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Dear Members, Colleagues, and Readers,

It is with great pride and a sense of honour that I present to you the 2023 edition of Winning Design magazine, the annual publication celebrating the crème de la crème of the BDAA National Design Awards.

In the pages that follow, we continue our tradition of recognising the epitome of design brilliance within our community. As you pore over the images and narratives, you'll notice not just the visual allure of these designs, but the incorporation of sustainability and technological innovation, elements that stand at the forefront of modern Australian building design.

Let us revel in the achievements showcased in this edition and draw inspiration from them. To our award winners, your work is a vivid demonstration of what can be achieved when skill, creativity, and determination come together. To all our members and readers, your continued engagement and enthusiasm are what makes BDAA the vibrant community it is today.

Enjoy these Winning Designs, and may they inspire you as much as they have inspired us.

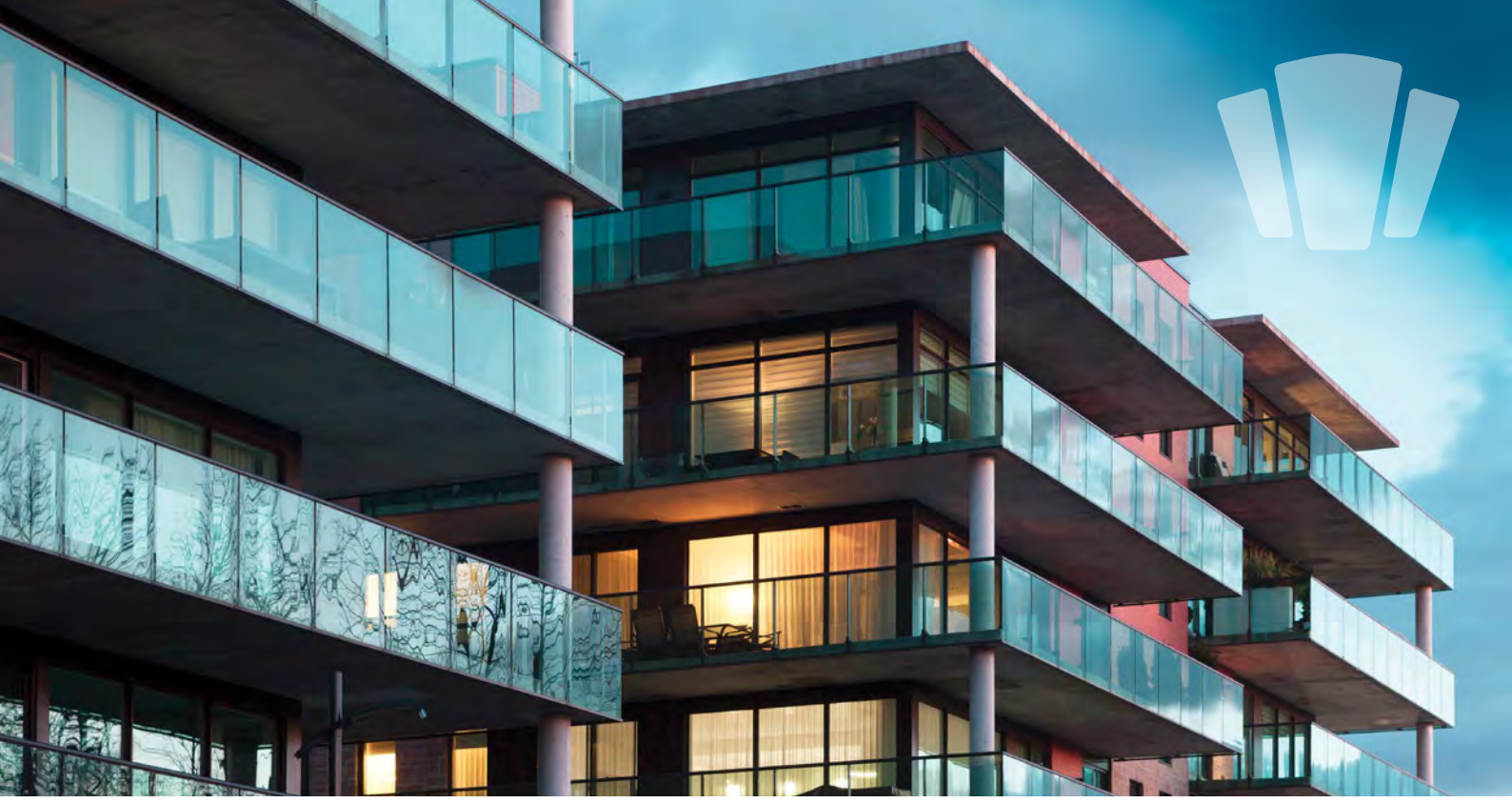
Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Geskus'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Frank Geskus  
National President  
Building Designers Association of Australia

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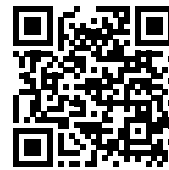
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# Winners

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BDAA National Design Awards 2023

The Building Designers Association of Australia (BDAA) takes immense pride in being the cornerstone of design excellence in Australia. Each year, our BDAA National Design Awards serve as the apex of this endeavour. They celebrate the pinnacle of creativity and innovation from our members, shining a spotlight on the most compelling residential, commercial, interior, and exterior designs across the nation.

Submissions for this coveted honour have streamed in from all corners of Australia, each one a testament to the extraordinary talent that thrives within our industry. These entries have been painstakingly assessed by an expert panel of judges, handpicked for their keen eye and industry experience. The culminating moment of this rigorous process is the gala design awards dinner, where we unveil and celebrate the *crème de la crème* of Australian building design.

In the pages that follow, we are thrilled to introduce you to the illustrious winners of the 2023 BDAA National Design Awards. These designs are not merely impressive; they set new benchmarks for what is possible in contemporary Australian building design. They are the epitome of functionality, sustainability, and originality in the built environment.

Whether it's a residential home that harmonises luxury with ecological responsibility, a commercial space that redefines the future of work, or an interior layout that marries aesthetics with utility, each winning design is a symphony of these attributes. Each one challenges the status quo and pushes the boundaries of conventional design paradigms.





## WINNER

- ★ Overall Winner
- ★ National Design Excellence Award
- ★ New Residential Buildings (over \$3.0m)



## ULTIMO HOUSE

Designer: Andrea Basini

Practice: **anbdesign** with Ultimo Interiors

Web: [anbdesign.com.au](http://anbdesign.com.au)

Photographer: Jody D'arcy

## DESIGN

Ultimo House, designed by Andrea Basini of **anbdesign**, stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of Iwan Iwanoff and redefines the boundaries of Modernism and Brutalism in Perth.

With over four decades of industry experience, Andrea Basini brings a wealth of expertise to this project. The design ethos of Ultimo House is characterised by purity of form and honesty of material, resonating with clients seeking originality in their designs.

This project is a love letter to Brutalism, celebrating bold and striking design elements that pay homage to Iwanoff while blending tradition with contemporary aesthetics.



**WINNER**

New Residential Buildings (over \$3.0m)  
**Ultimo House, Designer: Andrea Basini**







**WINNER**

New Residential Buildings (over \$3.0m)

**Ultimo House, Designer: Andrea Basini**







## WINNER

Chris Reardon Memorial Award for Sustainable Buildings



## HUFF'N'PUFF HAUS

Designer: Talina Edwards

Practice: Envirotecture

Web: [envirotecture.com.au](http://envirotecture.com.au)

Photographer: Marnie Hawson

### DESIGN

Designed by Talina Edwards, Huff'n'Puff Haus is a remarkable example of regenerative design, exceeding the traditional notions of beauty by focusing on ethical responsibility and care for both people and the planet. Located in Ruffy, Victoria, this home was designed to be efficient, self-sufficient, and low in carbon footprint, all while prioritising resilience and adaptability. The use of natural and non-toxic materials, combined with innovations like prefabricated strawbale wall panels, contribute to its sustainability and eco-friendliness.

Beyond its striking appearance, it's a true zero-carbon, passivhaus plus standard, and accessible dwelling that embodies the essence of ethical and sustainable design.







**WINNER**

Chris Reardon Memorial Award for Sustainable Buildings  
Huff'n'Puff Haus, Designer: Talina Edwards







**WINNER**

Chris Reardon Memorial Award for Sustainable Buildings  
Huff'n'Puff Haus, Designer: Talina Edwards











**WINNER**

New Residential Buildings (up to \$600,000)



## MID-CENTURY HAVEN

Designer: Samuel Kassis

Practice: Atria Designs

Web: [atriadesigns.com.au](http://atriadesigns.com.au)

Photographer: Roody Parikh





## DESIGN

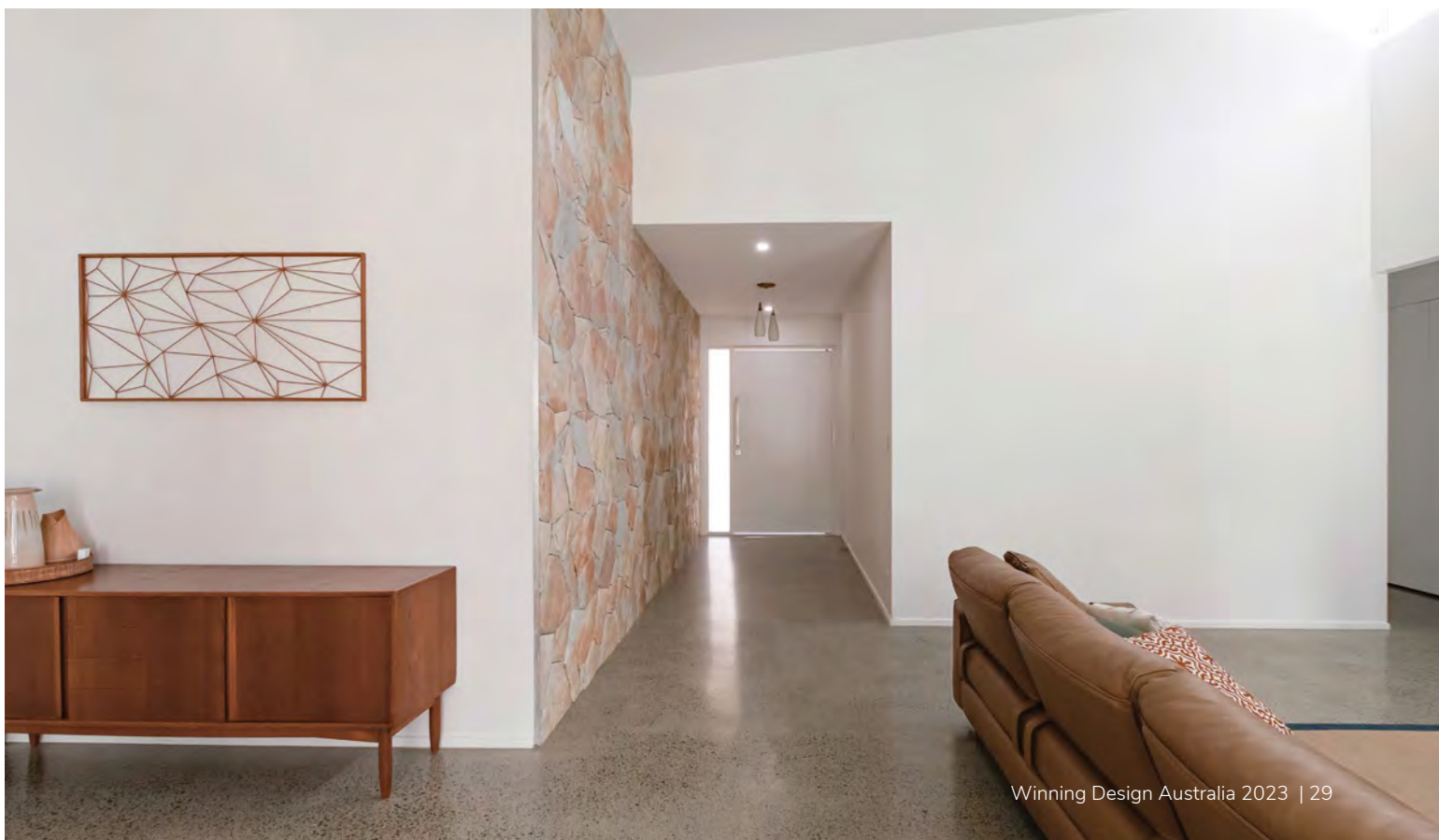
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Mid-Century Haven is more than just a house; it's a true testament to the art of thoughtful design. Samuel Kassis, an accredited building designer with over 15 years of experience, infused this family abode with a distinctive personality inspired by the timeless allure of Palm Springs.

From the moment you approach the front door, you're greeted by a bright burst of color that sets the tone for the entire house. The clever use of expansive breezeway blocks on the front left of the façade not only adds visual interest but also hints at the innovative design within.

Step inside, and you'll discover polished concrete floors that exude contemporary sophistication, complemented by the natural warmth of stone and timber furnishings. The spacious and well-planned layout ensures that every corner of this residence serves a purpose for a family of five.

Working closely with dedicated clients and the skilled team at Evolution Building, Samuel Kassis has brought to life a modern oasis where function meets aesthetics. Mid-Century Haven is a harmonious blend of past and present, where nostalgia meets innovation in a truly captivating family home.





**WINNER**

New Residential Buildings (\$601,000 to \$999,000)



## SHOALWATER

Designer: Chris McCabe

Practice: DCM Building Design

Web: [dcmbuildingdesign.com.au](http://dcmbuildingdesign.com.au)





## DESIGN

Shoalwater, a creation by DCM Building Design, exemplifies a harmonious blend of coastal aesthetics and timeless functionality. Nestled on the Sunshine Coast, this national award-winning project showcases the passion of its founders, Duncan Cox and Chris McCabe, for crafting spaces that not only complement the coastal environment but also stand as functional works of art.

With the core values of Design, Collaborate, Marvel, DCM Building Design has embarked on a journey with its clients, offering a seamless design process. This waterfront property in Pelican Waters serves as a canvas for their innovative style, pushing boundaries and exceeding expectations.

The design is a celebration of space and light, strategically maximising both within the living areas while embracing the natural connection to the canal.

Shoalwater is a testament to DCM Building Design's commitment to delivering exceptional, captivating homes.





## WINNER

- ★ New Residential Buildings (\$1.0m to \$1.5m)
- ★ Residential Interiors
- ★ Bathroom Design



## HUSTLE & FLOW

Designer: Reece Keil

Practice: Reece Keil Design

Web: [reecekeildesign.com.au](http://reecekeildesign.com.au)

### DESIGN

Hustle & Flow is a groundbreaking project led by Reece Keil, an industry veteran with over two decades of experience. With a diverse portfolio that includes both national and international residential and commercial projects, Reece Keil is the driving force behind this visionary endeavour. This project is poised to redefine luxury living in Australia and the wider Oceania international region.

Specialising in bespoke residential design and aesthetics, Reece Keil Design approaches each project as a unique challenge, meticulously balancing both function and form. The primary goal is to consistently deliver high-quality outcomes, catering to a wide range of budgets. This project promises to set new benchmarks for excellence in master planning, building design, and interior detailing.

