

Friday, 19 June 2015

BUILDERS OF HEALTH CARE FACILITY AND SEASON-SMART FAMILY HOME NAMED SOUTH WEST MASTER BUILDERS OF THE YEAR

Devcon Properties and Nicholson Construction were given top honours on tonight at the South West Master Builders Regional Building Awards, held at The Pier, Geelong.

Devcon Properties were named Residential Builder of the Year (South West) for their work on a family home in Highton designed for a growing family, built to withstand even the most energetic of youngsters and still provide a serene place of relaxation for parents. The site presents the opportunity for north-facing living and entertaining areas that absorb the winter sun yet provide shelter from the harsher south-western winter weather through smart design and layout. The regard for the existing sandstone cliffs creates a distinctive view through the windows and offers the bonus of creating thermal mass on the site, providing a warmer micro-climate for the occupants and an opportunity for green-thumbed family members.

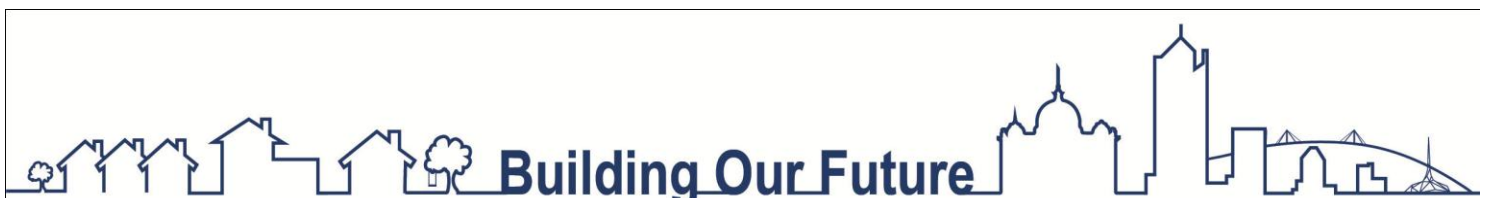
“This house takes a long-term view of the important role it will play as a family home, providing shelter and living spaces for the generations that will live here for many years,” Master Builders Association of Victoria CEO Radley de Silva said.

“The planning and craftsmanship invested in this dwelling have helped create a structure deserving of a top honour tonight.”

Nicholson Construction was named Commercial Builder of the Year (South West) for their work on Ballarat Community Health, a purpose-built, multi-service primary care facility in Lucas. This timber- and steel-framed multi-storey structure provides general practitioner consulting rooms and ancillary suites including podiatry, dental, physiotherapy, eye and ear services. It also holds offices, a board room, training areas and staff rooms. Multiple consulting rooms, complex services and the involvement of many ESD principals tested the limits of management systems and capabilities. The result is a modern delivery method of health services.

“The construction process for complex institutional projects is always a substantial challenge,” Mr de Silva said. “It is very impressive that this facility was completed within a 12-month time frame while demanding such carefully coordinated program details and scheduling requirements. It demonstrates what can be achieved with modern construction and delivery technologies.”

Devcon Properties will now compete in the Victorian Excellence in Housing Awards to be held on 16 October in Melbourne. Nicholson Construction will compete in the Victorian Excellence in Construction Awards to be held on 14 August.



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Photos and interviews available.

Full winners list:

2015 South West Regional Awards Winners

Best Renovation/Addition \$200,000 - \$300,000

Greg Smith Homes

Project: Ross Creek

Best Renovation/Addition \$300,000 - \$500,000

Larkin & Drought Builders

Project: Geelong West

Best Renovation/Addition Over \$500,000

C J Henderson Builders

Project: Newtown

Best Display Home \$200,000 - \$300,000

New Select Homes

Project: Learmonth 29, Lucas

Best Display Home \$300,000 - \$400,000

JM Homes Surf Coast

Project: The Stratford, Torquay

Best Display Home over \$400,000

JM Homes Surf Coast

Project: The Lancashire, Mt Duneed

Best Volume Builder Display Home \$200,000 - \$300,000

Hamlan Homes

Project: Liberty 216, Ocean Grove

Best Volume Builder Display Home \$300,000 - \$400,000

Simonds Homes

Project: Palisade 2312 Masterton, Lucas

Best Volume Builder Display Home over \$400,000

Hamlan Homes
Project: Bancoora Vista, Torquay

Best Custom Home Under \$200,000

JM Homes Surf Coast
Project: Mt Duneed

Best Custom Home \$200,000 - \$300,000

G.J. Gardner Homes Geelong
Project: Geelong West

Best Custom Home \$300,000 - \$400,000

Signature Homes Geelong
Project: Highton

Best Custom Home \$400,000 - \$500,000

G.J. Gardner Homes Geelong
Project: Inverleigh

Best Custom Home \$500,000 - \$700,000

Devcon Properties
Project: Highton

Best Custom Home over \$700,000

Hayden Constructions
Project: Torquay

Best Multi Unit Development up to 3 Units

Shane Cook Homes
Project: Ballan

Best Multi Unit Development 4 to 12 units

Trevor Homes
Project: Torquay

Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings under \$1M

Larkin & Drought Builders
Project: Geelong

Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings \$1M - \$3M

Rendine Constructions

Project: St Joseph's College Trade Training Centre, Newtown

Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings over \$6M

Nicholson Construction

Project: Ballarat Community Health, Lucas