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Cliff-hugging Tasmanian home wins national housing award

Described by Housing Industry Association (HIA) judges as 'a once-in-a-lifetime build', a cliff-hugging home by Tasmanian builder **Lane Group Construction** has been named the **2023 HIA-CSR Australian Home of the Year** – the highest residential building award bestowed each year by HIA.

The winners of the 2023 HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards were unveiled before 550 industry leaders at the prestigious awards ceremony held as the final night of the HIA 2023 National Conference on Hamilton Island.

The spectacular single-level winning home is anchored to its windswept, bushland location by a series of heavyset stone pavilions.

An abundance of floor-length glass windows create a serene atmosphere for the owners and their guests to enjoy, connecting them to the magnificent, rugged coastline of the Derwent River from all public and private living areas.

Burnished caramel concrete floors and spotted gum timber cladding serve to perfectly match the earthy tones of the expertly wrought stonework featured so prominently in the home, while the cantilevered indoor/outdoor infinity pool, spa and sauna are an indulgent addition to this entertainer's domain.

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

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 their skill and their commitment to quality in design, material selection and construction. Our Awards' program brings together members who excel in building exceptional homes, kitchens and bathrooms and run highly successful businesses.

"HIA Award winners build with exceptional workmanship; 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," Mr Wolfe added.

The HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards recognise exceptional projects, businesses and people from all around Australia.

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Apprentice **Bethany Mercieca** from NSW was named the HIA Jim Brookes Australian Apprentice of the Year for a strong work ethic and dedication to her craft. She has built meaningful relationships with co-workers, suppliers and clients through excellent communication. The category is partnered by Stratco.

A sophisticated restoration and addition of a heritage-listed bluestone residence by Victorian builder **BCG Constructions** won HIA Australian Renovation / Addition Project, partnered by COLORBOND steel. The home is a breathtaking fusion of old-world glamour and ultramodern elegance.

Western Australia's **Ultimo Constructions** was named HIA Australian Professional Small Builder / Renovator for the fourth time, reinforcing their reputation for offering personalised service, expert advice and a partnership approach to the building process. The category is partnered by Companion Systems.

Craig Linke Bespoke Building from South Australia took out HIA Australian Kitchen of the Year, partnered by Robam Kitchen Appliances, for a stunning kitchen finished in a symphony of aged brass, granite and exotic marbles, with a custom brass canopy.

Hunter builder **Greenbuild Constructions** won HIA Australian Bathroom of the Year for a moody aesthetic master bathroom that feels luxuriously spacious and light. The category is partnered by HIA Business Solutions. Greenbuild Constructions also won the consumer-voted HIA-CSR Australian People's Choice Home

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. The Awards are partnered by leading building products company CSR.

For images of the winning projects visit: media.hia.com.au

For more details on each project visit: https://hia.com.au/awards-and-events/australian-housing-awards

A full list of winners is below.

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2023 HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards winners

2023 HIA-CSR Australian Home of the Year	Lane Group Construction
Partnered by CSR	Tasmania
2023 HIA Australian Apartment of the Year	K2 Built
Partnered by Toyota for Business	New South Wales
2023 HIA Australian Apartment Complex	Coben Building
Partnered by Daikin Australia	Victoria
2023 HIA Jim Brookes Australian Apprentice	Bethany Mercieca
Partnered by Stratco	New South Wales
	Jethro Urwin, Apex WA Carpentry Solutions
2023 HIA Australian Apprentice Host Trainer	Western Australia
2023 HIA Australian Bathroom of the Year	Greenbuild Constructions
Partnered by HIA Business Solutions	Hunter
2023 HIA Australian Bathroom Design	Catherine de Meur Interiors
Partnered by HIA Business Solutions	New South Wales
2023 HIA Australian Custom Built Home	Lane Group Construction
Partnered by ActronAir	Tasmania
2023 HIA Australian Display Home	South Coast Constructions
Partnered by Clipsal by Schneider Electric	South Australia
2023 HIA Australian Kitchen of the Year	Craig Linke Bespoke Building
Partnered by Robam Kitchen Appliances	South Australia
2023 HIA Australian Kitchen Design	Darren James Interiors
Partnered by Robam Kitchen Appliances	Queensland
2023 HIA Australian Outdoor Project	Lane Group Construction
Partnered by James Hardie	Tasmania
2023 HIA-CSR Australian People's Choice Home	Greenbuild Constructions
Partnered by CSR	Hunter
2023 HIA Australian Project Home	The Rural Building Company
Partnered by The Australian Reinforcing Company	Western Australia
2023 HIA Australian Professional Major Builder	Carlisle Homes
Partnered by Companion Systems	Victoria
2023 HIA Australian Professional Medium Builder / Renovator	Hudson Homes
Partnered by Companion Systems	New South Wales
2023 HIA Australian Professional Small Builder / Renovator	Ultimo Constructions
Partnered by Companion Systems	Western Australia
2023 HIA Australian Renovation / Addition Project	BCG Constructions
Partnered by COLORBOND steel	Victoria
2023 HIA Australian Small Business Management	Jenny Matek, AM Bathrooms + Projects
Partnered by HIA Insurance Services	New South Wales
2023 HIA Australian Spec Home	Averna Homes
Partnered by Stratco	Western Australia
2023 HIA Australian Specialised Housing	Alroe Constructions
Partnered by Merlin Garage Door Openers	Queensland
2023 HIA Australian Townhouse / Villa Development	Futureflip
Partnered by Brickworks	New South Wales
2023 HIA Australian Townhouse / Villa of the Year	Mactech Constructions
Partnered by NatHERS	Queensland