Under Reece Keil's leadership, Hustle & Flow represents a fusion of creativity, innovation, and a relentless commitment to pushing boundaries in design. It aspires to leave an indelible mark on the world of high-end residential dwellings and bespoke resort projects throughout the region.







**WINNER**

New Residential Buildings (\$1.0m to \$1.5m)  
Hustle & Flow, Designer: Reece Keil







**WINNER**

Residential Interiors  
Hustle & Flow, Designer: Reece Keil







**WINNER**

Bathroom Design  
Hustle & Flow, Designer: Reece Keil

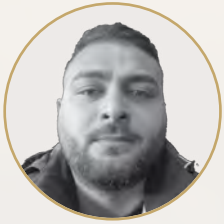






## WINNER

New Residential Buildings  
(\$1.51m to \$1.99m)



## GLOUCESTER STREET RESIDENCE

Designer: Justin Elazzi

Practice: Inhaus Designs NSW

Web: [inhausdesigns.com.au](http://inhausdesigns.com.au)

Photographer: Walter Macri

### DESIGN

Gloucester Street Residence, envisioned by Justin Elazzi, the managing director of Inhaus Designs NSW, is a testament to excellence. This luxury dual occupancy project, featuring a swimming pool and a double garage, is a modern masterpiece thoughtfully integrated into the neighborhood's historic streetscape. Nestled conveniently near Majors Bay Road shops, foreshore parks, and the golf course, it embodies contemporary elegance while maximising the site's potential.

Inhaus Designs NSW, renowned for their commitment to luxury projects and successful council applications, brings intelligence, passion, and creativity to every facet of this gem, setting a new standard for timeless urban living.







**WINNER**

New Residential Buildings (\$1.51m to \$1.99m)  
Gloucester Street Residence, Designer: Justin Elazzi









## WINNER

New Residential Buildings  
(\$2.0m to \$2.99m)



### HORIZON BEACH HOUSE

Designer: Alan Cubbon

Practice: Crosier Scott

Web: [crosierscott.com.au](http://crosierscott.com.au)

Photographer: Anna Nixon Photography and Josh Driscoll

#### DESIGN

Designed by Alan Cubbon of Crosier Scott Architects, Horizon Beach House is a modern masterpiece that seamlessly blends design and nature. Nestled amidst coastal scrub with stunning ocean views, this gem showcases concrete and glass, creating striking angular forms that embrace the site's natural contours. The residence features expansive glass walls that frame panoramic ocean vistas, open-plan interiors, full-height glass doors, and captivating balconies.

Horizon Beach House goes beyond aesthetics, offering functionality and resilience. It caters to diverse needs, providing options for aging-in-place, making it a welcoming retreat for both family and friends. Sustainability is at its core, with features like solar panels, rainwater harvesting, and an indigenous roof garden. The house's creation was a collaborative masterpiece, brought to life by a dedicated team of engineers, and Alan Cubbon.

This icon stands as a testament to the profound impact of design, embodying functionality, beauty, and eco-consciousness while harmoniously integrating with its coastal surroundings.



**WINNER**

New Residential Buildings (\$2.0m to \$2.99m)  
Horizon Beach House, Designer: Alan Cubbon







**WINNER**

Residential Alterations / Additions  
(up to \$500,000)



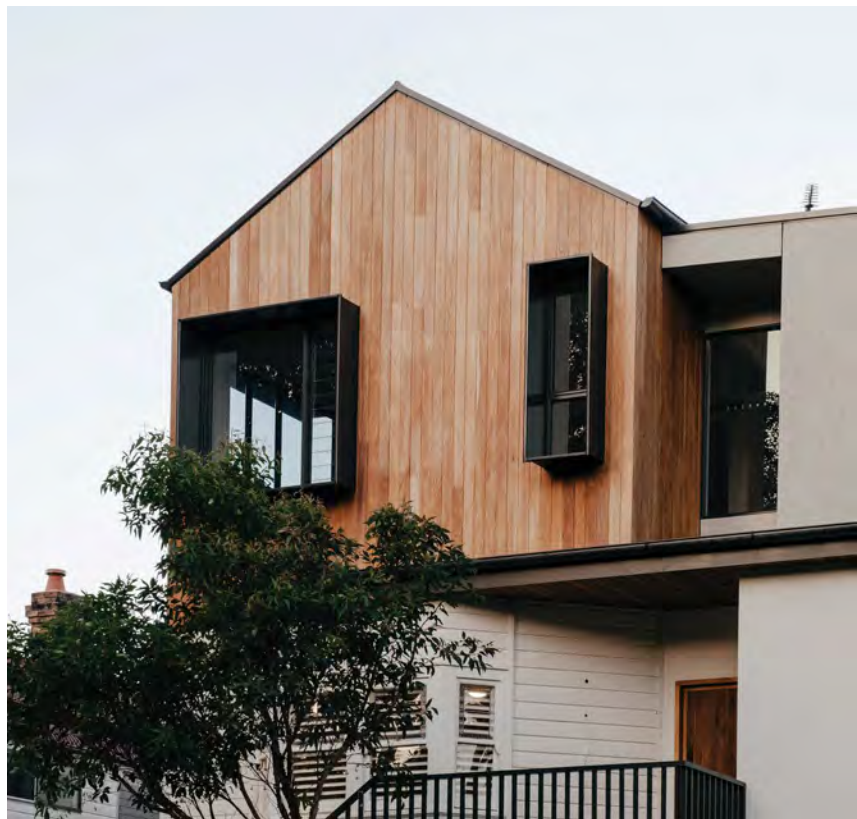
## CHENHALLS

Designer: Joel Etherington

Practice: DeBu studios

Web: [debustudios.com.au](http://debustudios.com.au)

Photographer: mm creative





## DESIGN

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Project Chenhalls, envisioned by Joel Etherington of DeBu Studios, exemplifies a thoughtful and innovative approach to building design. This project harnesses the existing structure as a wellspring of inspiration, effectively bridging the old and new elements of the building.

By incorporating the existing bays into the design process, Project Chenhalls establishes a fresh connection with historical character and functionality. The clever use of these bays identifies a new entry location that seamlessly integrates into the building's facade, preserving its original charm.

Moreover, the design strategy extends to the first-floor additions, where the inspiration drawn from existing bays harmoniously shapes the new building form. This cohesive approach ensures that the addition complements the existing structure, resulting in a unified and aesthetically pleasing whole.

Joel Etherington's skillful execution in Project Chenhalls showcases a renovation that not only celebrates the building's past but also confidently embraces its future. The project's success lies in its ability to blend inspiration, functionality, and historical preservation into an appealing and functional design.





## WINNER

Residential Alterations / Additions  
(\$501,000 to \$999,00)



### KEPPEL

Designer: Bianca Gemmill

Practice: BCG Building Design

Web: [bcgbuildingdesign.com.au](http://bcgbuildingdesign.com.au)

Photographer: kristian van der beek

### DESIGN

Keppel, a residential transformation masterminded by Bianca Gemmill of BCG Building Design, reinvigorates an original structure into a timeless living space. This renovation project draws inspiration from the vibrant and contemporary lifestyle of the Gold Coast, resulting in a home that exudes lightness and airiness.

With nods to Palm Springs and Mediterranean influences, Keppel seamlessly blends diverse styles into a harmoniously designed residence. The outcome is a testament to Bianca Gemmill's passion for crafting custom luxury homes that radiate soul, warmth, and sophistication.

This project doesn't just renovate; it rejuvenates, ensuring that the home stands ready to embrace another lifetime of memories. Keppel is a unique fusion of styles, expertly brought together to create a home that's not only elegant but also reflects the essence of modern Gold Coast living.

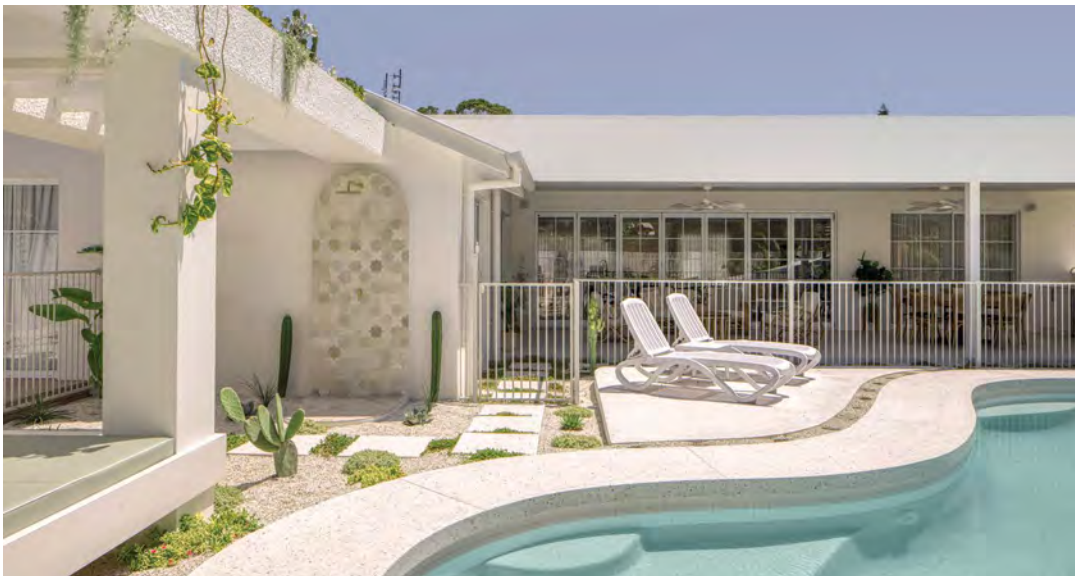


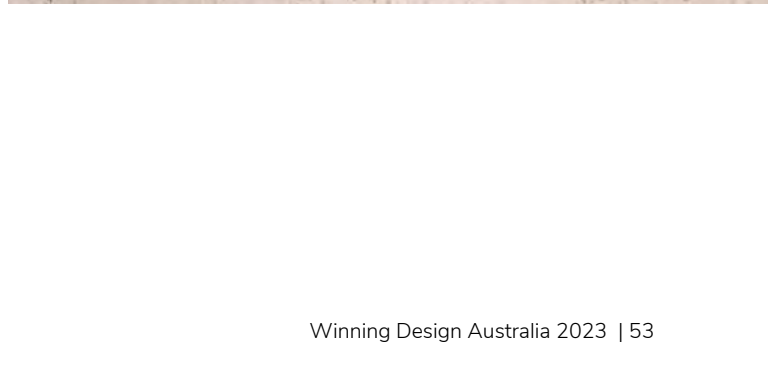




**WINNER**

Residential Alterations / Additions (\$501,000 to \$999,00)  
Keppel, Designer: Bianca Gemmill







**WINNER**

Residential Alterations / Additions  
(over \$1M)



## KOORINGAL LODGE

Designer: Reece Keil

Practice: Reece Keil Design

Web: [reecekeildesign.com.au](http://reecekeildesign.com.au)





## DESIGN

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Koorungal Lodge, a project overseen by Reece Keil of Reece Keil Design, showcases a striking transformation in the realm of residential alterations and additions. Reece Keil's extensive 20-year industry experience, coupled with a focus on high-end residential design, has culminated in this impressive undertaking.

The lodge represents a fusion of bespoke aesthetics and functionality, exemplifying the boutique, progressive, and adaptive design philosophy of Reece Keil Design. Each aspect of the project is meticulously approached as a unique challenge, resulting in an outcome that caters to the clients' needs while addressing both form and function equally.

With a keen eye for detail and a portfolio that spans national and international residential and commercial projects, Reece Keil is elevating the standards of high-end residential dwellings and bespoke resort projects. Koorungal Lodge stands as a testament to the commitment to presenting and delivering exceptional quality across all budget levels.





## WINNER

Secondary Dwellings /  
Granny Flats



### ECO HUT

Designer: Ashley Beaumont

Practice: Beaumont Building Design

Web: [beaumontbuildingdesign.com.au](http://beaumontbuildingdesign.com.au)

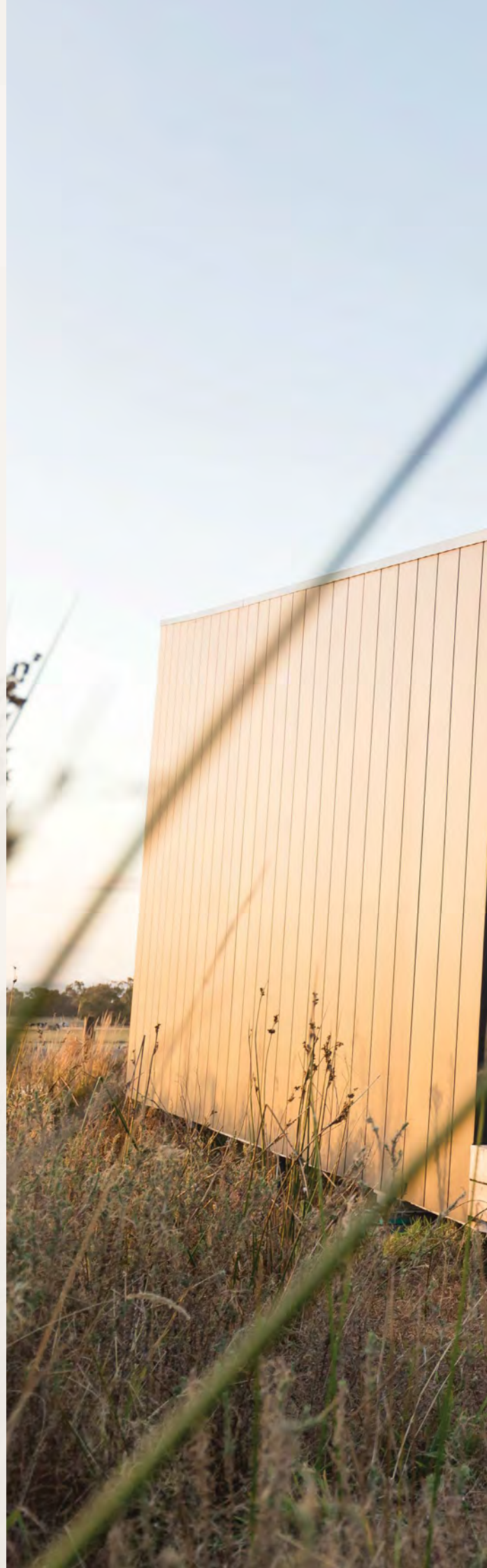
Photographer: Kim Keltie Photography

### DESIGN

The EcoHut, designed by Ashley Beaumont, reimagines secondary dwellings and granny flats through a lens of sustainable building design. Launched in October 2022, the EcoHut range offers an escape from modern urban life with meticulously curated design elements, such as sculpted ply-lined ceilings, creating a luxurious and surprising accommodation experience.

Emphasising sustainability and eco-friendly materials, EcoHut highlights the benefits of staying close to nature and explores revenue generation through premium accommodations, catering to travelers seeking secluded and localised experiences.

