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THE BUILDING INDUSTRY'S BEST

In a region brimming with quality builders, designers and innovators, the Sunshine Coast Housing Industry Association awards are hotly contested, and showcase the best building talent in our region.

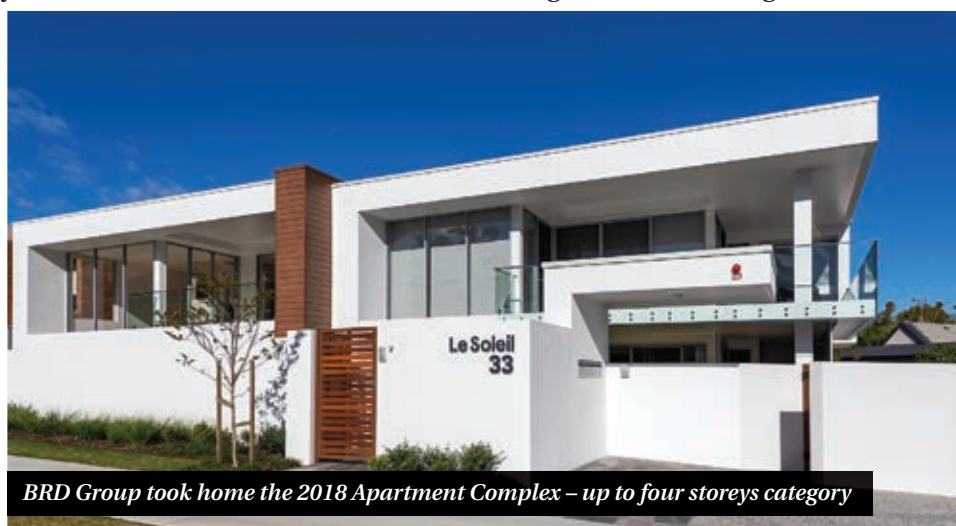
The housing industry's night of nights is here. The Housing Industry Association's prestigious Sunshine Coast/Wide Bay annual awards are on tonight (October 4), and from what we hear, the 2019 entries will not disappoint.

More than 30 companies working in the region are vying for dozens of category awards. HIA Sunshine Coast branch manager Ken Smith says the awards are hotly contested.

"The HIA Housing Awards showcase the excellence in construction, design, innovation and workmanship by our members within the local residential building market," he tells *My Weekly Preview*.

"An entry in this prestigious competition can increase industry visibility, peer recognition and provide great publicity opportunities.

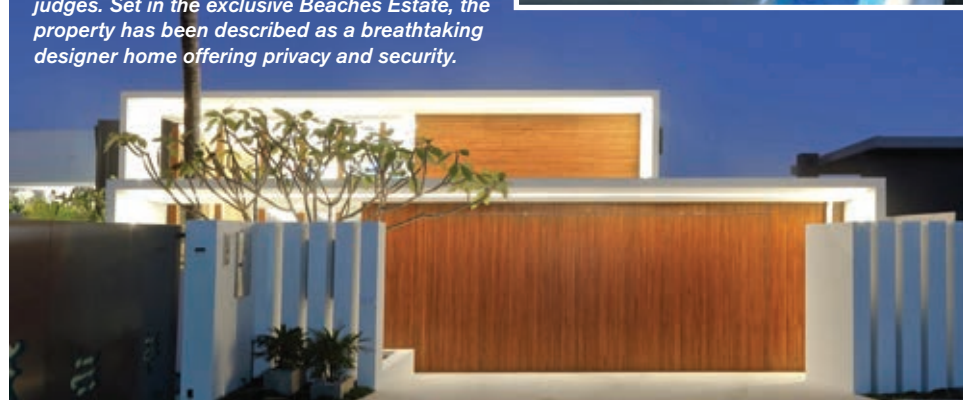
"In a year of massive regulation change and challenges, our members join together to celebrate their accomplishments in a tough and competitive market and be inspired by their peers.



