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ULTRA-MODERN TWO STOREY HOME WINS 2014 HIA CUSTOM BUILT HOME OF THE YEAR



This ultra-modern two storey home with an exceptional level of finish has been awarded the 2014 HIA Custom Built Home of the Year.

BCG Constructions was awarded the honour tonight at the HIA-CSR Victorian Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards at Crown Towers before a crowd of hundreds of industry leaders and peers.

Built over a two car basement with turn-out space, the design of the home maximizes the elevated site. The resulting view from the east facing façade is that of the leafy green treetops of the surrounding parklands.

The steeply sloped site enabled the basement to be built on grade with the street and the integrated Quartz rendered swimming pool with spa, providing a secluded private open terrace.

The ground floor comprises the children's bedrooms; an elegant open plan kitchen with feature Corian island benches, an integrated Corian double sink and Italian sliding mirrored door mechanisms to the kitchen façade; dining and living areas as well as a rumpus room, powder room and laundry.

Upstairs the spacious master bedroom comes complete with a striking ensuite showcasing Italian white marble tiles to both floor and walls and a sunken double shower that doubles as a bath. This level even includes your very own yoga/ meditation room.

A video intercom system with access control to the façade entry gate; feature smooth velvet render finish to external walls and the internal entry area; sawn Chinese bluestone pavers to the driveway, entry and terrace area PLUS custom designed and built joinery throughout the home – and the list goes on.

The judges commented on the 'very clever use of space and design that maximizes the sloping site.' They noted a 'wow factor on each level with both design elements and use of materials.' BCG Constructions have used 'superbly thought out construction methods; amazing pre-construction planning and an extremely high attention to detail which is all reflected in the final product,' they added.

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HIA Victorian Executive Director Gil King congratulated the winners. 'It is difficult to come up with new adjectives to describe the ever-increasing standards that are set year after year. It is very clear that with each new year the entrants look to the benchmark set by the previous year. In some categories there has been an extraordinary increase in the standard of entries. Challenges imposed by restrictive regulations simply have not impacted on the innovation and imagination displayed by our entrants. In fact, higher quality of finish and presentation has more often than not compensated for limitations imposed by red-tape and bureaucracy,' Mr. King said.

'This BCG Constructions home is a fine example of a project respecting the limitations of a highly regulated environment while delivering outstanding quality of design and craftsmanship,' Mr. King added. 'This home has a natural warmth through the use of natural timbers and large expanses of glass,' he said.

BCG Constructions will go on to compete against other Custom Built Homes from around the country at the 2015 HIA CSR Australian Housing Awards, to be held in Queensland in May.

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A full list of winners can be found on the following pages.

Available for interview:

- Brendan Gonzales, BCG Constructions
- Gil King, HIA Regional Executive Director - Victoria

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About Housing Industry Association:

The Housing Industry Association (HIA) is Australia's largest residential building organisation. Members include builders, trade contractors (carpenters and joiners, bricklayers, plasterers, tilers and electricians to painters and roofing contractors), design professionals, kitchen and bathroom specialists, manufacturers and suppliers.

With a network of more than 40,000 members, HIA is the voice of Australia's home building industry.

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HIA members are committed to promoting the highest standards of customer service, workmanship and business conduct, as well as full compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, codes and standards. They also subscribe to a strict code of conduct that sets acceptable standards of commercial behaviour, which provides additional peace of mind for home owners.

For further information on HIA please visit www.hia.com.au/About%20Us.aspx

HIA Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards:

HIA Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards represent the pinnacle of achievement in Australia's residential building industry. The Awards acknowledge the talent of designers, builders and building companies who plan and construct quality new housing and apartments, renovations and outdoor projects.

HIA Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards are open to all members of the HIA. Entrants must be licensed or registered builders / companies.

To be eligible for the Awards, projects are to have reached practical completion within 24 months prior to the close of entries, that is, 2 May 2012 to 2 May 2014.

The HIA Victorian judging panel is comprised of 35 independent individuals who have a range of experience and expertise within the Victorian residential construction industry. The panel includes builders, architects and designers, building surveyors, planners and manufacturers / suppliers. HIA judges operate independently from HIA and its Committees.

Projects are judged on a range of specific criterion including:

- Quality of workmanship
- Design Effectiveness
- Visual Appeal
- Innovation
- Environmental Sustainability, and
- Market Relevance

Prior to the Victorian Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards, HIA hold three regional Victoria awards nights: Eastern Victoria, Western Victoria and the Murray River each year.

HIA conducts a Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards program in each state across Australia with overall winners advancing to the Australian Housing Awards in May 2015.