Featuring one and two-bedroom modular cabins, EcoHut provides versatile solutions, from deluxe tourist accommodations to tranquil retreats or functional studios. The commitment to harmonious coexistence with the Australian environment shines through in this unique project, offering exceptional quality, contemporary design, and sustainability in a serene rural setting.





EcoHut 1A



**WINNER**

Secondary Dwellings / Granny Flats  
**Eco Hut, Designer: Ashley Beaumont**







**WINNER**

Multi - Residential Buildings





## TUGUN APARTMENTS

Designer: Boris Stankovic

Practice: Boris Design Pty Ltd

## DESIGN

The Tugun Apartments, designed by Boris Stankovic of Boris Design P/L, stand as a testament to coastal luxury and contemporary design. Nestled on the beachfront, this project comprises 6 luxury apartments and 2 two-storey penthouses, each offering breathtaking ocean views.

The design seamlessly blends organic modern interiors with a coastal-style facade, creating a harmonious connection between the indoors and the beachside environment. The rooftop decks, a highlight of the project, provide an unparalleled 360-degree panorama of the coastline, offering residents an extraordinary living experience.

Boris Design P/L's meticulous attention to detail and commitment to connecting people with their surroundings shine through in the Tugun Apartments, where every aspect of the design, from materials to context, has been thoughtfully considered to create a truly exemplary space by the beach.





**WINNER**

Multi - Residential Buildings (up to 3 storeys)



## BANDALONG DUPLEX

Designer: Brad Read

Practice: BRD Group

Web: [brdg.com.au](http://brdg.com.au)





## DESIGN

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Bandalong Duplex, designed by Brad Read of BRD Group, represents a pinnacle of contemporary coastal living in Southeast Queensland. These luxurious duplex units are meticulously crafted to cater to the needs of both families and those with a penchant for entertaining.

The project stands as a striking landmark, exhibiting a strong street presence and incorporating subtle design elements that pay homage to the unique coastal surroundings. The choice of materials and the carefully curated colour palette seamlessly blend modernity with the essence of coastal charm, creating a harmonious living experience.

Brad Read's design sensibilities shine through in every detail of Bandalong Duplex, reflecting his ability to create spaces that are not just functional but also aesthetically pleasing. The project is a testament to his vision and expertise in delivering exceptional residential spaces.





**WINNER**

Multi - Residential Buildings (over 3 storeys)



## ESSENCE COTTON TREE

Designer: Brad Read

Practice: BRD Group

Web: [brdg.com.au](http://brdg.com.au)

## DESIGN

Essence Cotton Tree, masterfully designed by Brad Read of BRD Group, stands as a testament to luxurious coastal living. This multi-residential/mixed-use project is strategically positioned to maximize breathtaking coastal views while offering generous living spaces for owner/occupiers.

At ground level, the retail offerings have transformed into sought-after dining destinations, featuring elevated parkland views and outdoor terraces with a northern aspect. Essence has not only achieved impressive sales rates but has also exceeded expectations in re-sales, solidifying its status as a highly desirable development in the local community.

Brad Read's design prowess shines through in every aspect of Essence, where attention to detail and a commitment to delivering excellence are evident. This project is a testament to his ability to create living spaces that seamlessly blend opulence with functionality, offering residents a truly elevated living experience.



**WINNER**

Heritage Buildings / Adaptive Re-use



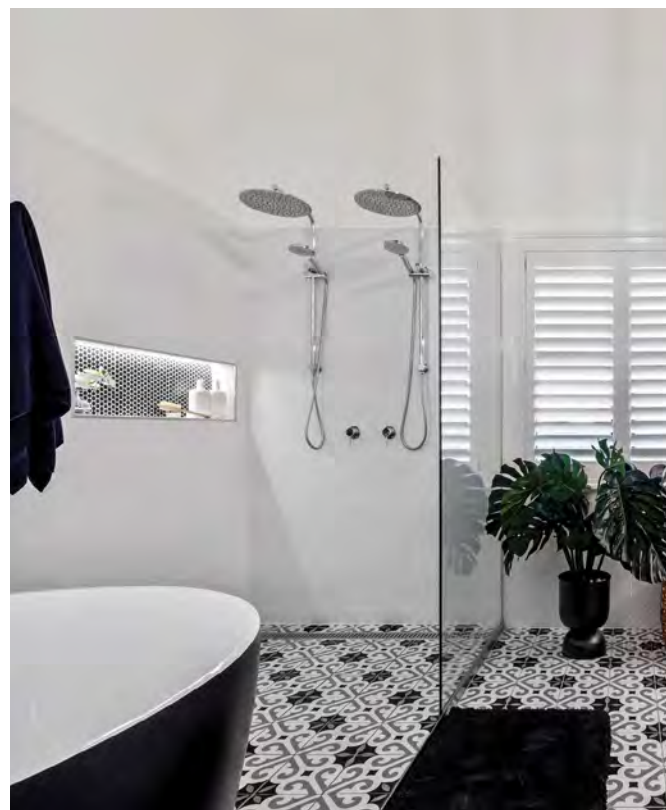
## THE MANOR BARGARA

Designer: Chris McCabe

Practice: DCM Building Design

Web: [dcmbuildingdesign.com.au](http://dcmbuildingdesign.com.au)

Photographer: Cade Media





## DESIGN

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The Manor Bargara, a historic treasure, has undergone a remarkable revival under the skillful guidance of DCM Building Design, a renowned design practice founded by Duncan Cox and Chris McCabe on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. Originally constructed in the early 1900s and relocated from Bundaberg to Bargara in 1964, this home with a rich past has been meticulously restored and modernised.

A promise made during its sale in 2022 to embrace its unique character while infusing modern comforts has been beautifully fulfilled through a collaborative effort between DCM Building Design and their clients. The result is a space where history seamlessly intertwines with contemporary living. Once a hub for community gatherings and ballroom dancing, The Manor Bargara now embarks on a new chapter as a stunning holiday retreat, creating cherished moments for families and friends.

DCM Building Design's passion for blending coastal beauty with timeless functionality shines through in this transformative project, embodying their ethos of Design. Collaborate. Marvel.





**WINNER**

Public Buildings / Structures



## SOUTH LAUNCESTON EARLY LEARNING

Designer: Cam Raymond

Practice: Raymond Design





## DESIGN

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Cam Raymond of Raymond Design has orchestrated a remarkable transformation with South Launceston Early Learning. This project is a testament to the designer's prowess in repurposing a century-old building into a vibrant childcare center. The endeavour was not without its challenges, but the result is a space that rekindles the spirit of childhood.

The center serves as a haven where kids can truly be kids, emphasising unstructured play, exploration, and self-discovery. Raymond Design's expertise in planning and designing childcare and early learning centers is evident in the thoughtful layout and design elements.





**WINNER**

Commercial Buildings



## BRIGHTLY BOULEVARD CHILDCARE

Designer: Tung Fei Lau

Practice: Jesse Ant Architects

Web: [jesseantarchitects.com.au](http://jesseantarchitects.com.au)

Photographer: David Liao





## DESIGN

Nestled in Truganina, VIC, the Brighton Boulevard Childcare center, designed by Tung Fei Lau from Jesse Ant Architects, stands as a testament to innovative educational spaces. This Melbourne-based medium-sized firm brings its extensive experience in residential, educational, healthcare, and commercial projects to create exceptional designs. Brighton Childcare offers a convenient and accessible location for parents in a newly developed residential area, with the added benefit of proximity to a park.

The design is focused on creating an exceptional learning and play environment for children. The entrance and foyer feature a welcoming double-height space, designed to engage and captivate young minds. A unique chain downpipe produces delightful sounds, adding an element of fun and sensory stimulation.

The project places great emphasis on sustainability and natural light, with extensive use of full-height windows to create a bright and inviting atmosphere. The exterior cladding incorporates timber-finished aluminum, blending aesthetics with easy maintenance. A continuous canopy not only adds visual appeal but also provides shade and functionality, enhancing the overall coherence.



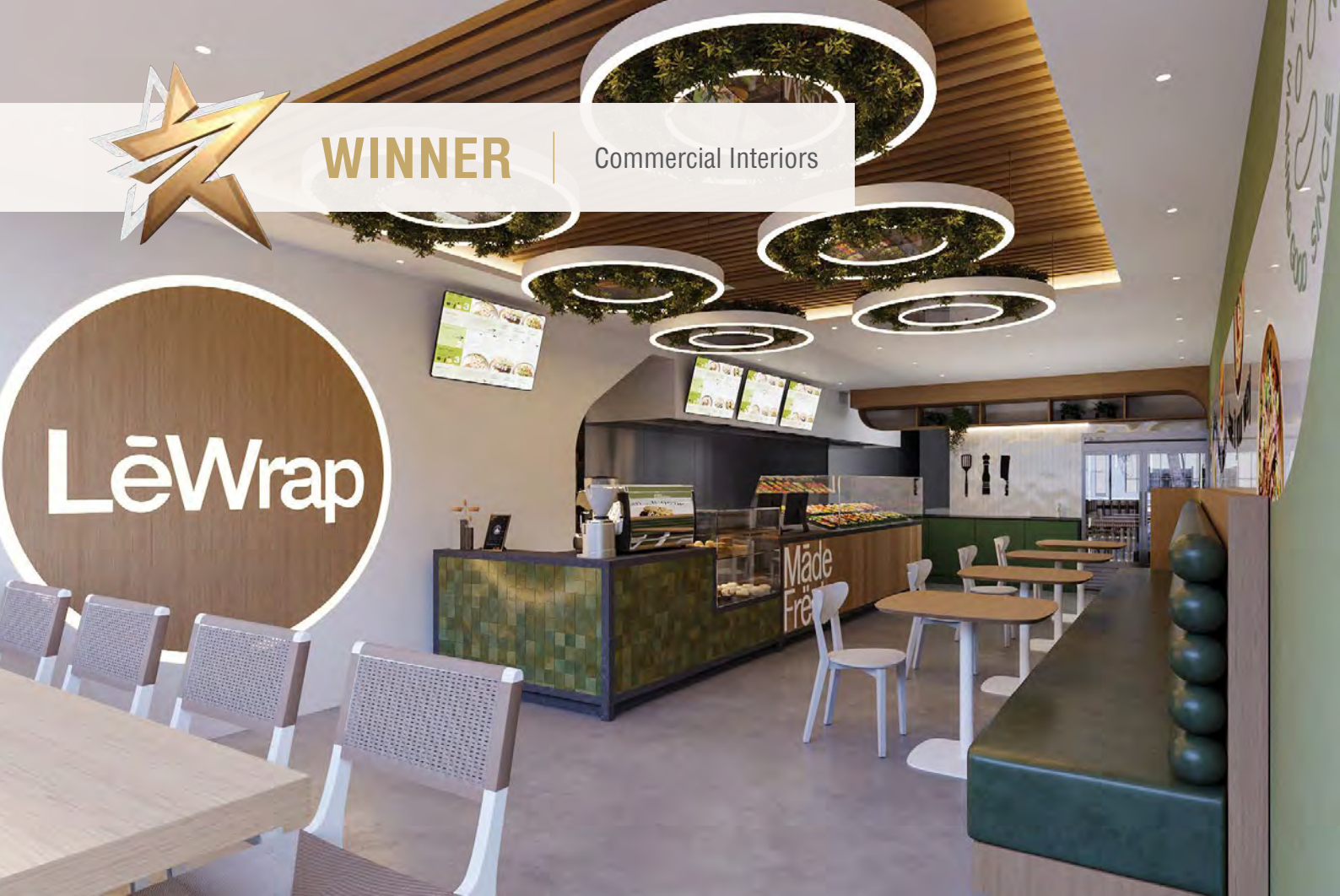
Accommodating up to 102 children, Brighton Childcare is designed to be safe, stimulating, and engaging. It reflects Jesse Ant Architects' commitment to delivering artful, functional, and sustainable designs that positively impact the lives of individuals and the communities they serve. This project is poised to become a valuable asset to the Truganina community, showcasing the firm's dedication to creating exceptional spaces for living, working, learning, and leisure.





**WINNER**

Commercial Interiors



## LE WRAP

Designer: Elie Sleiman

Practice: ES Design

Web: [es.com.au](http://es.com.au)



## DESIGN

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Le Wrap, a commercial interiors project overseen by Elie Sleiman of Interiors by ES, draws inspiration from the brand's story. The design narrative is deeply rooted in the exotic flavors and freshness of Le Wrap's food offerings, resulting in a vibrant and inviting space.

The shop fitout embodies this concept of flair with organic curves, seamless finishes, and a striking, funky build. The suspended feature circular lights adorned with lush greenery stand out as a centerpiece, serving as a visual reminder of Le Wrap's unique design identity.

The color palette, featuring white, green, timber, and concrete, aligns perfectly with the notion of "freshness," creating an inviting and visually appealing ambiance. Elie Sleiman's Interiors by ES ensures that every aspect of the project is tailored to the brand's individual needs, making Le Wrap a distinct and memorable commercial interior space.





**WINNER**

Industrial Buildings



## THE QUARTER

Designer: Aleksandar Sasa Nikolic

Practice: ExedraStudio Pty Ltd



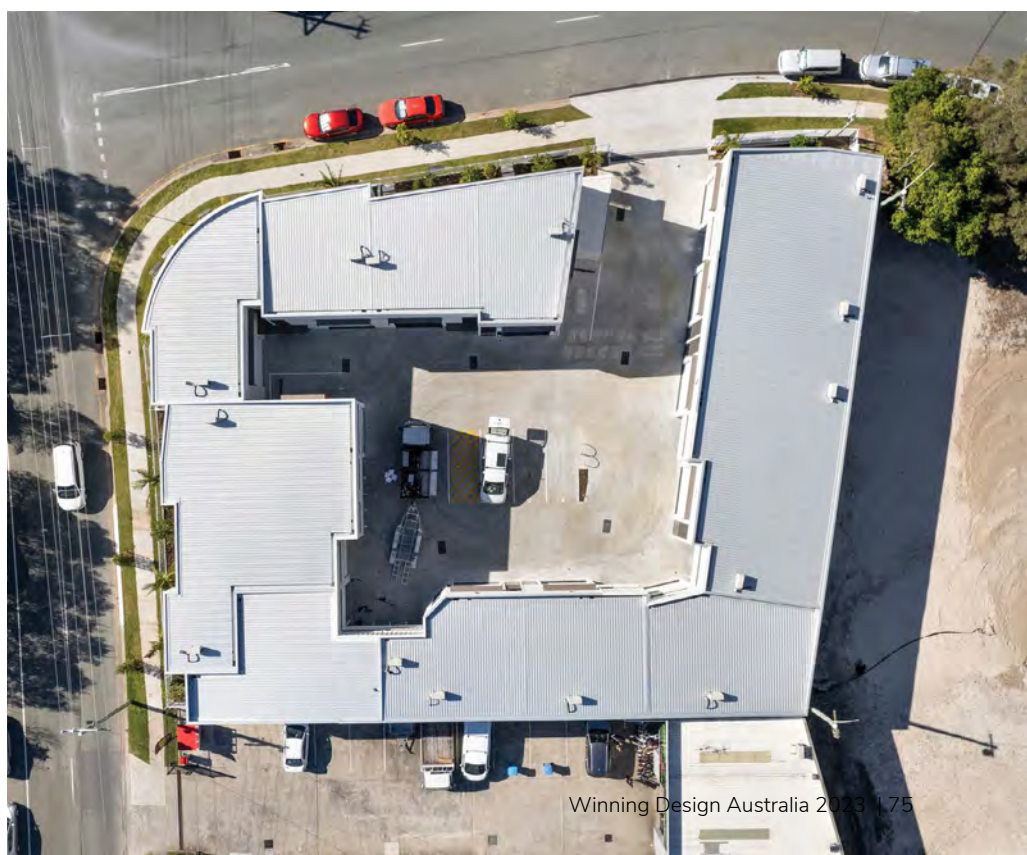


## DESIGN

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The Quarter, a groundbreaking project led by Aleksandar S. Nikolic of ExedraStudio, redefines industrial design in Burleigh Heads. This visionary endeavor, in partnership with Hipwood Group, transcends traditional warehouse concepts to create a vibrant and highly functional workspace. Featuring 14 adaptable industrial units, The Quarter caters to diverse businesses, offering amenities like private bathrooms, mezzanine areas, kitchenettes, motorized roller doors, and expansive alfresco spaces.

