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## **R & R QUALITY HOMES WINS HIA VICTORIAN CUSTOM BUILT HOME OF THE YEAR**

R & R Quality Homes has been awarded one of the housing industry's highest recognitions, as HIA Victorian Custom Built Home of the Year.

The winner was announced at the HIA-CSR Victorian Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards at Crown Towers before a crowd of hundreds of industry leaders.

Judged by industry professionals, the HIA awards acknowledge the talent of designers, builders and building companies who plan and construct quality new housing and apartments, renovations and outdoor projects.

Located just metres from the stunning Lake Mulwala in northern Victoria, this French-inspired house was superbly designed by Catt Architects.

From the construction of a barn-style garage and guest area, reflective of European farming history, to the transition to the main house, differentiated by the roofing material and style, R & R Quality Homes together with the architect has left no stone unturned.

Imported from Europe and re-created on site, two nineteenth-century fireplaces were installed in the family and sitting rooms.

Bathroom stone was sourced from Italy and laid in slabs, with all joinery for benches and floors grain matched. Tile inserts came from Spain, while the tiles themselves are all handmade.

The 3.6m family room ceiling was installed using traditional supports, typical of a building constructed in the 1800s.

European oak floorboards throughout the home were individually hand-scraped to create an uneven and weathered look.

The living area revolves around the main kitchen, with the AGA oven from Europe installed on site in pieces.

Externally, particular detail was drawn into the traditional 'bell' curved roof, windows, shutters, moulds, gutters, aged render, and the elevation and orientation of the home.

This home showcases excellent workmanship and outstanding attention to detail. It is a "perfect re-creation of a historic French farmhouse including all historical elements required, making it genuinely authentic," said the judges.

"The correctness of the overall design was maintained from the overall look and feel, right down to individual elements." Even the use of flathead screws on all hinges was a nod to an earlier European era.

HIA Victorian Executive Director Gil King congratulated the winners. "In a year where building activity in Victoria has come 'off the boil', it's wonderful to see that our builders are maintaining the very high standards we have come to expect", Mr King said.

"Victorian builders are first class in the design, workmanship and quality of new homes and renovations. HIA is delighted with the exceptional quality of entries this year. All winners and finalists should be proud to have reached the pinnacle of building standards demonstrated in these quality homes," he said.



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“In an environment of uncertainty about the economic and regulatory future, our builders and designers have put these difficulties behind them and forged ahead with outstanding concepts, design, construction and finishings,” said Mr King.

“It can be very easy to be distracted by the negatives however it is evident from this year’s entries our members have focussed on quality processes, outcomes and delivery”, he added.

A full list of winners from the awards’ night, held on November 9, is below.

R & R Quality Homes will go on to compete against other Custom Built Homes from around the country at the 2013 HIA Australian Housing Awards, to be held in May in Brisbane.

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<b>2012 HIA CSR Victorian Housing and Kitchen &amp; Bathroom Award Winners</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>BUILDERS NAME</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
<b>CUSTOM BUILT HOME</b>		
Up to \$350,000	Monte Homes	Lalor
\$350,001 - \$500,000	Latitude 37 Homes	Aspendale
\$500,001 - \$700,000	Latitude 37 Homes	Ivanhoe East
\$700,001 - \$1 million	Excelcon Pty Ltd	Berwick
\$1 million - \$2 million	Visioneer Builders	Hawthorn
Over \$2 million	R & R Quality Homes	Bathumi
<b>Overall Custom Built Home of the Year</b>	R & R Quality Homes	Bathumi
<b>DISPLAY HOME</b>		
Up to \$250,000	MainVue Homes	Ivory IV432 in Point Cook
\$250,001 - \$300,000	Carlisle Homes	Orlando 35 in Epping
\$300,001 - \$350,000	Carlisle Homes	Vetra 47 in Clyde North
\$350,001 - \$500,000	Porter Davis Homes	Rochford 40 in Cranbourne
\$500,001 - \$800,000	Metricon Homes	Hadley 39 in Clyde North
\$800,001 - \$1 million	Lockstar Homes	The Pisces in Mildura
Over \$1 million	Englehart Homes	La Provence in Balwyn Nth
<b>Overall Display Home of the Year</b>	Englehart Homes	La Provence in Balwyn Nth
<b>Herald Sun home Magazine Readers Choice Award</b>	Englehart Homes	La Provence in Balwyn Nth
<b>RENOVATION / ADDITION PROJECT</b>		
Up to \$300,000	Visual Builders Pty Ltd	Flemington
\$300,001 - \$500,000	Art Nouveau Homes	Hawthorn East
\$500,001 - \$700,000	Foy Construction	Carlton
\$700,001 - \$1 Million	S.D. Davies Builders	Malvern
Over \$1 Million	Visioneer Builders	Middle Park
<b>Overall Renovation/ Addition Project of the Year</b>	Visioneer Builders	Middle Park