BRD Group took home the 2018 Apartment Complex – up to four storeys category



Noosa-based business Paul Clout Design won the 2018 HIA Sunshine Coast Home of the Year title. The home's spectacular ocean views and "sleek, cutting-edge modern" design wowed judges. Set in the exclusive Beaches Estate, the property has been described as a breathtaking designer home offering privacy and security.



THE EVENT

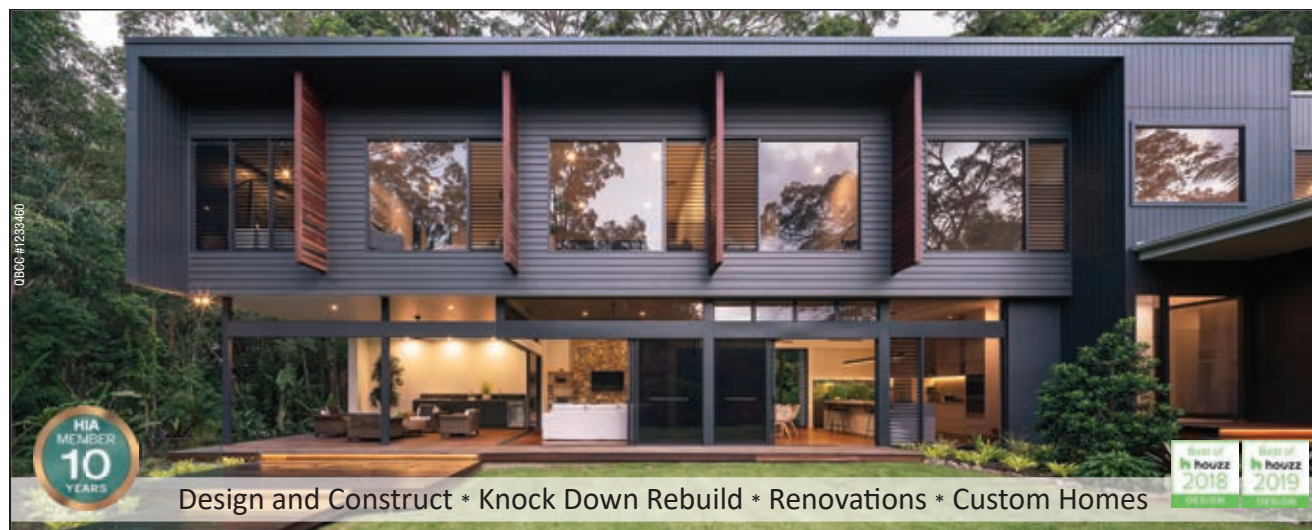
The HIA-iLandscape Sunshine Coast/Wide Bay Housing Awards will be held at the The Sebel Pelican Waters Golf Resort & Spa on Friday, October 4 and will celebrate the achievements of many outstanding local industry participants. Entries showcase the excellence in construction, design, innovation and technology of work by HIA members. A winning entry in this prestigious competition can increase industry visibility, peer recognition and valuable publicity opportunities.

SNAPSHOT

Here are all of the categories for this year's HIA Sunshine Coast/Wide Bay Housing Awards.



- Home of the Year
- People's Choice Award
- Custom Built Home
- Display Home
- Renovation/Addition
- Best Use of Face Brick
- Outdoor Project
- Spec Home
- Townhouse/Villa Development
- Project Home
- Innovation in Housing
- Small Lot Housing
- Apprentice of the Year
- Excellence Award
- Kitchen of the Year
- Kitchen Design
- Bathroom of the Year
- Bathroom Design
- Apartment Complex
- Apartment of the Year
- Steel Frame Project
- Greensmart Sustainable Homes
- Trade Workmanship
- Affordable Housing
- Specialised Housing

The HIA-iLandscape Sunshine Coast/Wide Bay Housing Awards will be hosted on October 4. To read about the winners, be sure to grab your copy of *My Weekly Preview* on October 25.