The exterior design seamlessly blends modern materials with lush tropical landscaping, reflecting the distinctive Burleigh Heads aesthetic. Working closely with clients and consultants, Nikolic has delivered a business precinct that not only exudes quality but also complements the Gold Coast's natural surroundings and the laid-back Burleigh Heads lifestyle. This project marks a bold step forward in industrial design innovation.





**WINNER**

Small Lot Housing (max. lot 350 sqm)



## DESIGN

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Ashbury, a project led by Reece Keil, stands as a testament to innovative small lot housing design. This project showcases a remarkable fusion of creative vision and practicality, maximising the utilisation of limited space.

The design emphasises both functionality and aesthetics, offering a harmonious living experience within the constraints of small lot housing. Ashbury illustrates how thoughtful and innovative design can transform even compact spaces into inviting and high-quality living environments.

Reece Keil's extensive experience in the field, with a portfolio spanning national and international projects, underscores his dedication to pushing the boundaries of high-end residential design. In this project, Ashbury exemplifies the creative possibilities within small lot housing, demonstrating that quality of life need not be compromised by spatial limitations.



### ASHBURY

Designer: Reece Keil

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Practice: Reece Keil Design

Web: [reecekeildesign.com.au](http://reecekeildesign.com.au)





**WINNER**

Student Design



## PERFORMING ARTS HUB

Designer: Samuel Mollema





## DESIGN

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Samuel Mollema, a recent graduate of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, embarked on this project alongside fellow student Mitchell Gleeson. Together, they conceived a 4-story Performing Arts Building at the corner of Lygon and Earl streets in Carlton, Vic, aptly named the "Gateway" to the new Vocational Education Precinct.

This striking structure boasts a mass timber construction and a dynamic kinetic facade that responds to the wind, setting a new standard for sustainability. Inside, you'll discover a vibrant array of spaces, including dance studios, a stage, a band room, a rooftop terrace, an outdoor amphitheater, and essential amenities, all designed to a 6-Star Standard, making it a hub for performance, production, and study. Samuel's multifaceted talents shine through in this inspiring project.





WINNER

Unbuilt Work



## ILLUMINANCE

Designer: Aleksandar Sasa Nikolic

Practice: ExedraStudio Pty Ltd

## DESIGN

Aleksandar Sasa Nikolic, a passionate professional with a European M. Arch degree, has carved a niche in Australia's design landscape. His firm, ExedraStudio Pty Ltd, specialises in functional, contemporary, and climate-responsive designs. Illuminance, a 30-story residential tower in Southport CBD, Gold Coast, showcases his expertise.

This tower houses 247 apartments, 278 parking spaces, and an impressive 47,156m<sup>2</sup> GFA. Nikolic's ingenious use of space includes basement and ground-level parking, while the podium fosters street-level connectivity and offers amenities like a manager's unit, pool, and communal areas.

Illuminance's sustainability shines through passive elements like green walls, vertical gardens, and carefully placed openings, all shielded from Queensland's sun by shades and louvres. Ocean-inspired shapes soften the tower's appearance and seamlessly blend it with its surroundings.

Nikolic's design experience with Illuminance highlights functionality, sustainability, and aesthetics, setting a high standard for future projects that prioritise energy efficiency, occupant comfort, and visual appeal.





**WINNER**

Passive House



## ROWNTREE STREET PASSIVE HOUSE

Designer: Tracy Graham

Practice: Connected Design

Web: [connecteddesign.com.au](http://connecteddesign.com.au)

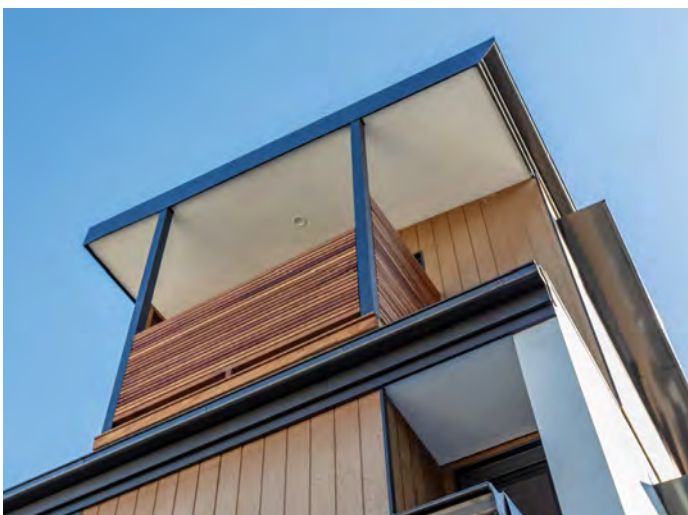
Photographer: Andy Wood – Real 2 Reel  
Productions

## DESIGN

Tracy Graham, Director of Connected Design, is renowned for her expertise in collaborative and streamlined building design that places a premium on sustainability and value. The Rowntree Street Passive House project in Balmain is a testament to her vision and skill.

Despite the challenges of a compact 101.2 sqm block, Tracy's innovative approach resulted in a generous 110 sqm of living space, featuring a master bedroom with breathtaking city views, all while meeting the rigorous Passivhaus standards.

The outcome is a certified Passivhaus that harmonises beauty, comfort, and sustainability, offering a model for future generations of environmentally conscious design.





**WINNER**

Concept Design



## CASA DE LUZ

Designer: Hugo Grozdanovic

Practice: Hugo Design

Web: [hugodesign.com.au](http://hugodesign.com.au)





## DESIGN

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Casa De Luz, designed by Hugo Grozdanovic of Hugo Design, is a concept that embodies complexity and multifaceted elements. This stunning residence in Indooroopilly, Brisbane, sits on a 1457sqm site with a Northeast-facing backyard. The extensive and passionate brief from the owners challenged the designer to create a cohesive, functional, and environmentally conscious home that exceeded expectations.

The design features a captivating facade with curves that balance the horizontal plane of the site, strategically placed floor-to-ceiling glazing, and landscaping zones for privacy. The facade harmoniously combines various textural elements with concrete structures, resulting in a visually pleasing and dramatic street presence.

Casa De Luz is not just aesthetically pleasing; it also meets the Liveable Housing Australia (LHA) Gold Level standards for equitable access and usage. Hugo Design's meticulous attention to detail and commitment to delivering excellence shine through in this concept design, showcasing a home that's both functionally exceptional and visually striking.





**WINNER**

Landscape Design



## THE GLASS HOUSE GARDEN

Designer: Lisette Marchant

Practice: Costata Landscape Design

Web: [costata.com.au](http://costata.com.au)





## DESIGN

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The Glass House Garden, a project envisioned by Lisette Marchant of Costata Landscape Design, transforms a bayside property into a scenic and tranquil retreat. Designed for a retired couple, this second home is surrounded by coastal hills and bordered by wild Australian forest.

Costata Landscape Design was tasked with enhancing the landscape and creating a cohesive environment. The centerpiece is a 20-meter swim lane pool, strategically positioned to mirror the existing bay and bush colors. The pool terrace features salt-resistant sandstone paving, complementing the natural surroundings.

Recycled sandstone steps wind through boulders, leading to a firepit nestled among existing rocks, providing a captivating gathering spot with stunning views. The garden was thoughtfully replanted with a mix of native and exotic species suited to the coastal location.

Lisette Marchant's approach emphasises transparent communication with clients and contractors, ensuring a seamless journey from concept to completion. The Glass House Garden beautifully marries nature and design, creating an idyllic escape in harmony with its surroundings.





**WINNER**

Documentation Quality



## DESIGN

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Coledale Ave, a project undertaken by Alejandro Urena Sandoval of Alex Urena Design Studio, exemplifies the commitment to quality in documentation. This Bulli-based Building Design Practice specialises in crafting custom-designed residential projects with meticulous attention to detail.

The project presented a unique opportunity to design a house that harmonises privacy with breathtaking views. It showcases the skillful utilisation of site constraints as design assets, resulting in a residence that balances style and functionality seamlessly.

Alejandro Urena Sandoval, drawing from his experience in Peru and his passion for residential design, offers personalised attention to clients' lifestyles and needs, ensuring that each project is a unique and custom creation. Coledale Ave. stands as a testament to the studio's dedication to producing quality residential designs that resonate with their surroundings and clients.



## COLEDALE AVE.

Designer: Alejandro Urena Sandoval

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Practice: Alex Urena Design Studio Pty Ltd

Web: [alexurena.net](http://alexurena.net)

Photographer: Shaw Photography





**WINNER**

Kitchen Design



## CHIC MARRICKVILLE DUPLEX

Designer: Spiroula Stathakis

Practice: FOS Collective

Web: [foscollective.com.au](https://foscollective.com.au)

Photographer: Alisha Rae





## DESIGN

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The Chic Marrickville Duplex kitchen design, a creation of FOS Collective under the visionary leadership of Spiroula Stathakis, is a testament to their core principles of inspiration, education, and collaboration. Nestled in the vibrant Marrickville neighborhood, the Beauchamp St double dwellings were masterfully designed to align with the area's dynamic demographic.

The project, strategically crafted for sale, strikes a harmonious balance between bold design choices and timeless appeal. Biophilic design elements, such as a central glass enclosure, seamlessly integrate nature into the living spaces, fostering a sense of connection to the outdoors.

The project's aesthetic brilliance shines through the judicious use of sage green in the kitchen's joinery and thoughtfully incorporated lighting features, exemplifying Spiroula Stathakis' unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional designs that inspire and captivate.





# WINNER

Dual Occupancy



## CORREYS

Designer: Elie Sleiman

Practice: ES Design

Web: [es.com.au](http://es.com.au)

Photographer: Simon Whitbread

## DESIGN

Correys, a testament to the artistry of designer Elie Sleiman, is a luxury duplex that exudes sophistication and embraces a Nordic-inspired, minimalist aesthetic. The design is an urban oasis, featuring open-plan living spaces that seamlessly blend functionality with spaciousness, creating a contemporary masterpiece adorned with clean lines and flawless finishes.

The project's standout features include gracefully curved entry walls with a Marmorino finish and the intriguing Sostanza effect on curved feature walls, achieved through an ultra-fine cement-based fairing coat in each bathroom. The construction of these curved walls demanded meticulous planning and precision, with minimal tolerances to ensure a flawless fusion of stone tops within the curved spaces.

Correys is a showcase of intricacies, both inside and out, with textured rendered finishes juxtaposed against white face brick accents. The external facade boasts a distinctive curved planter box, adding a touch of uniqueness to this remarkable design, which perfectly exemplifies Designer Elie Sleiman's commitment to tailored, innovative creations.





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**WINNER**

Dual Occupancy  
Correys, Designer: Elie Sleiman







**WINNER**

Liveable Housing Design



## KIRRAWEE HEMPCRETE DUPLEX

Designer: Tracy Graham

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Practice: Connected Design

Web: [connecteddesign.com.au](http://connecteddesign.com.au)

Photographer: Sam McAdam-Cooper





## DESIGN

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The Kirrawee Hempcrete Duplex, a project led by Tracy Graham of Connected Design, exemplifies the philosophy that an accessible home can cater to all generations. It embraces passive design principles and natural building materials, creating a healthy and sustainable living environment that minimises heating and cooling needs.

Connected Design's dedication to collaboration and communication is evident in this project's success, emphasising the value of partnerships with clients, builders, and consultants. The result is an all-electric home that not only saves clients money but also reduces its environmental impact.

Nick Sowden from Sowden Building Solutions played a pivotal role in bringing this vision to life, working closely with Tracy Graham and the design team from the project's inception to its completion. The Kirrawee Hempcrete Duplex stands as a testament to the power of collaboration, design innovation, and sustainable living.





**WINNER**

Thermal Design Excellence Award



## OPAL STREET

Designer: Kendra Clancy

Practice: Easy Building Green P/L

Web: [easybuildinggreen.com.au](http://easybuildinggreen.com.au)





## DESIGN

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Kendra Clancy, a thermal performance assessor with a passion for sustainable living, brings her expertise to the Opal Street project. With a background in commercial and upscale residential projects, Kendra's career spans over two decades, including a tenure as an Environmentally Sustainable Design consultant and accreditation as an Energy Rater.

Opal Street exemplifies Easy Building Green's integrated design and construction approach, achieving an impressive 6.0-star energy rating. This success is attributed to the strategic insulation and sealing of the existing structure and clever passive design elements in the extension, such as cross-flow ventilation, north-facing glazing, and efficient layouts.

Kendra's commitment to sustainability, coupled with her knack for early customer engagement and design integrity, has consistently delivered high-quality outcomes in her collaborations with Easy Building Green. Opal Street stands as a testament to her dedication to eco-conscious, cost-effective, and aesthetically pleasing renovations.





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# Commendations

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BDAA National Design Awards 2023

The Building Designers Association of Australia (BDAA) is not only about honouring the pinnacle of design achievement but also about celebrating the remarkable ingenuity and creativity that flourish at all levels of our industry. Our Commendations serve as a significant chapter in this narrative, lauding the exceptional talents that may not have clinched the top award but have nonetheless made an indelible mark in the realm of Australian building design.

Commendations recognise the dedication, skill, and innovation that contribute to the rich tapestry of the Australian built environment. Every submission that has earned a Commendation has undergone the same rigorous scrutiny by our expert panel of judges and has demonstrated a level of excellence that deserves public acclaim.

As you explore the subsequent pages, we are delighted to spotlight the noteworthy recipients of the 2023 BDAA Commendations. These designs captivate the imagination and challenge conventional wisdom. They exhibit a commitment to sustainability, functionality, and aesthetic excellence that enriches our understanding of what is feasible and admirable in modern Australian design.

To all our 2023 Commendees, congratulations on your outstanding contributions. Your work shines brightly, contributing to the ongoing evolution and enrichment of Australian building design.



