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Victorian builders successful at national housing awards

Victorian builders had resounding success at the 2022 HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards, taking home four of the national housing awards and a prestigious award for contribution to the industry. A luxurious apartment and a home selected by the Australian public were amonst the winners.

This year's winners were unveiled before hundreds of industry leaders at the prestigious awards ceremony held as the final night of the 2022 HIA National Conference on the Gold Coast.

BCG Constructions won **HIA Australian Apartment of the Year**. Contemporary yet timeless in its design, the apartment presents an overwhelming air of sophistication. It offers stylish, sleek and streamlined living in a luxurious sanctuary. The category is partnered by Toyota for Business.

"The commitment to quality is evident in the luxurious appointments and meticulous attention to detail. The home is ideal for the most discerning residents," according to the judges.

Hermitage Homes was named the highly contested HIA Australian Professional Medium Builder / Renovator for being an open and transparent organisation in which all employees are empowered with a common value-based framework when making decisions or giving direction.

The judges congratulated Hermitage Homes for truly valuing their staff - evident in their daily team catch-ups, celebrations of milestones and achievements, and providing support in challenging times. Proactive communication and continuous improvement are encouraged and underpin the success of the business. The category is partnered by Companion Systems

Rebecca Bishop from **Elite Building Services** was named the **HIA Australian Business Partner**, partnered by HIA Insurance Services. Rebecca is a true all-rounder in her business, local community and in giving back to the building industry. Over the past 18 months, she has mentored and assisted other builders in navigating COVID19 requirements to elevate the reputation and efficiency of the building industry. This is the second time Rebecca has been named the Australian winner of this category, previously winning in 2020.

Belot Property Group won the distinctive honour of being Australia's favourite consumer-voted property after being named the **HIA–CSR Australian People's Choice Home**. Voted through the Houzz Australia website, devotees of beautiful homes and interiors are able to weigh in on their favourite project. The four-bedroom family home is situated on a corner block and spans three levels. The house is a magnificent example of modern architecture with outstanding design features.

Bruce Langford-Jones OAM was recognised for more than 35 years exceptional service to the industry in the bestowing of the HIA Sir Phillip Lynch Award of Excellence. The award recognised Bruce for his contribution to the development of the housing industry which went beyond his normal working life.

JW Constructions (QId) won the highest award at the 2022 HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards being named the **HIA-CSR Australian Home of the Year** for a skillfully designed home with an understated street frontage which reveals open-plan living at its best.



Each room in the winning home flows effortlessly, intuitively connecting the indoors and out. The combination of board-formed concrete paired with warm wood-grained accents creates an inviting interior. Outside, natural greenery drapes elegantly from the expansive upper-level gardens, a verdant and tranquil contrast to the angular lines of the home.

At the heart of the home is the central courtyard and north-facing swimming pool. Submerged views can be enjoyed from the lower level rumpus area and the temperature-controlled wine cellar.

The main bedroom has a lush private garden and privacy screens cantilevered over the courtyard. The joinery throughout the home has been crafted so expertly, it's seamless. The residence is fitted with the latest technology and automation system and a self-sustained battery generator.

The judges were unanimous that the attention to detail in this home is outstanding. They commented that the quality of finishes, building construction and workmanship is flawless.

The home also won HIA Australian Custom Built Home, partnered by Beacon Lighting.

HIA's Managing Director Graham Wolfe said the HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards recognise the best in Australia's residential building industry.

"HIA is committed to recognising the outstanding achievements of our members. The HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards allow us to acknowledge the skill and commitment of our members who excel in building exceptional homes, kitchens and bathrooms and have highly successful businesses.

"The workmanship of Award winners is exceptional; demonstrated in projects that push the boundaries in design and innovation. It is my absolute pleasure to congratulate each winner for their hard work and commitment to excellence.

"My congratulations also goes to our future tradespeople – our apprentices – who strive to be the best in all their pursuits. And to the professional builders and business partners who are ahead of the game in customer service, design and innovation, building quality and business practices," Mr Wolfe added.

The HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards are the ultimate platform to showcase the talents of the nation's top builders and designers. Winners are selected from state-based finalists, with awards in 23 separate categories including Professional Builders, display home, apprentice, bathrooms and kitchens (see full list below).

For images of the winning projects visit: media.hia.com.au For details on each project visit: https://hia.com.au/awards-and-events/australian-housing-awards

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2022 HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards winners

2022 HIA-CSR Australian Home of the Year	JW Constructions (QLD)
Partnered by CSR	Queensland
2022 HIA Australian Apartment of the Year	BCG Constructions
Partnered by Toyota for Business	Victoria
2022 HIA Australian Apartment Complex	Aria Property Group
Partnered by Daikin Australia	Queensland
2022 HIA Jim Brookes Australian Apprentice	Brayden Burgess
Partnered by Stratco	Hunter
2022 HIA Australian Bathroom of the Year Partnered by Dulux	Ultraspace and John Cardillo Building Services Queensland
2022 HIA Australian Bathroom Design	Archertec Interiors
Partnered by Dulux	ACT/SNSW
2022 HIA Australian Business Partner	Rebecca Bishop, Elite Building Services
Partnered by HIA Insurance Services	Victoria
2022 HIA Australian Custom Built Home	JW Constructions (QLD)
Partnered by Beacon Lighting	Queensland
2022 HIA Australian Display Home	Webb & Brown-Neaves
Partnered by ActronAir	Western Australia
2022 HIA Australian Apprentice Host Trainer	Matthew Earl, Rossmark New South Wales
2022 HIA Australian Kitchen of the Year Partnered by Clipsal by Schneider Electric	Walls Bros Designer Kitchens and Klemm Homes South Australia
2022 HIA Australian Kitchen Design	Concepts By Gavin Hepper
Partnered by Clipsal by Schneider Electric	New South Wales
2022 HIA Australian Outdoor Project	Averna Homes
Partnered by James Hardie	Western Australia
2022 HIA-CSR Australian People's Choice Home	Belot Property Group
Partnered by CSR	Victoria
2022 HIA Australian Project Home	Construction By Design (NSW)
Partnered by The Australian Reinforcing Company	New South Wales
2022 HIA Australian Professional Major Builder	Eden Brae Homes
Partnered by Companion Systems	New South Wales
2022 HIA Australian Professional Medium Builder / Renovator	Hermitage Homes
Partnered by Companion Systems	Victoria
2022 HIA Australian Professional Small Builder / Renovator	P.A.H Innovative Construction
Partnered by Companion Systems	ACT & Southern NSW
2022 HIA Australian Renovation / Addition Project	Critharis Constructions
Partnered by COLORBOND steel	New South Wales
2022 HIA Australian Spec Home	Capozzi Building
Partnered by Stratco	Western Australia
2022 HIA Australian Specialised Housing Partnered by Merlin Garage Door Openers	Building Development Group Constructions and Sana Living, Western Australia
2022 HIA Australian Townhouse/Villa Development	Hansconstruct
Partnered by Brickworks	Queensland
2022 HIA Australian Townhouse/Villa of the Year Partnered by Holcim	St Georges Constructions South Australia