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**MEET
DEAN COSTA**
*Director of Costa
Homes and HIA
judge.*

Q) Tell us about your background/career. I have been living on the Sunshine Coast for more than 40 years. I am part of a family building company, which was originally started by my late father in 1970. I started working for the company as a labourer in my early teens on school holidays. I then progressed to a carpentry apprenticeship and then obtained my builder's license.



Saltair Constructions won the 2018 Innovation in Housing



The Cabinet House is in the running for the 2019 Kitchen Over \$50,000 category

Q) How long have you been a judge for these awards and why did you get involved? I have been judging in the HIA awards now for three years. I was asked to judge, which I accepted as an honour, as I believe that judging can be quite a difficult thing to do.

Q) What is your favourite part about judging the competition? Seeing some of the great work the builders have to offer.

Q) What are the benefits of the HIA award for entrants? The benefit that the HIA awards offer to the entrants is to give their clients the reassurance that they are working with a quality builder who takes pride in their work.

Q) What advice do you give to people thinking about entering the awards in the future? Make sure your attention to detail of your workmanship is of the highest level.

Q) What changes have you noticed over the years regarding entries? The competition is getting stronger as the builders are entering a very high standard.

Q) As a judge, what are you looking for when considering the difference between a good entry and a winning entry? I see the difference between a good entry and a winning entry is the little details to the finishing off.

Q) How is the standard of entries this year? The overall standard of entry's this year was of a high standard, making it hard to judge.



SX Constructions has entered the Kitchen Over \$50,000 category for the 2019 awards



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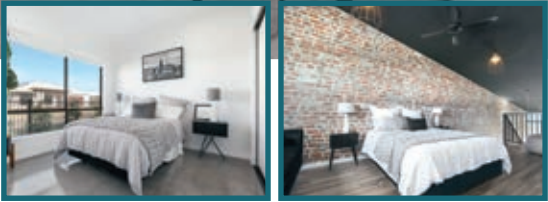
The 2018 Custom Built \$1 million to \$2 million award went to Dayne Lawrie Constructions

Q) How has the building and design industry changed in the past decade on the Sunshine Coast? In my opinion in the last decade the building industry on the Sunshine Coast is getting a lot harder. The competition is tough out there. To stay ahead of it you need to be innovative and produce a quality product.

Q) Obviously not everyone can buy or build an award-winning home. But what can people learn from these homes and apply to their own projects? I guess what they can take from these award-winning homes would be the use of some of the materials and techniques the builders have used.

Q) Tell me about the quality of builders on the Sunshine Coast? Are they on par with larger cities? The quality of the Sunshine Coast builders is of a very high standard. This has been shown in the past due to a lot of award-winning homes from here, going on to win at a state and/or national level.

Q) If you were building your dream home, what are the three things you would include or do? I have built a lot of custom homes for people and three of my main things I like to include are good use of natural light, good natural ventilation and an open-plan kitchen/dining/living room, as this would be the hub of my home.



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We chat with HIA Sunshine Coast branch manager Ken Smith ahead of the awards night.

Q) Tell us about your background/career? I have spent the majority of my work life working for BlueScope Steel divisions in a range of sales and project management roles around Australia and PNG.



Total Creative Constructions is up for a Custom Built award this year



Shine Building is vying for the Custom Built \$750,001 to \$1 million award

What do you like about the annual awards? These are my first awards as an employee of the HIA, but I have been to many as a guest and sponsor. The awards showcase the latest trends in building, innovation and technology and provide a great opportunity for those in the industry to network in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere.

Q) What are the benefits of the HIA award for entrants? The awards provide entrants the opportunity to increase their industry visibility and provide valuable marketing and branding opportunities post awards through the HIA website and following newspaper articles. The awards are also viewed by the public as a badge of quality and innovation as a point of difference to other builders.