## COMMENDATION

Chris Reardon Memorial Award  
for Sustainable Buildings



### ECOLIV YEA OFF GRID

Designer: Ashley Beaumont

Practice: Beaumont Building Design

Web: [beaumontbuildingdesign.com.au](http://beaumontbuildingdesign.com.au)

Photographer: Seagrass Films

### DESIGN

Ashley Beaumont, armed with three decades of building design experience, founded Ecoliv with a strong commitment to sustainability, a vision impeccably realised in the Yea Off Grid project. This modular home proudly boasts a remarkable 7-star energy rating while adhering to sustainable practices that minimise waste through the strategic use of 900mm building materials and recycling.

Nestled in a tranquil valley where the Yea and Goulburn rivers converge, this dwelling serves as a serene retreat from the hustle and bustle of urban life. It operates autonomously, thanks to a PV solar array and a 13.2kWh battery storage system, which capture rainwater and treat wastewater on-site, ensuring operational carbon neutrality.

The Yea Off Grid project champions sustainable construction methods, incorporating recycled glass Earthwool Batts, energy-efficient Vantage double-glazed doors and windows, and low-formaldehyde materials like Greenfirst by Laminex, boasting an impressive E0 rating.

Solar power takes center stage with a 7.4kw off-grid system and battery storage, rendering the Yea Project a self-sustaining energy hub. A successful blower door test underscores the project's commitment to energy efficiency, resulting in improved air tightness and air quality.







# COMMENDATION

New Residential Buildings  
(up to \$600,000)



## FLETCHER ST.

Designer: Alejandro Urena Sandoval

Practice: Alex Urena Design Studio Pty Ltd

Web: [alexurena.net](http://alexurena.net)

Photographer: Shaw Photography





## DESIGN

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Alejandro Urena Sandoval, a Building Designer based in Bulli, brings a wealth of experience and a global perspective to the Fletcher St. project. Originally from Peru, where he worked as a registered Architect between 2002 and 2010, Alex transitioned to Australia in 2010, becoming a BDAA full member with Accreditation as a Building Designer in 2013.

Fletcher St. provided a unique canvas for Alex to exercise his design skills. Situated within a heritage street, the challenge was to create a compact house that not only optimised space but also enhanced the perception of space. Alex's approach revolves around using site constraints as design assets.

His meticulous attention to detail and deep commitment to understanding clients' lifestyles and needs shine through in Fletcher St. Each project is a testament to his ability to produce custom residences that harmonise with their context while offering ingenious solutions for space flow and natural light. This project is a fine example of his dedication to quality residential design.





# COMMENDATION

New Residential Buildings  
(\$601,000 to \$999,000)



## THE GOLDING HOME

Designer: Toni White

Practice: Straightline Studio Co

Web: [straightlinestudioco.com.au](http://straightlinestudioco.com.au)

Photographer: Bolt Media





## DESIGN

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The Golding Home, envisioned by Toni White, director of Straightline Studio Co., is a masterful example of residential design that seamlessly blends modern country charm with suburban living. With 17 years of experience in the field and a background in drafting and a Bachelor of Architecture from The University of Sydney, Toni White's expertise shines through in this project.

This home stands as a testament to Toni's ability to create a space that perfectly integrates into its suburban surroundings while exuding a timeless rural elegance. The design maximises the site's orientation, flooding the interiors with abundant natural light throughout the day, without compromising the views and privacy of the occupants or the neighboring homes.

The Golding Home strikes a harmonious balance between the demands of contemporary living and the aesthetics of a countryside retreat. Toni White's skillful approach to design ensures that this residence is a shining example of how a home can blend seamlessly into its environment while offering modern comforts and charm.





# COMMENDATION

New Residential Buildings  
(\$1.0m to \$1.5m)



## DESIGN

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Ashbury, a project overseen by the seasoned industry expert Reece Keil, exemplifies the culmination of his two decades of prowess. Reece Keil's wealth of experience spans from his early years as a lead designer within a multifaceted firm to more recent years of independent practice, primarily focusing on residential design excellence.

Reece Keil Design, led by Reece Keil himself, is a boutique design firm located on the picturesque Gold Coast. With an unwavering commitment to crafting bespoke residential designs, the firm tackles every project as a unique challenge, tirelessly striving to deliver the pinnacle of quality, regardless of budget constraints.

Ashbury stands as a testament to this commitment, reflecting Reece Keil's devotion to marrying aesthetics with functionality. This project has become a shining jewel on the Gold Coast, showcasing Reece Keil's ability to produce outstanding residential dwellings, setting the stage for his future endeavors, which will include high-end residential and resort projects across Australia and the Oceania international region.



### ASHBURY

Designer: Reece Keil

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Practice: Reece Keil Design

Web: [reecekeildesign.com.au](http://reecekeildesign.com.au)





# COMMENDATION

New Residential Buildings  
(\$1.0m to \$1.5m)



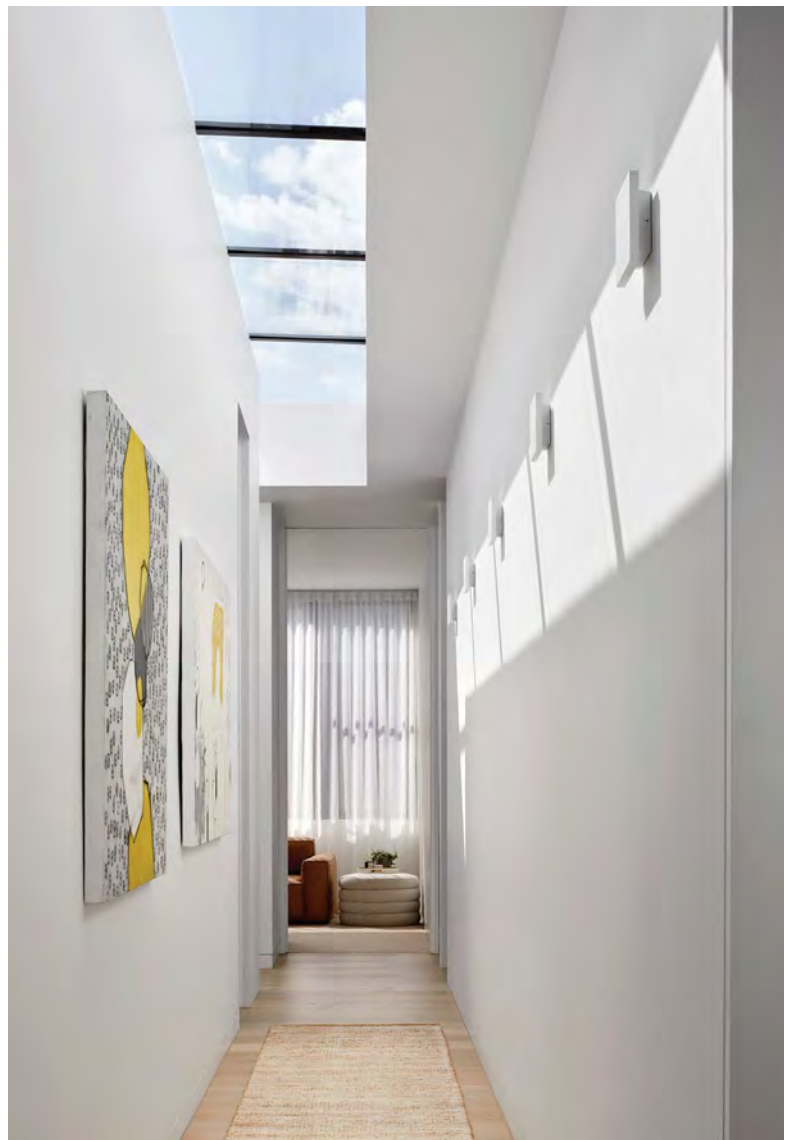
## MOUNT ELIZA BEACH HOUSE

Designer: Sky Tiong

Practice: Sky Architect Studio Pty Ltd

Web: [skyarchitectstudio.com.au](http://skyarchitectstudio.com.au)

Photographer: Tatjana Plitt





## DESIGN

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Sky Tiong of Sky Architect Studio has crafted the Mount Eliza Beach House as a striking U-shaped "glasshouse," seamlessly merging the indoors with the natural surroundings through expansive windows and a continuous hallway skylight. The minimalist design, characterised by varying ceiling heights and a cantilevered master bedroom, imparts a sense of weightlessness reminiscent of nearby Mornington beach's gentle waves.

This dwelling exemplifies timeless principles, incorporating passive solar and sustainable design elements within its U-shaped layout. All living spaces and bedrooms open onto a secluded courtyard through floor-to-ceiling glass, fostering a profound connection between the interior and exterior environments.

The design's family-centric approach encourages bonding among parents and their three children, providing visual connections between spaces while allowing for privacy through sliding partitions. Each bedroom features daybeds against windows overlooking the courtyard and swimming pool, creating a vibrant atmosphere and captivating aquatic lighting effects.





# COMMENDATION

New Residential Buildings  
(\$1.51m to \$1.99m)



**DENISON**

Designer: Elie Sleiman

Practice: ES Design

Web: [es.com.au](http://es.com.au)

Photographer: William Karl





## DESIGN

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Elie Sleiman, the visionary behind ES Design, has masterminded the Denison project, a true testament to luxury and sophistication. This boutique development is a mesmerising fusion of feature curves, seamlessly weaving through both its interior and exterior spaces, creating a visual spectacle.

The project's façade makes a bold statement with unparalleled quality and precision in its finishing touches. Innovative design elements have been meticulously incorporated to flood the interiors with an abundance of natural light, resulting in spaces that exude opulence and comfort, with a seamless connection between the indoors and outdoors.

The exterior aesthetics of the Denison project are a visual delight, featuring a rendered façade embellished with timber elements. Integrated timber cladding on the garage and entry door blends seamlessly with the lush natural surroundings. The addition of circular skylights serves as a distinctive and elegant touch, elevating the entire development to a level of sophistication that defines luxury living.

Elie Sleiman's ES Design has crafted a masterpiece in the Denison project, offering a glimpse into a world of timeless elegance and modern living. This development is more than just a structure; it's a work of art designed to provide residents with the epitome of luxurious and comfortable living.





# COMMENDATION

New Residential Buildings  
(\$1.51m to \$1.99m)



## VANTAGE

Designer: Reece Keil

Practice: Reece Keil Design

Web: [reecekeildesign.com.au](http://reecekeildesign.com.au)





## DESIGN

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Reece Keil Design's latest project, known as Vantage, is a testament to their expertise in bespoke residential design. Located on the Gold Coast, Vantage is a high-end residential dwelling that showcases Reece Keil's visionary approach to interior detailing.

The project stands as a harmonious blend of form and function, offering residents a living space that exudes luxury and functionality in equal measure. With meticulous attention to detail, Vantage exemplifies the firm's commitment to delivering top-quality projects, regardless of budget constraints.

This residential masterpiece is a true reflection of Reece Keil Design's ability to create unique and captivating living spaces that cater to the needs and desires of their clients. Vantage not only represents excellence but also the firm's dedication to pushing the boundaries of creativity and innovation in the realm of bespoke residential design.





# COMMENDATION

New Residential Buildings  
(\$2.0m to \$2.99m)



## WAREEMBA

Designer: Elie Sleiman

Practice: ES Design

Web: [es.com.au](http://es.com.au)

Photographer: Ryan Linnegar





## DESIGN

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Elie Sleiman's Wareemba project stands as a remarkable achievement, perched strategically on elevated terrain, affording breathtaking water vistas. The project's most distinctive challenge lay in the irregular lot shape, ingeniously dictating the positioning and form of the dwellings. This puzzle resulted in the dominance of angular, curved shapes on the first floor, creating a captivating interplay of forms against the more private and set-back ground floor entry.

Within these dwellings, an inviting Mediterranean-style aesthetic infuses the interiors with an airy, light-filled atmosphere, seamlessly connecting them to the coastal surroundings. The transition from the captivating front facade to the interior spaces invokes a dynamic journey through diverse styles, evoking the essence of coastal living.

Wareemba's rear yards are thoughtfully designed to follow the natural contours of the land, creating multiple platforms. These platforms cater to a range of activities, from the inclusion of small plunge pools to open spaces, ensuring a harmonious fusion of natural beauty and luxurious living in this exceptional project. Elie Sleiman's masterful design in Wareemba is a testament to innovation and a celebration of design living at its finest.





# COMMENDATION

New Residential Buildings  
(\$2.0m to \$2.99m)

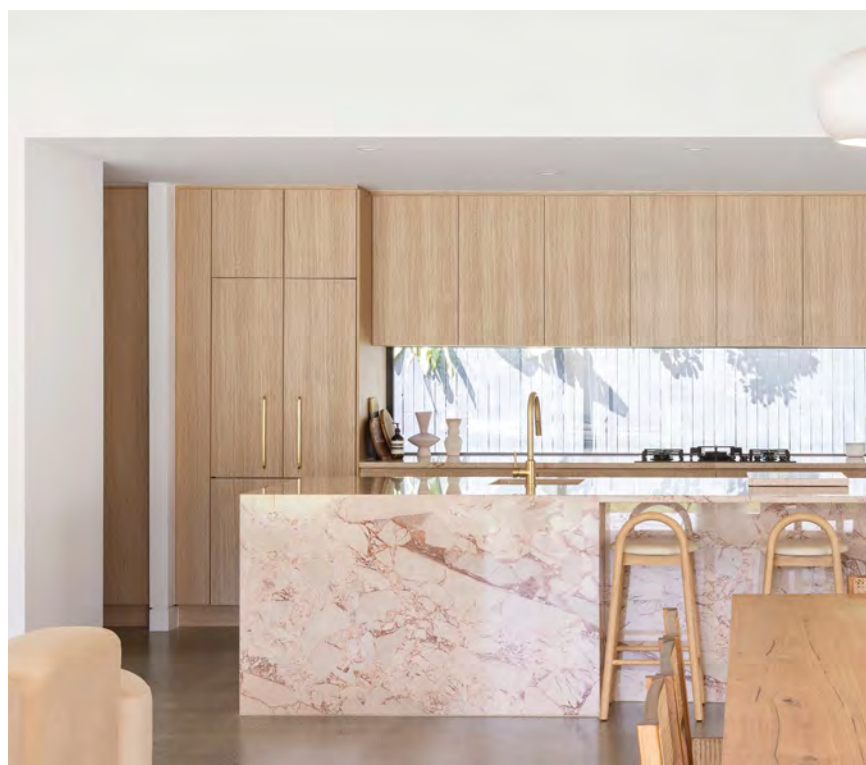


## TALLECASA

Designer: Reece Keil

Practice: Reece Keil Design

Web: [reecekeildesign.com.au](http://reecekeildesign.com.au)





## DESIGN

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TalleCasa, designed by Reece Keil, is a striking embodiment of his two decades of industry experience. This project represents his profound expertise in both design and documentation, having spent 13 years perfecting his craft in independent practice, with a specific focus on mid and high-end residential projects.

TalleCasa showcases Reece Keil's commitment to high-end residential design, a passion that has evolved and thrived throughout his career. Located on the Gold Coast, this project, under the banner of Reece Keil Design, encapsulates his approach of harmonising function and form in a bespoke, client-centric manner.

The project transcends geographical boundaries, reflecting Reece Keil's aspiration to venture into bespoke resort projects across the Oceania international region. His adeptness in master planning, building design, and interior design positions TalleCasa as a stellar example of ingenuity and a harmonious blend of aesthetics and functionality.