For further details and photos on previous HIA Award winners, visit www.housinglocal.com.au/hia-awards.aspx



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2014 HIA CSR Victorian Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Award Winners

CATEGORY	BUILDERS NAME	PROJECT
CUSTOM BUILT HOMES		
Up to \$500,000	Excelcon	Emerald
\$500,001 - \$1 Million	Pivot Custom Homes Pty Ltd	Inverleigh
\$1 Million - \$2 Million	BCG Constructions Pty Ltd	Ivanhoe
Over \$2 Million	BCG Constructions Pty Ltd	Camberwell
Custom Built Home of the Year	BCG Constructions Pty Ltd	Ivanhoe
DISPLAY HOMES		
Up to \$250,000	Metricon	Cohen 31 – Vogue, Cranbourne
\$250,001 - \$300,000	Arden Homes	Milan, Clyde North
\$300,001 - \$350,000	Metricon	Vantage 45 Calibre, Craigieburn
\$350,001 - \$400,000	Metricon	Sovereign 50 – Verve, Craigieburn
\$400,001 - \$500,000	BH Prestige Homes	The Entertainer 41, Mernda
\$500,001 - \$600,000	Grollo Homes	Grollo 108, Balwyn North
Over \$600,001	Mahercorp T/A Urbanedge Homes	Sogo 6-54, Clyde North
Display Home of the Year	Grollo Homes	Grollo 108, Balwyn North
HERALD SUN HOME MAGAZINE READERS CHOICE AWARD	SJD Homes	The Grande, Clyde North
APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR	Jack Robins of Peter Priftis Constructions	
PROFESSIONAL BUILDER AWARDS		
Small Builder / Renovator	S.D. Davies Builders	
Medium Builder / Renovator	Latitude 37 Group	
Major Builder	Henley Properties	



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PROJECT HOMES		
Up to \$400,000	D.R. Gordon Building	Alfredton
Over \$400,001	Englehart Homes	Balwyn North
Project Home of the Year	Englehart Homes	Balwyn North
SPEC HOME		
	Stonehaven Homes	Canterbury
RENOVATION / ADDITION PROJECTS		
Up to \$300,000	Cameron Construction	Glen Iris
\$300,001 - \$500,000	H & R Building Group Pty Ltd	Brunswick
\$500,001 - \$700,000	Devlin Mees Builders	Malvern
\$700,001 - \$1 Million	Devlin Mees Builders	Glen Iris
Over \$1 Million	Spacemaker Home Improvements	Malvern
Renovation / Addition Project of the Year	Spacemaker Home Improvements	Malvern
TOWNHOUSE / VILLA DEVELOPMENTS		
Up to \$700,000 per dwelling	Lowe Construction	Chelsea
Over \$700,001 per dwelling	Grollo Homes	Balwyn North
Townhouse / Villa Development of the Year	Grollo Homes	Balwyn North
TOWNHOUSE / VILLA		
	BCG Constructions Pty Ltd	Kew
APARTMENT COMPLEX		
	Mirvac Docklands Pty Ltd	Docklands
SPECIAL PURPOSE HOUSING		
	Community Housing (Vic) Ltd	Hastings
OUTDOOR PROJECT		
	Excelcon	Belgrave South
GREENSMART ENERGY EFFICIENCY		
	EcoLiv Buildings	Wonthaggi
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING DESIGN		
	Graham Jones Design	Mt Martha
SMALL COMMERCIAL PROJECT		
	Cubed Projects	Richmond
CUSTOMER SERVICE		
	Carlisle Homes	



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KITCHENS		
New Kitchens		
Up to \$30,000	Hargreaves Joinery	Rutherglen
Over \$30,001	Atkinson Pontifex	Black Rock
Renovated Kitchens		
Up to \$40,000	Atkinson Pontifex	Southbank
\$40,001 - \$50,000	Damco Kitchens	Surrey Hills
Over \$50,001	Let's Talk Kitchens	Surrey Hills
Kitchen of the Year	Let's Talk Kitchens	Surrey Hills
BATHROOMS		
New Bathroom	Atkinson Pontifex	Black Rock
Renovated Bathroom		
Up to \$30,000	MVH Constructions	Blackburn North
\$30,001 - \$50,000	The Inside Project	Williamstown
Over \$50,001	Bubbles Bathrooms	Glen Iris
Bathroom of the Year	Bubbles Bathrooms	Glen Iris
KITCHEN DESIGN	Let's Talk Kitchens	Surrey Hills
BATHROOM DESIGN	Bubbles Bathrooms	Glen Iris
KITCHEN IN A DISPLAY HOME	Grollo Homes	Grollo 108, Balwyn North
BATHROOM IN A DISPLAY HOME	Grollo Homes	Grollo 108, Balwyn North
OUTDOOR KITCHEN	Sheridan Building Services	Epping
LAUNDRY	Smarter Bathrooms & Kitchens	Northcote