

HOUSING INDUSTRY CELEBRATED

The best of the region's housing design and construction industry have been recognised at the HIA-iLandscape Housing Awards.

The Sunshine Coast's multimillion-dollar property industry was celebrated earlier this month when the Housing Industry Association hosted its Sunshine Coast/Wide Bay Housing Awards at Novotel Twin Waters.

The awards recognise building and design excellence and are known for raising the bar in contemporary design, construction, innovation and housing technology.

The winner of the major award on the night was Dave Becker Constructions. The local builder took out Sunshine Coast Home of the Year with a superbly designed and custom-built home in the hinterland.

Joining Dave Becker Constructions were Aria Property Group (apartment complex), Mosaic Construction (renovation, residential interior decorate), SX Constructions (GreenSmart sustainable home) and Planet Homes (display home).

Other major award winners on the night will move on to compete at the HIA Queensland Housing Awards, which will be held on November 3.

Grant McDonald Homes won the *My Weekly Preview* and AD Marketing People's Choice Award, again proving its popularity, as it is the third year the company has collected this award.

HIA Sunshine Coast branch manager Stuart Collins congratulated all the winners on their work.

"Each year the HIA Sunshine Coast/Wide Bay Housing Awards attract an outstanding array of entries across a number of different housing forms with this year being no exception," he says.

"It is difficult enough selecting finalists, let alone winners, such is the high calibre of the entries received this year.

"This healthy level of competition ensures that new standards in design,

workmanship and innovation are achieved across all award categories and this has resulted in success at both the state and national level.

"The awards are a strong statement of the commitment and dedication of HIA members in Queensland to delivering exceptional housing outcomes that will stand the test of time," Collins tells *My Weekly Preview*.

"The projects on show undoubtedly demonstrate that the industry has once again risen to the challenge.

"Without the involvement of HIA's many partners, important industry events like this would not be possible and we thank them for their contribution in recognising excellence within industry."

THE WINNERS

The big winners of the night included:

SSC HOME OF THE YEAR: Dave Becker Constructions

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD: Grant McDonald Homes

SSC CUSTOM BUILT HOME OF THE YEAR: Dave Becker Constructions

SSC DISPLAY HOME OF THE YEAR: Planet Homes

SSC RENOVATIONS/ADDITION: Mosaic Construction

APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR: Reece Cleeton

SSC KITCHEN OF THE YEAR: Juro Design

SSC BATHROOM OF THE YEAR: Dayne Lawrie Constructions

For a full list of winners go to housinglocal.com.au



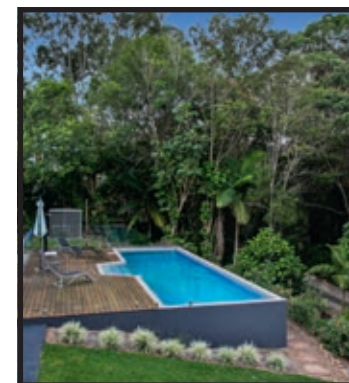
GOING WITH THE FLOW

Dave Becker Constructions was the big winner on the night, collecting the prestigious Home of the Year award.

Dave Becker Constructions was engaged by its clients to create the lodge with an Australian feel. A focus of the designer was to incorporate the spectacular views of the area and to incorporate stone, glass and timber

into the project. The brief was for the home to feel warm and have a number of transition zones that blended the same styles from inside to outside.

The judges said the project was "a finely detailed American-style mountain lodge with an Australian twist, maximising panoramic views over the Glass House Mountains".



THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN

Sunshine Coast builder Grant McDonald Homes once again won the hotly contested *My Weekly Preview* and AD Marketing People's Choice Award. It's the third year the company has collected this award.

The category enables industry members and the public to vote for their favourite custom-built entries.

McDonald's Buderim property secured the title. It's a home that company director Grant McDonald says he is "thrilled with".

The three-bedroom home is built over three levels with a state-of-the-art lift. It features two dedicated living areas and the kitchen opens onto a large alfresco tiled entertainment area overlooking a lap pool.