# COMMENDATION

New Residential Buildings  
(\$2.0m to \$2.99m)



**NEU**

Designer: Stuart Osman

Practice: Stuart Osman Building Designs

Web: [stuartosman.com.au](http://stuartosman.com.au)





## DESIGN

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Designed by Stuart Osman, Neu Burleigh stands as a transformative project that redefines coastal living in Burleigh. Focused on custom residential design, Stuart Osman brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this groundbreaking endeavor, setting new benchmarks in the region and elevating the concept of luxury living.

Neu Burleigh's defining feature is its striking and distinctive facade, showcasing Stuart Osman's meticulous attention to detail and craftsmanship. This facade not only makes a bold statement but also embodies the project's character and style.

Within Neu Burleigh, a seamless blend of luxury and practicality is achieved, offering three spacious bedrooms and a deluxe master suite complete with a lavish ensuite and a well-conceived walk-in robe, providing the epitome of comfort and convenience.

The heart of this residence lies in its spacious and welcoming casual living area, effortlessly extending to a poolside outdoor entertainment space with breathtaking water views. This design captures the essence of coastal living, creating an inviting space for relaxation and leisure.





## COMMENDATION

New Residential Buildings  
(over \$3.0m)



### ELYSIUM

Designer: Michael Tomlinson

Practice: Mi Design Studio Pty Ltd

Web: [midesignstudio.com.au](http://midesignstudio.com.au)

### DESIGN

Elysium, envisioned by Michael Tomlinson of Mi Design Studio, is a remarkable project that showcases his extensive experience in the industry since 1992. Throughout his career, he has amassed numerous awards and has demonstrated a deep passion for every aspect of design. Elysium, however, is where his expertise truly shines.

This project's distinctive feature lies in its audacious approach to design and structure. Mi Design Studio, in collaboration with Enclave Constructions, eagerly embraced the challenge of pushing boundaries, resulting in a masterpiece that defies convention.

Elysium transcends the notion of a mere residence; it embodies the essence of a luxurious holiday destination. It exudes the opulence of a high-end hotel, setting a new standard for upscale living in its neighborhood. This project stands as an iconic achievement, reflecting Mi Design Studio's commitment to exceeding client expectations and crafting homes that offer not just shelter but an exquisite living experience.



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# COMMENDATION

Residential Alterations / Additions  
(\$501,000 to \$999,00)



## 'AN ECHO OF DECO' - BEECROFT

Designer: Martin Kolarik

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Practice: Martin Kolarik Home Design

Photographer: Thomas Dalhoff





## DESIGN

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An Echo of Deco - Beecroft, envisioned by Martin Kolarik, reflects his passion for designing exceptional homes. With extensive experience in commercial, industrial, and institutional buildings, Martin brings a wealth of construction and craftsmanship knowledge to his residential projects.

This Beecroft residence showcases Martin Kolarik Home Design's expertise in creating elegant home extensions and renovations. Inspired by the owners' appreciation for restoring art deco furniture and their collection of period pieces and artworks, Martin ingeniously reimagined this property. The design pays homage to the P&O Art Deco style, featuring signature curves, minimal decoration, and a refined color palette. Sculptural elements like a translucent brick window balance natural light and privacy while adding sophistication to the facade.

Inside, an open-plan lounge-dining and kitchen area fosters a welcoming atmosphere, facilitating interactions between hosts and guests around the island bench. This project seamlessly combines the Art Deco style with contemporary functionality and aesthetics, achieving a harmonious integration of interior and exterior spaces.





# COMMENDATION

Residential Alterations / Additions  
(over \$1M)



## LOFTY BEACON

Designer: Ken Slamet

Practice: The Rubix Collective

Web: [therubixcollective.com](http://therubixcollective.com)

Photographer: Ashley Sorensen





## DESIGN

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Lofty Beacon, designed by Ken Slamet of The Rubix Collective, is a testament to his journey from mentee to an accomplished designer. With experience under Jo Gillies, Ken became well-versed in residential design and later founded The Rubix Collective, focusing on signature and bespoke modernist and contemporary residential designs.

This project reimagined a 1930s brick bungalow with a creative approach. Instead of replicating its authenticity, a segregated addition with a distinct identity was chosen. By repurposing existing rooms, internal costs were minimised, allowing for greater investment in the new addition.

The design introduced innovative solutions to improve energy efficiency, including hydronic heating and solar-powered systems. It cleverly allowed North light into the addition and provided backyard views for the master bedroom while maximising the use of space.

Lofty Beacon showcases Ken's ability to blend originality with functionality, creating a residence that not only enhances the streetscape but also significantly improves the lives and lifestyles of its occupants.





# COMMENDATION

Residential Interiors



## RV HOUSE INTERIOR

Designer: Adam Hobill

Practice: Adam Hobill Design

Web: [adamhobilldesign.com.au](http://adamhobilldesign.com.au)

Photographer: Cass Atkinson





## DESIGN

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In the RV House Interior project by Adam Hobill Design, under the guidance of Sarah Greaves, the focus was on transforming the interior of a residential space to reflect both sustainability and contemporary Australian design sensibilities.

The project entailed a deep collaboration with the client, with Sarah at the helm, leading the in-house Interior Design team. Her extensive experience in residential design, combined with a passion for sustainable and contemporary Australian design, allowed her to approach the project with a fresh perspective.

The aim was to create interior spaces that not only met the functional needs of the client but also harmonised seamlessly with the overarching design. Sarah's dedication to sustainable design principles and her penchant for pushing design boundaries brought a unique and vibrant character to the RV House Interior. The result was a blend of functionality and aesthetics, tailored to the client's preferences, and enriched by her meticulous attention to detail.

Through Sarah's creative vision and the collaborative approach of Adam Hobill Design, this project achieved a transformative outcome that breathed new life into the residential space, reflecting a balance between contemporary design and environmental consciousness.





# COMMENDATION

Multi - Residential Buildings



**NALU**

Designer: Michael Tomlinson

Practice: Mi Design Studio Pty Ltd

Web: [midesignstudio.com.au](http://midesignstudio.com.au)





## DESIGN

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Nalu, designed by the accomplished Michael Tomlinson, is a modern-day coastal masterpiece located on the southern Gold Coast. This luxurious apartment complex, situated in Tugun, redefines beachfront living with its open, bright, and inviting design.

Michael Tomlinson, with nearly three decades of experience, is renowned for his award-winning work in the industry. Nalu is a testament to his vision and expertise. As a symbol of contemporary coastal living, Nalu offers a low-maintenance lifestyle that allows residents to fully enjoy the beachside surroundings.

This standout development is not your typical townhouse project, but rather a unique and innovative addition to the Gold Coast's landscape. Its timeless design and quality craftsmanship make Nalu a modern landmark that perfectly complements the beach lifestyle of the region.





# COMMENDATION

Multi - Residential Buildings  
(up to 3 storeys)



## DAWN ON BLUEBIRD

Designer: Chris McCabe

Practice: DCM Building Design

Web: [dcmbuildingdesign.com.au](http://dcmbuildingdesign.com.au)

Photographer: The Design Villa





## DESIGN

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Dawn on Bluebird, a commendable project by Chris McCabe of DCM Building Design, stands proudly as a premium duplex development in the picturesque locale of Bokarina Beach on the Sunshine Coast.

This project is a testament to DCM Building Design's commitment to crafting spaces that harmonise seamlessly with the coastal environment while exuding a timeless and highly functional appeal.

Dawn on Bluebird boasts generously illuminated living spaces adorned with top-notch fixtures and finishes, exemplifying the quintessential beachside lifestyle. The design showcases high ceilings, double-height void spaces, and a harmonious use of materials, including polished concrete, stone, and natural oak timbers. These elements combine to set a new benchmark for multi-residential living in the area, creating a luxurious and modern ambiance.

The project reflects DCM Building Design's approach to engaging with clients throughout the design journey, ensuring that the end result is not just appreciated by the owners but also leaves a lasting impression on all who encounter it. Dawn on Bluebird truly captures the essence of coastal luxury living.





# COMMENDATION

Multi - Residential Buildings  
(over 3 storeys)



## HIGH STREET, ASHBURTON

Designer: Salvatore Chiodo

Practice: Area Design





## DESIGN

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High Street, Ashburton, designed by Salvatore Chiodo of Area Design, is a striking masterpiece that showcases the essence of contemporary urban living in inner-city Melbourne.

The design of High Street is a testament to Salvatore Chiodo's creative vision and expertise. Its features are thoughtfully crafted to harmonise with the surrounding urban landscape. The building's modern aesthetic, clean lines, and distinctive facade make it a standout structure in the neighborhood.

High Street's interior spaces are designed for functionality, comfort, and aesthetics. The layout maximizes living spaces while maintaining a sense of openness and natural light. The attention to detail is evident in every corner, with carefully chosen materials and finishes that contribute to a sophisticated atmosphere.

This project reflects Area Design's commitment to delivering exceptional solutions. While the company's reputation and expertise are noteworthy, it is High Street, Ashburton, that truly shines as an outstanding example of design excellence in Melbourne's urban fabric.





# COMMENDATION

Industrial Buildings



## BURLEIGH HQ

Designer: Boris Stankovic

Practice: Boris Design Pty Ltd





## DESIGN

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Burleigh HQ, a visionary project by Boris Stankovic of Boris Design P/L, represents a pinnacle in high-end industrial design. Boris Design P/L, a multi-award-winning building design studio, has meticulously crafted this development to command a powerful position among national brands and major transport corridors.

Comprising 46 strata-titled warehouses spanning from 94m<sup>2</sup> to 1154m<sup>2</sup>, Burleigh HQ has been thoughtfully designed and meticulously planned. Each detail has been considered, from material selection to its strategic location. These warehouses offer up to 8 meters of clearance, multiple entries, wide driveways, and container drop zones, all aimed at maximising functionality and space.

Boris Design P/L's reputation is built on the quality of its designs and project delivery, along with a deep attention to detail and a passion for connecting people with their environment. Burleigh HQ serves as a testament to their commitment to quality, design, and innovation, setting new standards in the industry and providing a forward-thinking masterplan that caters to a diverse range of businesses and industries. With Burleigh HQ, Boris Design P/L has created a development that seamlessly blends form and function, promising a dynamic space for businesses to thrive and excel.





# COMMENDATION

Small Lot Housing  
(max. lot 350 sqm)

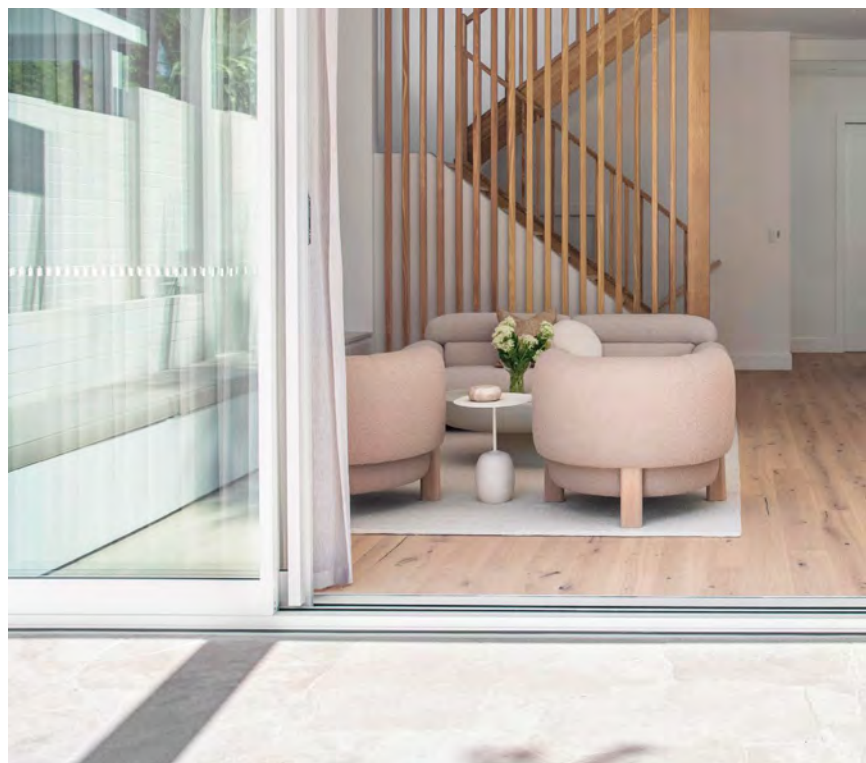


## NORTH BONDI - SMALL LOT

Designer: Neche Page

Practice: LivingLot

Web: [livinglot.com.au](http://livinglot.com.au)





## DESIGN

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The North Bondi - Small Lot project, designed by Neche Page of LivingLot, exemplifies her commitment to creating beautiful, functional, and sustainable design solutions. With qualifications in building design and sustainability, Neche's design expertise shines in this project.

The clients sought to transform their compact North Bondi home into a modern family retreat. The result is a fresh interpretation of an urban beach house, characterised by a minimalist frontage and a nature-inspired palette.

Nече's meticulous layout design maximises space utilisation, resolving site level transitions and cleverly concealing utilities. The home boasts solar power, home automation, natural light flooding interiors, and cross-ventilation for efficient cooling.

Outdoors, a retractable pergola awning and a custom prefabricated tiled pool create an inviting entertainment space. Privacy and filtered light are achieved through breezeway block walls and linear screens, complemented by low-maintenance landscaping.

The project's neutral tones, textural tiles, and soft timber accents inside and out create a comfortable, modern interpretation of beach holiday living, showcasing Neche's skillful blend of aesthetics and functionality.





# COMMENDATION

Small Lot Housing  
(max. lot 350 sqm)





## HAIGHT

Designer: Reece Keil

Practice: Reece Keil Design

Web: [reecekeildesign.com.au](http://reecekeildesign.com.au)



## DESIGN

Haight, envisioned by Reece Keil of Reece Keil Design, is a remarkable project that embodies his 20 years of industry experience. This high-end residential endeavor is a testament to Reece's dedication to delivering exceptional design outcomes.

The project reflects Reece Keil's focus on bespoke residential design and aesthetics. It is a true showcase of his commitment to addressing both function and form with equality. Regardless of the budget, Haight benefits from the expertise honed by Reece and his team, ensuring meticulous attention to detail.

This residence, located on the Gold Coast, is a prime example of how Reece Keil Design treats every project as a challenge to produce the best possible result for their clients and their specific site. Haight stands as a shining example of their dedication to delivering high-quality, tailor-made residential spaces that reflect the unique needs and aspirations of their clients.



# COMMENDATION

Dual Occupancy



## TOUKLEY DUPLEX

Designer: Craig Farrugia

Practice: Craig Farrugia Building Design

Web: [cfbd.net.au](http://cfbd.net.au)

Photographer: Katie Wade Studio





## DESIGN

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The Toukley Duplex, designed by Craig Farrugia Building Design, is a remarkable dual occupancy residence located on the Central Coast of New South Wales. With over a decade of experience specialising in residential building design, CFBD is dedicated to creating sustainable and eco-friendly designs that prioritise year-round comfort and lower running costs for their clients.