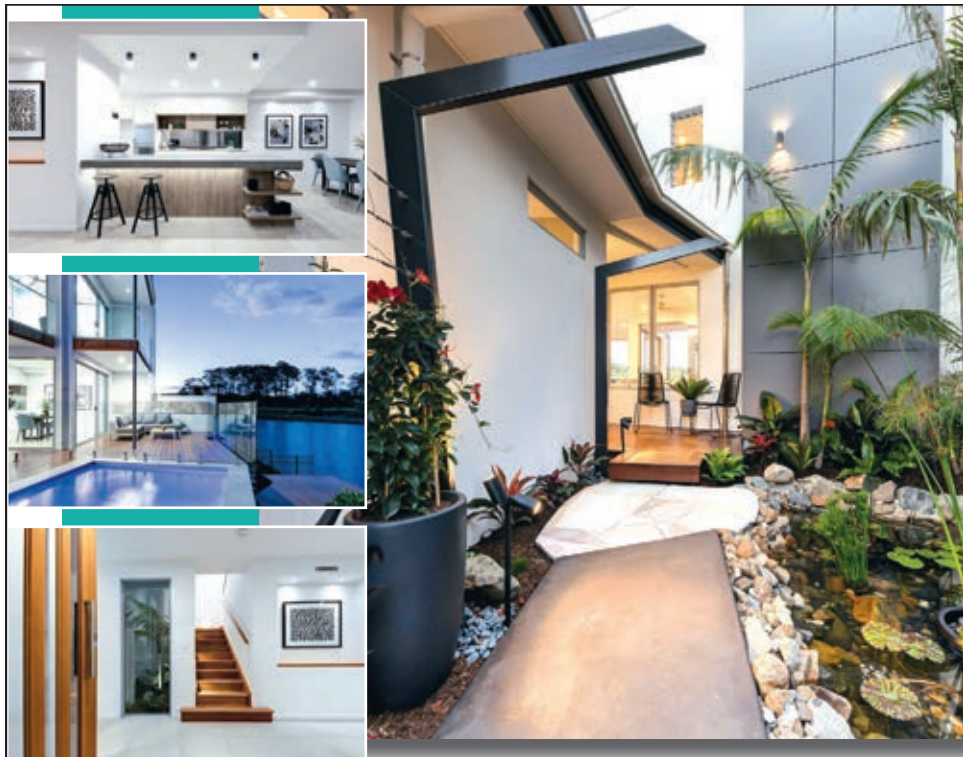
Q) What advice do you give to people thinking about entering the awards in the future? The awards provide a platform to promote their business and designs for prospective new customers. They assist to build and layer their long-term corporate brand. The awards night also provides



This Kitchen by Bowen kitchen is entered in the Kitchen of the Year category



Thompson Sustainable Homes is entered in the 2019 Innovation in Housing category



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This Integrity New Homes build is up for the 2019 Custom Built House \$300,001 to \$500,000 award

opportunities to build relationships with suppliers, contractors, architects and designers that could enhance their business from a product, service and/or design perspective. The award mean very much more than just a trophy sitting in an office.

Q) How has the building and design industry changed in the past decade on the Sunshine Coast? Design and energy efficiency are essential elements in current building trends. A more minimalist building and coastal design lifestyle that complements our natural landscape continue to remain key trends on the Sunshine Coast. Open-plan living and establishing outside living areas synergising with indoor spaces on smaller blocks, as well as the use of natural materials such as stone,

concrete and other new trending products are other current trends.

Q) Do you think the Sunshine Coast's home design style has evolved and is on par with the best in the country? Our building design styles matches and reflects our lifestyle. All planning stakeholders from designers, architects and local councils provide governance to ensure our style and buildings reflect who we are and where we are from. Our style is the best in the world.

Q) If you were building your dream home, what are the three things you would include or do? Research, research, research – including the builder, design, location, budget, plans, lifestyle requirements and energy requirements.



Dall Designer Homes has entered in the Greensmart Sustainable Home category



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