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UDIA celebrates best in urban development at annual awards

Now in its 21st year, the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) Awards for Excellence in Victoria continues to showcase the property industry’s finest work, and invites the public to learn more about the exceptional projects happening across the state.

15 winners from across the state were honoured at the inaugural UDIA awards ceremony, where over 1,100 industry stakeholders gathered to celebrate excellence in urban development.

“This year, we received a record-breaking number of award entries. The high calibre submissions prove that Victoria’s industry has a deep respect for design, development, innovation, sustainability – and most importantly delivering high quality projects to meet the needs of current and future Victorians,” said Victorian CEO of the UDIA Danni Addison.

“Thank you and congratulations to each of our 2016 UDIA award winners – your contribution to our industry and to Victoria is truly remarkable,” she said.

2016 UDIA AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE – VICTORIAN WINNERS

UDIA AWARD	UDIA AWARD WINNER
Affordable Development Award	<p>Lifestyle Hastings by Lifestyle Communities Limited</p> <p><i>Lifestyle Hastings</i> is a residential development that combines affordability, liveability and a genuine sense of community. The 141-home development has created a unique financial model that helps working, semi-retired or retired people aged over 50 to enjoy resort-style living at an affordable price.</p> <p>With quality, low maintenance, turn-key new homes priced at around 80% of the median house price in the catchment, the community enables homeowners to release money tied up in their old homes to fund retirement.</p>
Environmental Excellence Award	<p>Somerfield by Intrapac Property</p> <p><i>Somerfield</i> serves as an ideal model of appropriate urban renewal. The development has taken severely ecologically degraded and environmentally impacted infill land, and turned it into a state-of-the-art, beautiful and highly sought after land estate.</p> <p>Every home is within 400 metres of green area, which has led to almost 20% of <i>Somerfield’s</i> land area dedicated to open space – including award-winning landscaping, wetlands, playgrounds and natural parkland.</p>
Government Leadership Award	<p>Greening The West by City West Water</p> <p><i>Greening The West</i> is an initiative by City West Water and the local community that enables sustainable, liveable communities in the western suburbs of Melbourne through urban greening.</p> <p>A core objective of <i>Greening The West</i> is to improve overall community health. The enterprise recognises that quality green space allows for</p>

	<p>passive and active public recreation, which can be used as an effective strategy in tackling health issues such as obesity, diabetes, heat stress and mental illness.</p>
<p>High Density Development Award</p>	<p>Upper House by Piccolo <i>Piccolo's Upper House</i> is an iconic 17-storey apartment development in Carlton. Located on a site of only 552 square metres, <i>Upper House</i> consists of 110 luxury apartments, street level commercial tenancies, abundant bicycle parking, rooftop terraces and recreational facilities for residents to share.</p> <p>After an extremely successful marketing campaign that saw the development completely sold off the plan in just four months, the building was completed in September 2014 on program and within budget.</p> <p>Finalist: Nord, North Melbourne by Oliver Hume Property Funds <i>Nord</i> stood out for its innovative approach to a site in North Melbourne, on the edge of the city's CBD.</p> <p>As its name suggests, the medium-rise 13 level development takes inspiration from classic Nordic design.</p> <p>Looking over the tree-lined boulevards of North Melbourne, the apartments feature a minimalist combination of natural wood tones and warm whites.</p>
<p>Masterplanned Development Award</p>	<p>Selandra Rise by Stockland Stockland's <i>Selandra Rise</i> community, in Melbourne's south-east growth corridor, was developed as a demonstration project to test and apply the highest principles of healthy, sustainable and highly liveable design and development.</p> <p>Located at Clyde North and home to more than 3,000 people, <i>Selandra Rise</i> has been designed to offer residents everything they need, for home, work and leisure, within easy walking distance of their front doors.</p> <p><i>Selandra Rise</i> has a Town Centre with a supermarket and specialty shops, two schools, playgrounds, a community garden and an off-lead dog park.</p>
<p>Medium Density Development Award</p>	<p>The Barkly by ID_Land Commencing construction in January 2015 and reaching completion earlier this year, <i>The Barkly</i> consists of 65 design-led townhomes that launched to the public in late 2013 and subsequently reached 100 percent sold after just three months on market.</p> <p>In collaboration with award-winning architects ROTHELOWMAN, the project incorporated a combination of intelligent planning, well-considered design and flexible floor plans that adapt to the purchasers' ever-changing lifestyle needs.</p> <p><i>The Barkly</i> is a real gem in this locality that epitomises the new range of apartments designs that suit inner city dwellers.</p>

