIA (SA) represents the interests of the development industry in South Australia in collaboration with all levels of government. It represents all sections of the urban development sector, including developers, councils and service providers such as engineers, planners and surveyors.
