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UDIA celebrates Australia's best urban development projects

The 2018 UDIA Congress was topped off with an incredible celebration of industry brilliance at the UDIA National Awards for Excellence, where over 800 delegates from across the country came together to recognise the best urban development projects of 2017.

Eight winning projects across nine categories, and two outstanding individuals were honoured at the national awards ceremony, where Victorian UDIA members took out the coveted Medium Density Development Award, and the UDIA & Frasers Property Women in Leadership Award.

Medium Density Development Award Winner - Cantala by Icon Developments with SJB (VIC)

A residential development comprising 25 multi-storey townhouses and a block of 44 low-rise apartments, Cantala has struck a beautiful balance between the best of contemporary place-making and the sought-after aesthetics of leafy Melbourne suburbia. One of Cantala's most impressive features is the fact the entire development is walkable. By freeing up ground level space usually given to vehicles, SJB could focus more on creating places for people. This decision enabled the introduction of a series of connected paths and courtyards within the site.

UDIA & Frasers Property Women in Leadership Award Winner – Nicola Smith, Niche Planning Studio (VIC)

Nicola Smith, Director of Niche Planning Studio, has an impressive track record of achievement in several Australian states, having started her own business in 2012 and growing the company to a team of 10 with clients across three states.

Nicola leads a diverse team in terms of gender, age and cultural background, and her leadership style celebrates and draws on that diversity as a key contributor to the success of the business.

“Nicola has clear plans for the future of her own business involving even wider diversity and inclusion, and this combined with her extensive involvement over a number of years in a range of representative industry organisations and mentoring roles make her an outstanding winner of the 2018 Women in Leadership award,” said UDIA National President Darren Cooper.

Nicola also won the 2017 UDIA Victoria award in the same category.

2018 National UDIA Awards for Excellence – All Winners

President’s Award – Barangaroo South by Lendlease (NSW)

Masterplanned Development Award – Sanctuary Cove by Mulpha (QLD)

Residential Development Award – Alkimos Beach by LandCorp and Lendlease (WA)

Medium Density Development Award – Cantala by Icon Developments with SJB (VIC)

High Density Development Award – The Melbourne Residence by Aria Property Group (QLD)

Urban Renewal Award – Elizabeth Quay by Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority (WA)

Environmental Excellence Award – Barangaroo South by Lendlease (NSW)

Affordable Development Award – Springlake Hampton Cottages by Martin Road Development Tanti Osborne Trust (SA)

Seniors Living Award – RV Homebase Fraser Coast by RV Homebase Fraser Coast Ltd (QLD)

UDIA & Frasers Property Women in Leadership Award – Nicola Smith, Niche Planning Studio (VIC)

UDIA National & Veris Young Leaders Award – Alex Besz, Chasecrown (SA)

To learn more about each of the 2018 UDIA national award winners, [please click here](#).

To see photos of the 2018 UDIA Congress – National Awards Gala Ball, [please click here](#).

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Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA):

The Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) is a nationally recognised body that advocates for Australia's urban development industry. In Victoria, UDIA informs and engages government and industry members, **enabling better policy and better business decisions.**

With a primary focus on the residential property sector, UDIA protects and promotes over 320 member companies across Victoria including developers and a range of other professionals involved in producing, financing and marketing residential property.

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