	<p>Finalist: Canopi Valley Lake by MAB Corporation Pty. Ltd. and Canopi Homes Pty. Ltd. <i>Canopi Valley Lake</i> consists of three separate land holdings totalling approximately two hectares surrounding Lake Niddrie, at the heart of the award winning 48 hectare master planned community of Valley Lake, 15km from the CBD. A total of 120 townhouses, offering a diverse range of two and three storey options, were designed for the infill location providing an alternative housing model within established surrounds.</p>
<p>Residential Development Award</p>	<p>Somerfield by Intrapac Property <i>Somerfield</i> is the only winner of two Victorian UDIA awards this year (Residential Development and Environmental Excellence). An active resident’s social club, sponsored by the developers behind the project, fosters community spirit with events throughout the year to welcome the varied ethnic groups within the neighbourhood. Lots of varied size, shape and price have enabled different market segments to call Somerfield home, while strict design guidelines ensure a high quality urban form. A landscape maintenance plan will help retain the premium feel for eternity.</p> <p>Finalist: Banbury Village by Cedar Woods <i>Banbury Village</i> is a sensitive multi-residential development on the site of a historic tyre factory in Footscray. A major contribution to the reinvigoration of Footscray, judges recognised Banbury Village’s exceptional design, noting in particular its respectful integration with three heritage art deco buildings on site, including Sir Frank Beaufort’s original offices. The \$195 million development, delivering 430 dwellings over 8.8 hectares, was released in three major stages and has achieved 100 per cent sell out.</p>
<p>Special Purpose Living Award</p>	<p>Monash University Logan Hall by McBride Charles Ryan <i>Logan Hall</i> is a remarkable building that embodies Monash University’s transition of the Clayton Campus into a new University City. This 7 level building with 250 units of student accommodation designed by McBride Charles Ryan is located on a strategic corner of the campus where Sports Walk meets Scenic Boulevard. Combined with an expressive celebration of the communal and social spaces offering a variety of opportunities for chance encounter and incidental learning for the student residents both day and night, <i>Logan Hall</i> provides a new and holistic model for high-rise living.</p>
<p>Urban Renewal Award</p>	<p>Polaris 3083 by ClarkeHopkinsClarke <i>Polaris 3083</i> is a vibrant new residential, retail and community hub. The mixed-use development has revitalised the former Larundel Psychiatric Hospital, a site that has been famously uninhabited since closing in the late 1990s. For over 15 years the neglected mental asylum site had been a stomping ground for trespassing urban</p>