This dual occupancy project brings the clients' dreams to life, allowing them to own both a home and an investment property on the same block of land. Each dwelling features four bedrooms, a master ensuite, and a spacious open-plan living, kitchen, and dining area that seamlessly extends to a private alfresco space and backyard.

The exterior design combines recycled brick, cement render, natural timbers, and lightweight cladding, resulting in a contemporary look with a hint of Scandinavian style. Inside, the attention to detail is evident, with features like bespoke oak timber entry doors, large picture windows, recycled brick feature walls, oak engineered flooring, and custom cabinetry.

The sun-drenched northerly alfresco area and yard provide the perfect setting for outdoor entertainment, making the Toukley Duplex a standout project that perfectly balances aesthetics and functionality.





# COMMENDATION

Student Design



## TOILET BLOCK FOR VICTORIA SQUARE/ TARNDANYANGGA, ADELAIDE

Designer: Sarika Dwivedi





## DESIGN

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The Toilet Block for Victoria Square/ Tarndanyangga, Adelaide, designed by Sarika Dwivedi, is a striking project that marries design excellence with sustainability. Drawing inspiration from Aboriginal traditions, South Australian wines, and the natural environment, this Mimetic-style building harmonises beautifully with its surroundings.

The structure's distinctive whale and wine barrel-inspired shape, coupled with curved timber fins for privacy and natural light, adds an artistic flair to the design. A sloped roof adorned with solar panels, a vibrant color palette reflecting local flags, and a rooftop steel whale sculpture with a water spout contribute to its visual appeal.

This project seamlessly integrates sustainability into its design, featuring rainwater harvesting, connection to the local sewerage system, and solar panels for energy efficiency. By reducing water consumption, minimising waste, and harnessing clean energy sources, it exemplifies a commitment to environmental responsibility and design innovation.





# COMMENDATION

Concept Design



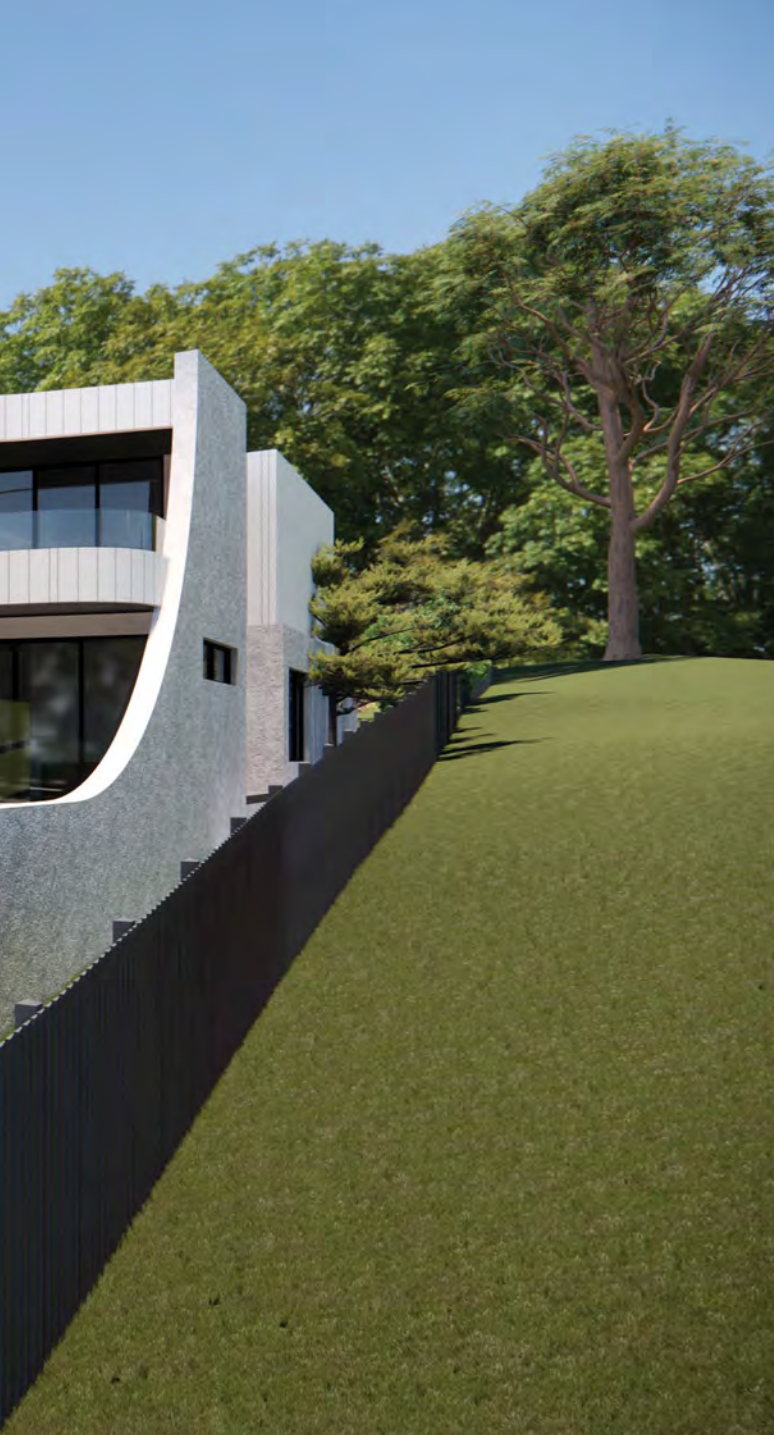
## AQUA PURA

Designer: Jarrett Drake

Practice: Graham Jones Design

Web: [grahamjonesdesign.com.au](http://grahamjonesdesign.com.au)





## DESIGN

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Aqua Pura, a project led by Jarrett Drake of Graham Jones Design, exemplifies the coastal aesthetic with a focus on simplicity and elegance. With over two decades of industry experience, Jarrett Drake brings a wealth of expertise to ensure a seamless and informed project journey.

Nestled in a coastal paradise, this project showcases a minimalist approach, emphasising the structure's form through a thoughtful selection of materials. The design embraces graceful curves, with cast concrete, vertical panelling, and natural timber creating a light and inviting ambiance that harmonises with the coastal surroundings.

The contemporary style of Aqua Pura is characterised by clean lines and meticulous detailing. Inside, the residence boasts generously sized living spaces, a gourmet kitchen, luxurious bedrooms, and a spa-like master suite. The interior design capitalises on the breathtaking views of Mount Martha, featuring a grand glass curtain wall and nautical picture windows that immerse residents in the natural beauty of the surroundings.

With Jarrett Drake's guidance and the dedicated design team at Graham Jones Design, Aqua Pura is poised to become a captivating coastal haven, where modern design and natural beauty seamlessly coexist.





# COMMENDATION

Landscape Design



## SUNNYCREST DRIVE

Designer: Robert King

Practice: Meridian 153

## DESIGN

Sunnycrest Drive, a masterpiece by Robert King of Meridian 153 Building Designers, represents modern resort-style luxury living perfectly integrated into its picturesque hillside setting. Designed to capture breathtaking views of local waterways, the coastline, and border ranges, this executive residence is a true marvel.

Upon arrival, the glass entry door offers a tantalising glimpse through the building, revealing water features, lush greenery, and the distant ocean, setting the stage for an awe-inspiring experience. The resort living concept is expertly executed, with multiple living spaces seamlessly connecting to expansive covered terraces and a resort-style swimming pool featuring an infinity edge overlooking the stunning vistas.

The interior exudes warmth, with dry stone elements and an abundance of greenery visible through expansive northern glazing, creating an oasis-like atmosphere. The double-height foyer floods the space with natural light, leading to living areas that open onto sheltered alfresco zones or down to a pool entertainment pavilion, epitomising resort-style living.

Beyond the custom-built pool, this luxurious residence boasts a floodlit full-sized tennis court, a sunken four-meter round trampoline, and vast open lawn spaces that provide ample opportunities for family and friends to enjoy a privileged and private lifestyle. Robert King's design expertise shines through in this meticulously crafted resort-style masterpiece, offering a sanctuary of opulence and tranquility.





# COMMENDATION

Unbuilt Work



## 1151

Designer: Michael Tomlinson

Practice: Mi Design Studio Pty Ltd

Photographer: [midesignstudio.com.au](http://midesignstudio.com.au)

## DESIGN

Project 1151, under the visionary leadership of Michael Tomlinson at Mi Design Studio, exemplifies the studio's diverse portfolio, spanning from elegant residential homes to intricate urban developments.

1151 emerged as a standout project within Mi Design Studio's body of work, captivating attention for its innovative approach. Despite navigating challenges imposed by cautious local councils, 1151 set out to redefine high-density living on compact lots, directly addressing the country's housing shortage.

The 1151 project provided Mi Design Studio's creative team with a dynamic canvas to showcase their innovation and unwavering dedication. Their vision aimed to seamlessly integrate structures with the evolving urban lifestyle, consistently pushing the boundaries of design and structure. At every turn, each obstacle became an opportunity for the team to demonstrate adaptability and ingenuity.

While the final outcome of 1151 didn't fully align with the initial design brief due to council concerns, it remains a testament to Mi Design Studio's relentless commitment to shaping the future of urban living. The project leaves a lasting mark on the built environment, serving as an inspiration for the industry and reflecting the studio's enduring dedication to design excellence.





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# Industry Partners

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BDAA National Design Awards 2023

In the realm of building design, the impact of a project is not solely the result of the designer's vision; it's a collaborative achievement that involves a plethora of innovative products and solutions. The Building Designers Association of Australia (BDAA) recognises this relationship through our Industry Partners Awards, an integral part of our annual celebration of excellence.

These awards aim to highlight the exceptional products and services that make our members' designs not just feasible, but extraordinary. From cutting-edge sustainable materials to pioneering software tools, the Industry Partners Awards celebrate the innovations that are setting new standards in the Australian building design landscape.

As you delve into the pages that follow, you'll discover the remarkable recipients of the 2023 BDAA Industry Partners Awards. These are the game-changing products and services that have enabled our designers to push the boundaries of creativity, functionality, and sustainability.

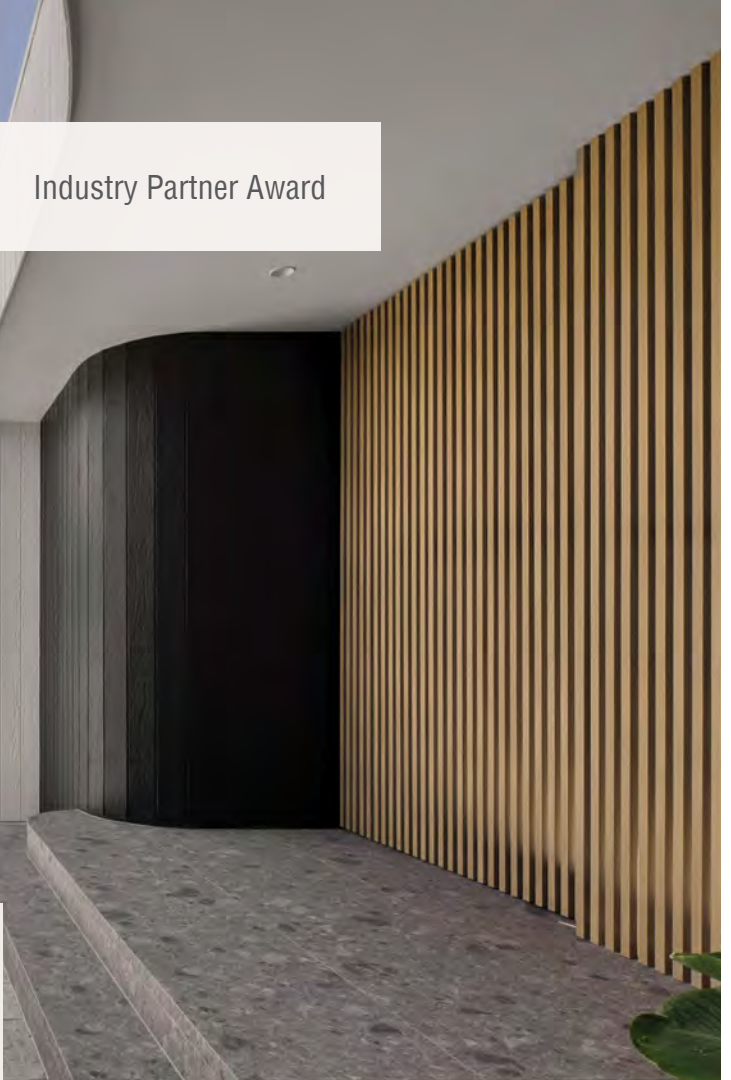
We extend our congratulations to the winners of the 2023 BDAA Industry Partners Awards. Your contributions are invaluable, not merely as products or services but as catalysts for innovation and progress in Australian building design.

Thank you for partnering with us on this journey towards a more innovative, functional, and sustainable future.



**Weatherterx**

Industry Partner Award



## HUSTLE & FLOW

Designer: Reece Keil

Practice: Reece Keil Design

Web: [reecekeildesign.com.au](http://reecekeildesign.com.au)

## DESIGN

The accolade awarded to Reece Keil by Weatherterx for the Hustle & Flow project epitomises the seamless fusion of innovative design vision and the exceptional attributes of the Weathergroove Woodsman cladding.

This award accentuates Reece's ingenious application and the cladding's versatility and eco-friendly nature, significantly contributing to the project's triumph. The Weathergroove Woodsman Architectural panel, embodying the organic aesthetics of natural timber with its wood grain effect, enriched the project's design narrative.

Particularly, Reece's artful application on curved walls, harnessing Weathergroove's capability to achieve a curvature radius, showcased a harmonious blend of organic aesthetics with contemporary design, elevating the project's aesthetic allure and underlining the cladding's adaptability. This recognition resonates with the sustainable ethos shared by Reece and Weatherterx.



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**AWS**

Industry Partner Award



## MUNRO RESIDENCE

Designer: Pavel Nikoloski

Practice: N1 Creative

Web: [n1creative.com.au](http://n1creative.com.au)

Photographer: Adam McGrath

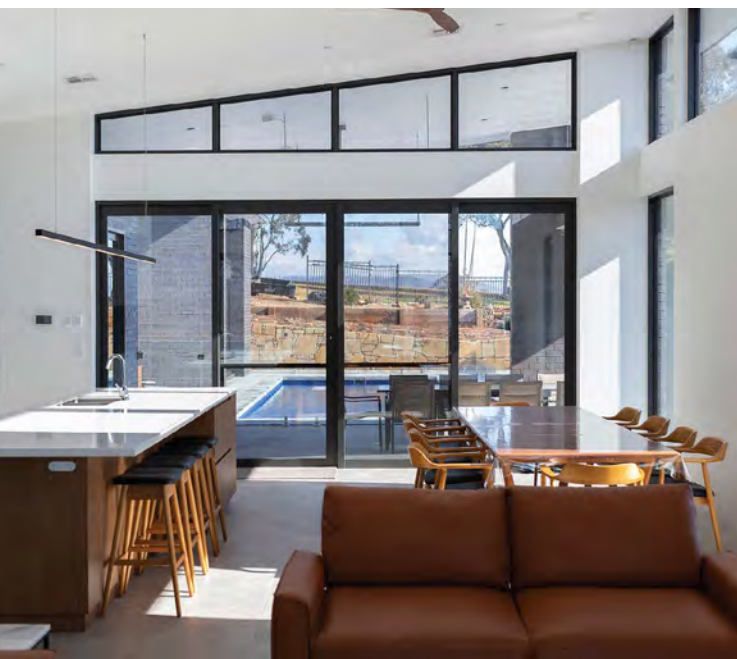


## DESIGN

In the Munro Residence project by Pavel Nikoloski, the strategic inclusion of AWS ThermalHeart Windows, featuring double glazed units, stands as a pivotal choice. These advanced windows serve as a testament to the project's commitment to performance, comfort, and aesthetic excellence.