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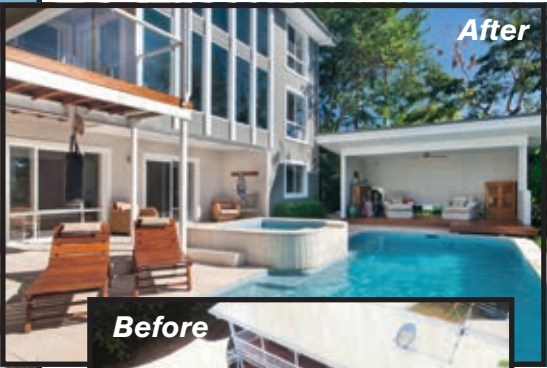
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HAMPTONS-STYLE RENOVATION



This Buderim home was given a new life thanks to SX Constructions, who took out the Renovation/Addition \$300,001-\$600,000 award category. The builders walk us through the project.



THE HOME

Inspired by colonial American architecture, this Buderim home offers its own twist on the Hamptons style with abundant natural light streaming in through the double-storey windows, which overlook the pool. The elevated, leafy outlook is complemented by natural finishes such as dry stack stone, American oak floors, white mahogany decking and a wood-burning fireplace.



SAVVY STYLING

In the five years since launching her Simple & Savvy home staging and property styling business, Catherine Craig has impressed her peers and clients with her work. And this year she took out the Property Styling category at this HIA awards for this three-bedroom Marcoola apartment. The unit features neutral tones that reflect the Sunshine Coast lifestyle and the apartment's position. Craig incorporated light-coloured fabric sofas, oak tables and accessories to complement the grey floor tiles and grey cabinetry.

FAMILY STARTER

This Matira Developments property took out the Display Home up to \$300,000 category. Trading as Hotondo Homes, the company has a 38-year history and knows what it takes to build a new home. The award-winning Jagera 250 property in Pelican Waters is a three-bedroom family home with two bathrooms, two living areas and a study.



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RETRO REVIVAL

Mosaic Construction's Peregian Beach property wowed the judges in the Renovations/Addition category. The Lorikeet House was awarded the number one gong in the category, taking home the project of the year title.

A SNAPSHOT:

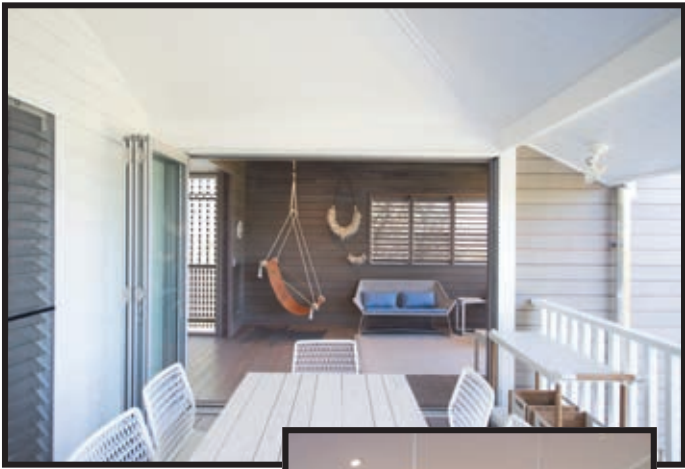
Lorikeet House is a complete renovation and substantial extension to a Peregian Beach house.

The home had a strong spatial quality in the main upper-floor living areas and simple geometric forms in the existing house. It also offered a strong connection with the beach environment immediately to the east. These factors were the major drivers in the decision to keep the existing building largely intact and simply surround the structure with new contemporary and complementary building forms.

A series of simple connected box-like masses were used in the new works, which allow an understated integration of the home into the existing streetscape and protection from the western summer sun.

The beach facade of the building remains dominated by the form of the existing '70s beach house, with a contemporary deck and pavilion extension to the northern side.

The main challenge in this project was the creation and integration of the substantial new areas of the home. It was important to respect and retain the feeling of the existing home, and as such careful attention to all thresholds when moving from one part of the building to another were painstakingly considered and detailed.



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PELICAN WATERS HOME WITH A DIFFERENCE

Planet Homes is no stranger to accolades, having secured a total of 17 awards in the past six years. And now, the group has yet another under its belt, after the company won the Display Home of the Year title at this year's HIA awards for its Pelican Waters property.

Planet Home's Jason Bowker says winning the award was a proud moment.

The home is built around tropical internal garden courtyards, and has an integrated pool, a comprehensive outdoor kitchen, generous outdoor living decks and patios and a huge log-fired feature fireplace.



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