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BUILDERS OF BREEZY BEACHSIDE OUTPOST AND CRISP LIBRARY RENOVATION NAMED SOUTH EAST MASTER BUILDERS OF THE YEAR

SJ Vuillermin Master Builders and Brooker Builders were given top honours tonight at the South East Master Builders Regional Building Awards, held at Premiere Function Centre, Grey Street, Traralgon.

SJ Vuillermin Master Builders were named Residential Builder of the Year (South East) for their work on a three-bedroom Walkerville North home with a sweeping, airborne prospect of the cliffs and beaches. The scope of works required the demolition of the original home and the construction of a beach shack-style dwelling that takes full advantage of its spectacular oceanside views.

Accommodation includes the three bedrooms, bathroom plus ensuite, open-plan kitchen and living area with stacker doors opening on to a large deck. Building on the cliff face was challenging, particularly with the geological implications, including unstable soil. The house includes a northerly aspect from the master bedroom, with views from the living room and balcony looking to the west side of Wilsons Promontory.

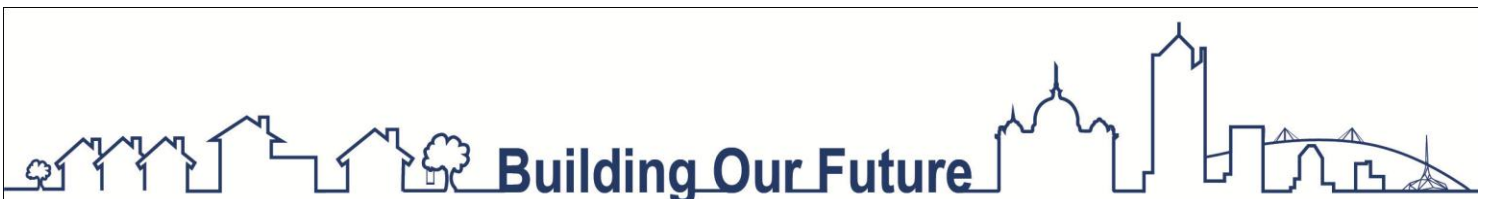
“This is a house that lifts the spirits and celebrates quality construction in elemental surroundings,” Master Builders Association of Victoria CEO Radley de Silva said.

“The construction assumes a simple, solid form, allows pure enjoyment of the beachside atmosphere and is deserving of the event’s highest honour this evening.”

Brooker Builders was named Commercial Builder of the Year (South East) for their work on updating the Bairnsdale Library building. The existing heritage Mechanics Hall, built in 1889, has been extended to form a new two-storey library facility. The project has enhanced its social, cultural and streetscape significance in the regional centre of Bairnsdale. In contrast to the original brick building, the new design is transparent, open and visually accessible compared to the former’s closed and relatively isolated character. The structure continues to be a public gathering place by enabling the space to act as a community hall. New facilities have been added including meeting rooms, a café, and public and private study spaces.

“Successful updates of respected community institutions like public libraries present substantial challenges for the most accomplished construction companies,” Mr de Silva said. “It is impressive that the builder was able to incorporate the expanded range of services and features while honouring the heritage of the original facility.”

SJ Vuillermin Master Builders will now compete in the Victorian Excellence in Housing Awards to be held on 16 October in Melbourne. Brooker Builders will compete in the Victorian Excellence in



Construction Awards to be held on 14 August.

Photos and interviews available.

Full winners list:

2015 South East Regional Awards Winners

Best Renovation/Addition Under \$200,000

Latrobe Valley Building Services

Project: Glengarry

Best Renovation/Addition Over \$500,000

T&J Designer Builders

Project: Warragul

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

Van Der Velden Builders

Project: Generous, Yinnar

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

T S Constructions

Project: The Cape, Cape Paterson

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

Metricon Homes

Project: Davenport 30 Colonial, Bairnsdale

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

Metricon Homes

Project: Glendale 38 Isla, Bairnsdale

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

Roseleigh Homes

Project: Drouin

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

Virtue Homes

Project: Hazelwood North

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

Allchin Builders

Project: Warragul

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

Green Design Homes

Project: Warragul

Best Custom Home \$700,000

SJ Vuillermin Master Builders
Project: Walkerville North

Best Multi-Unit Development up to 3 Units

Virtue Homes
Project: Traralgon

Best Sustainable Home

T S Constructions
Project: The Cape, Cape Paterson

Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings \$1m to \$3m

DAS Constructions
Project: Newhaven College Trade Training Centre, Phillip Island

Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings \$3m to \$6m

Brooker Builders
Project: Bairnsdale Library, Bairnsdale

Winner

Regional Residential Builder of the Year South East

SJ Vuillermin Master Builders
Project: Walkerville North

Regional Commercial Builder of the Year South East

Brooker Builders
Project: Bairnsdale Library, Bairnsdale