AWS ThermalHeart Windows have been meticulously integrated to bolster the property's overall efficiency and environmental consciousness. These windows are expertly designed to optimise thermal insulation, effectively maintaining a consistent indoor temperature while minimising heat transfer. This environmentally responsible approach aligns perfectly with the project's sustainability goals.

The hallmark of these windows is their double glazed units, which provide an extra layer of insulation against external elements, guaranteeing year-round comfort.

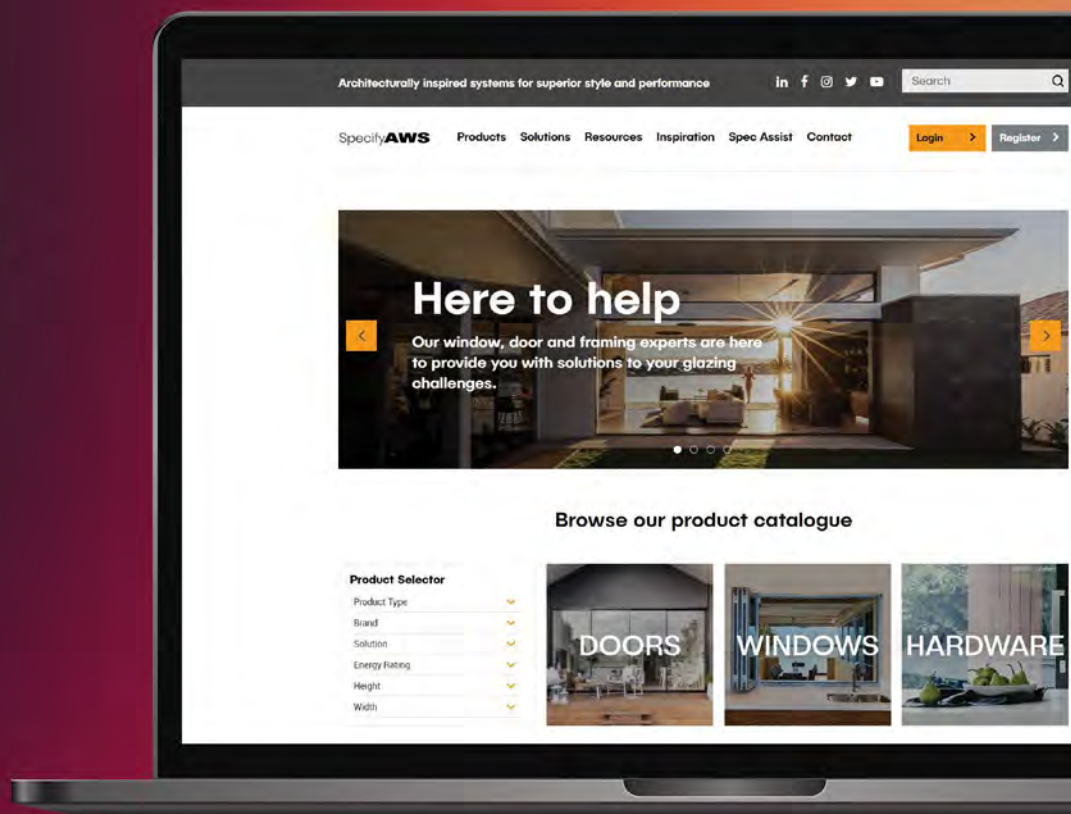


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**Colorbond**

Industry Partner Award



## HORIZON BEACH HOUSE

Designer: Alan Cubbon

Practice: Crosier Scott

Photographer: Anna Nixon Photography and  
Josh Driscoll

## DESIGN

Colorbond roofing materials have been selected for the Horizon Beach House project by Alan Cubbon, showcasing their exceptional quality and performance in roofing applications. Colorbond roofing materials are renowned for their durability and aesthetic appeal, making them the ideal choice for this coastal retreat. The sleek and modern design of Colorbond roofing not only complements the architectural vision of the Horizon Beach House but also provides crucial protection against the elements. These roofing materials are characterised by their ability to withstand the harsh coastal environment, including salt spray and strong winds, ensuring that the Horizon Beach House remains a resilient and low-maintenance structure for years to come. The choice of Colorbond roofing materials reflects a commitment to both style and practicality in this project, contributing to the overall success of Alan Cubbon's design.



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# James Hardie

Industry Partner Award



## FLETCHER ST.

Designer: Alejandro Urena Sandoval

Practice: Alex Urena Design Studio Pty Ltd

Web: [alexurena.net](http://alexurena.net)

Photographer: Shaw Photography

## DESIGN

In the Fletcher St. project by Alejandro Urena Sandoval, James Hardie's Linea Cladding plays a pivotal role in achieving the desired design objectives. This cladding choice has been carefully selected to address two key aspects of the project's context and aesthetic vision. Firstly, it pays homage to the heritage weatherboard character of the neighboring miners' cottages on Fletcher St., showcasing a respect for the street's historical charm. Secondly, Linea Cladding introduces horizontal textures that effectively soften the sharp vertical lines of the corner block design, harmonising with the streetscape.

The Linea Cladding's versatility shines through as it seamlessly blends traditional elements with a contemporary approach. Its presence contributes to the project's overall aesthetic, complementing natural timber trims and accentuating feature picture windows. This choice not only respects the heritage of the area but also adds a touch of sophistication and visual interest, making Linea Cladding an ideal fit for the Fletcher St. project's design vision.



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CSR

Industry Partner Award



## NORTH BONDI

Designer: Neche Page

Practice: LivingLot

Web: [livinglot.com.au](http://livinglot.com.au)

## DESIGN

CSR's 16mm Cemintel Territory Woodlands Limed prefinished cladding panels were strategically chosen for their dual functionality and aesthetic appeal, offering low-maintenance benefits and a slender profile suitable for the compact site in the North Bondi - Small Lot project by Neche Page. These panels boast a timber grain appearance and soft color tone, seamlessly blending aesthetics with practicality, enhancing the project's overall design.

In this project led by Neche Page of LivingLot, the aim was to transform a compact home into a modern, family-friendly space that encapsulated the essence of Bondi Beach living. The result is a minimalist, nature-inspired urban beach house, with CSR's cladding panels contributing to the exterior's low-maintenance, beach-inspired palette.





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# Luminaries

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BDAA National Design Awards 2023

The BDAA Luminaries program, now an established and highly anticipated division of the BDAA National Design Awards, continues to celebrate and honour those members who have gone above and beyond in their contributions over the past year. This program not only acknowledges professional milestones but also recognises the exceptional efforts and achievements that have enriched both the Building Designers Association of Australia and the broader industry.

### **Categories of Recognition**

#### **President's Award**

This prestigious award is conferred by the BDAA President in recognition of an individual's outstanding contributions to the association and the industry as a whole.

#### **Most Engaged Member**

Acknowledging a member who has been exceptionally active and engaged, this award celebrates not just participation but impactful involvement in BDAA activities and initiatives.

#### **Rising Star**

This award shines a spotlight on an emerging talent within the BDAA, someone who has demonstrated significant promise and commitment in the early stages of their career.

#### **Professional Development Award**

Honouring a member who has shown a keen focus on continuous learning and development, this award acknowledges the relentless pursuit of excellence through education.

#### **Practice of the Year**

This accolade recognises a design practice that has consistently delivered exceptional work, while also making meaningful contributions to the BDAA community and the industry at large.

As we present these awards, we are reminded that excellence is not just about the end result; it's about the journey, the collaboration, and the collective growth that enriches our association and our field.

To our 2023 Luminaries, congratulations on your well-deserved recognition. Your efforts serve as an inspiration to us all, pushing us to strive for greater heights in both our professional and communal endeavours.



**WINNER**

President's Award



## Toby Wilkin

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It is with immense pride that we bestow the esteemed President's Award upon Toby Wilkin of Thorple Energy. In a field teeming with talent and commitment, Toby has distinguished himself as an invaluable asset not just to the Building Designers Association of Australia, but to the broader industry as well.

Since the merger of ABSA with the BDAA, Toby has been a stalwart contributor to our association, tirelessly offering his expertise in a range of capacities. He has become a mainstay in our Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs, delivering numerous insightful presentations that have elevated the collective knowledge within our community.

Toby's contributions extend beyond the podium; he is consistently called upon for his expert commentary as a thermal performance assessor. His insights are not only well-received but highly anticipated, setting new standards for what we can achieve in the realm of sustainable design.

Perhaps what is most commendable about Toby is his generous spirit. He is ever-willing to offer his time and advice to colleagues and newcomers alike, fostering an environment where everyone has the opportunity to excel. His ethos aligns perfectly with the BDAA's own commitment to communal growth and professional excellence.

In receiving the President's Award, Toby Wilkin joins an illustrious list of individuals who have made monumental contributions to the BDAA and the design industry at large. Congratulations, Toby, for this well-deserved honour. Your dedication and generosity inspire us all to be better professionals and collaborators.



**WINNER**

Most Engaged Member



## Michael Sandel

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In a community where everyone strives for excellence, standing out is no small feat. This year, we are honoured to present the Most Engaged Member award to Michael Sandel, whose contributions to the Building Designers Association of Australia go beyond mere participation.

Michael's involvement is multifaceted and extends across various platforms and forums within the BDAA. Not only does he contribute to his own chapter through insightful presentations and active participation, but he is also a regular presence at the National online chapter meetings, taking the stage to share his expertise and insights.

His dynamism shines even brighter within the BDAA Connected community. Whether creating invaluable documents, sparking thought-provoking discussion threads, or contributing expert answers to critical questions, Michael continually proves his commitment to fostering a collaborative and knowledgeable community. Here is a glimpse into the areas where he excels:

- **Documents Created & Downloaded:** His contributions to our shared resource pool are both numerous and invaluable.
- **Discussion Threads & Group Replies:** His ability to instigate and contribute to meaningful conversations is unmatched.
- **Replies & Best Answers:** His inputs not only provoke thought but often serve as definitive answers to complex questions.
- **Blogs, Questions & Answers:** Whether elucidating a complex subject in a blog or offering straightforward answers to pressing questions, Michael excels at disseminating knowledge.

Michael Sandel's work within the BDAA is the embodiment of engaged membership, and this award serves as a token of our appreciation and recognition for his unmatched dedication.

Congratulations, Michael, you set the bar high for what it means to be an engaged member of the BDAA, and your contributions enrich us all.



# WINNER

Professional Development Award



## SeungAh Yi

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At the heart of any thriving professional community is a commitment to continual learning, growth, and development. The Professional Development Award is our way of recognising those individuals who not only embody this commitment but inspire others to do the same. This year, we are delighted to honour SeungAh Yi, for her unparalleled dedication to professional development within the BDAA community.

As an accredited member of BDAA, SeungAh has consistently demonstrated a fervour for expanding her knowledge and refining her craft. Her dedication is evident not only in the exquisite designs she curates through the way she actively engages with the BDAA community.

What sets SeungAh apart is her proactive approach to professional development. She isn't just a participant; she's often the catalyst. Always among the first to join, SeungAh has a knack for initiating insightful conversations, bringing to the table thought-provoking questions.

In SeungAh, we see the embodiment of what the BDAA stands for: a community of professionals dedicated to pushing the boundaries of what's possible, while fostering a culture of collaboration and collective growth.

Receiving the Professional Development Award is no small feat, and in SeungAh Yi, we find a most deserving recipient. Congratulations, SeungAh. Your dedication to personal and communal growth serves as a beacon for us all, reminding us of the boundless potential that lies in perpetual learning.



**WINNER**

Rising Star Award



## Cade Turner

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In a profession where innovation and vision are paramount, fresh talent is the lifeblood that ensures continuous growth and evolution. This year, we're honoured to shine a spotlight on an individual who not only embodies these qualities but also brings a unique blend of passion and skill to the table, Cade Turner.

Cade's journey within the Building Designers Association of Australia has been nothing short of remarkable. Since his inception into the BDAA community, he has emerged not only as a talented designer but also as a consistent contributor to our association. His involvement as a chapter member speaks volumes about his commitment to the community, and his consistent contributions underline his dedication to the field.

Cade's portfolio showcases an array of designs that reflect both creativity and a deep understanding of client needs. His work embodies a rare balance of aesthetics and functionality, underlined by a drive to achieve design excellence.

It's his genuine passion for design and his desire to push boundaries, to challenge conventions, and to create spaces that resonate. His approach to design is not just about crafting structures; it's about telling stories, invoking emotions, and making a lasting impact.

The Rising Star Award is not just a recognition of one's talent but a testament to their potential. And in Cade Turner, we see a future industry leader, one who will no doubt shape the trajectory of building design in Australia.

Congratulations, Cade, on this well-deserved accolade. We're excited to watch your star continue to rise and to witness the incredible contributions you're bound to make in the coming years.



**WINNER**

Practice of the Year



## Reece Keil Design

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We are delighted to award the title of Practice of the Year to Reece Keil Design, a firm that has consistently demonstrated a unique and visionary approach to building design since its establishment in 2005. Reece Keil, the multi-award-winning designer at the helm, boasts an astounding 61 awards in recent years, a testament to the firm's unparalleled commitment to excellence and innovation, and that count doesn't even include their accolades from the 2023 BDAA National Design Awards!

Founded by Reece Keil with a focus on 'outside the box' solutions, the practice has garnered multiple awards and features in major publications. Operating primarily out of the Gold Coast region but extending its reach interstate and abroad, the firm has an impressive portfolio that spans residential, retail, resort, and hospitality sectors. It is, however, in bespoke residential design that Reece's passion and expertise truly shine.

The ethos of Reece Keil Design is encapsulated in Reece's own words: "I'm OCD... so I obsess over the design outcome of every home to ensure that functionality and aesthetic are nailed." This meticulous attention to detail, combined with a client-centric approach, has set a benchmark for residential design not just in functionality but in innovation and aesthetic appeal.

Reece's philosophy extends beyond design; he believes that the key to a great project is a great relationship. "Choosing the right person to design your home is actually more important than the design of the home itself, because great things come from great relationships," he says.

This award recognises not just the creative output of Reece Keil Design but their holistic approach to the design process, from conceptualisation to client relationships and community engagement. They have been an active and valued member of the BDAA community, contributing meaningfully to the elevation of building design standards in Australia.

Congratulations to Reece Keil Design for their well-deserved win. Your practice stands as a beacon of excellence and innovation, inspiring us all to strive for nothing less than extraordinary.



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