	<p>explorers, intrigued by the history of the abandoned buildings. This historic site bounding Latrobe University and abundant parkland has a unique sense of character, which will be re-imagined in an exciting new context and richly woven into a contemporary urban fabric.</p> <p>Finalist: Living Carlton – Lume, Reside Carlton and The Carlton by Frasers Property Australia and Citta Property Group <i>Lume Carlton, Reside Carlton and The Carlton</i> collectively delivered five private apartments buildings, one social housing building and a collection of townhouses, within the Carlton Housing Redevelopment project: the largest public and private housing redevelopment in Victoria’s history. This collection has been intentionally designed for diversity and vitality rather than consistency, involving a ‘who’s who’ of Victorian architects.</p>
<p>Consultant’s Award</p>	<p>Spiire for Boulevard Estate and Kilgour Place Spiire have demonstrated leadership and innovation in regional Victoria in recent years, exemplified by their role in the complex projects of <i>Kilgour Place</i> in Geelong and the <i>Boulevard Estate</i> in Shepparton. Both projects showcase thoughtful planning and design excellence, with Spiire working with clients prepared to try something different to achieve market acceptance. <i>Kilgour Place</i> in particular, with its redevelopment of the former Gordon TAFE, now provides three housing options in the form of serviced apartments, social housing and serviced apartments, where the heritage of the area is not only maintained, but enhanced.</p>
<p>Judges’ Winner – Metro Melbourne</p>	<p>Saratoga Townhouses (Park Release) by Wolfdene Wolfdene redefines medium density living with its <i>Saratoga Townhouse</i> collection in Victoria’s burgeoning Western suburbs. Offering 6-star sustainable living, these two-storey homes enjoy immediate access to <i>Saratoga’s</i> parks and lifestyle precinct, and feature modern architecture, private courtyards, smart landscape design, and the convenience of undercover off-street parking. The judges were particularly impressed by the attention to detail, including large balconies and the rear laneways that were sensitively designed and which value added to the overall development concept.</p>
<p>Judges’ Winner – Regional Victoria</p>	<p>The Junction, Wodonga by Places Victoria Developed by Places Victoria in partnership with the City of Wodonga, government agencies and the private sector, the team behind <i>Junction Place</i> has focussed on the early delivery of infrastructure, and in doing so has been able to remediate the site after 140 years of use as a railyard, build key road connections and deliver community spaces that have enhanced the vibrancy of central Wodonga. <i>Junction Place</i> is now a thriving destination for the local community, home to a fine dining restaurant, cafes, open space and a pop-up food</p>

	precinct.
Landscape Award	<p>Armstrong, Mt Duneed by Villawood Properties <i>Armstrong, Mt Duneed</i> is Villawood’s flagship project in the Geelong and Bellarine region, which upon completion will feature approximately 2,500 homes. The \$1billion project which sits at the heart of Australia’s largest contiguous growth area is an object lesson in the benefit of bringing a broad vision to a greenfield residential development.</p> <p>The development will feature the showpiece Club Armstrong Residents Club, the first of its kind in the region – a \$7.5million state-of-the-art facility, its features including a gymnasium, heated swimming pool, tennis courts and café.</p>
Outlook & ID_Land Young Professional of the Year	<p>Alexandrea Malishev, Senior Strategic Planner at the Victorian Planning Authority As a Senior Strategic Planner at the Victorian Planning Authority, Alexandria has played a significant role in the development of Victoria, which includes completing a number of excellent structure plans, including Berwick Waterways, Clyde and Clyde North.</p> <p>She has also taken the initiative to member with a number of recognised industry organisations which shows her genuine drive and enthusiasm for the development industry and Victoria’s future.</p>
UDIA & Frasers Property Women in Leadership Award	<p>Georgia Willis, Senior Development Manager – Acquisitions at Caydon Property Group Georgia is genuinely passionate about advancing women in the industry, and bringing them with her on her journey to success. Georgia's combination of government and private sector experience has enabled her to gain a thorough understanding of the development process. One of her strongest assets is her ability to engage with various stakeholders, including local government, residents, business owners and action groups, and in actively listening to their concerns, developing solutions to create a win-win development outcome for all parties.</p>

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With a primary focus on the residential property sector, UDIA protects and promotes over 350 member companies across Victoria including developers and a range of other professionals involved in producing, financing and marketing residential property.

UDIA Awards for Excellence: udiavic.com.au/awards

Through its annual Awards for Excellence program, UDIA's Victorian division recognises and celebrates the best urban development projects of the year, and offers the world a glimpse into the first-class developments happening across the state.

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