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<b>PROJECT HOME</b>		
Up to \$400,000	J & J Carroll Builders – Hotondo Homes	Thurgoona
Over \$400,001	Canny Pty Ltd	Malvern
<b>Overall Project Home of the Year</b>	Canny Pty Ltd	Malvern
<b>SPEC HOME</b>		
Up to \$400,000	Vautier Developments Pty Ltd	Ocean Grove
Over \$400,001	Tucker Construction Company	Balwyn
<b>Overall Spec Home of the Year</b>	Tucker Construction Company	Balwyn
<b>TOWNHOUSE VILLA DEVELOPMENT</b>		
2 – 6 Dwellings	Glenneagles Homes Pty Ltd	Malvern
Over 6 Dwellings	Latitude 37 Homes	Pakenham
<b>Overall Townhouse Villa Development of the Year</b>	Glenneagles Homes Pty Ltd	Malvern
<b>APARTMENT PROJECT</b>		
	Central Equity Limited	Melbourne
<b>PROFESSIONAL BUILDER AWARDS</b>		
<b>Small Builder/ Renovator</b>	Hallbury Homes	
<b>Medium Builder/ Renovator</b>	Comdain Homes Pty Ltd	
<b>Major Builder</b>	Porter Davis Homes	
<b>RESIDENTIAL BUILDING DESIGNER</b>		
	First Impressions Projects Pty Ltd	
<b>GREENSMART ENERGY EFFICIENCY</b>		
	Genjusho Building - Design	Caulfield South
<b>OUTDOOR PROJECT</b>		
	Giovanni Mangano	Prahran East



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<b>SMALL COMMERCIAL PROJECT</b> (under \$2 Million)	Conscious Homes Australia Pty Ltd	Warranwood
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE HOUSING</b>	Beleura Retirement Village	Mornington
<b>CUSTOMER SERVICE</b>	Boutique Homes	
<b>MARKETING</b>	Reuben Beazley Builder	
<b>BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR</b>	Kate Newman of Todd Newman Builders	
<b>ALEC FULLER APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR</b>	Beau Holloway	
<b>KITCHEN PROJECTS</b>		
<b>NEW KITCHEN</b>		
Up to \$25,000	Flair Cabinets	Albury
\$25,001 - \$40,000	Devlin Interiors	Coburg
Over \$40,001	Englehart Homes	Balwyn North
<b>RENOVATED KITCHEN</b>		
Up to \$25,000	Flair Cabinets	Rutherglen
\$25,001 - \$40,000	Mint Kitchens by Lifestyle	Vermont South
Over \$40,001	Individual Design & Construction	Eltham
<b>Overall Kitchen Project of the Year</b>	Individual Design & Construction	Eltham
<b>BATHROOM PROJECTS</b>		
<b>NEW BATHROOM</b>	Jasmine McClelland Design & Hometec Industries	Mentone
<b>RENOVATED BATHROOM</b>		
Up to \$40,000	Bubbles Bathrooms	Prahran
Over \$40,001	Bubbles Bathrooms	Prahran
<b>Overall Bathroom Project of the Year</b>	Jasmine McClelland Design & Hometec Industries	Mentone



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<b>KITCHEN DESIGN</b>	Royston Wilson of Royston Wilson Design	Toorak
<b>BATHROOM DESIGN</b>	Royston Wilson of Royston Wilson Design	Toorak
<b>KITCHEN IN A DISPLAY HOME, HOME UP TO \$500,000</b>	Carlisle Homes	Regency 47 in Clyde North
<b>KITCHEN IN A DISPLAY HOME, HOMES OVER \$500,001</b>	Verde Homes Pty Ltd	The Platinum in Camberwell
<b>BATHROOM IN A DISPLAY HOME</b>	Englehart Homes	La Provence in Balwyn North
<b>OUTDOOR KITCHEN</b>	Leongatha Kitchens & Bathrooms	Leongatha
<b>LAUNDRY PROJECT</b>	Individual Design & Construction	Lower Plenty