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## **BUILDERS OF METUNG RESIDENCE AND AGED CARE CENTRE SHINE AS SOUTH EAST MASTER BUILDERS OF THE YEAR**

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

Brooker Builders was named Residential Builder of the Year (South East) for their creation of a home at Kings Cove in Metung, a two-level dwelling designed and constructed to facilitate the homeowner's physical independence and offer views of the Gippsland Lakes. The construction entailed the mounting of a concrete ground slab on piers with timber/steel roof framing (and metal deck roof) with a suspended reinforced concrete floor slab to the upper level. Its courtyard features locally sourced stonework and concrete-block rendered walls. The ground floor slab is geo-thermally heated.

"This home features interior and exterior spaces that come together as elegantly as the topography of the nearby Gippsland Lakes shoreline," Master Builder Association of Victoria CEO Radley de Silva said. "The crisp details conceal solid construction and finish work in an elegant package."

BFN Developments was named Commercial Builder of the Year (South East) for their work on the Abbey Gardens aged care facility in Warragul, a 123-bed centre including timber framing and brick veneer, rendered walls, feature-stone cladding, timber arbours, a BBQ pavilion, street works, car parks and landscaping.

"We commend the attention to detail and construction devoted to a project type too often marginalised in our society," Mr de Silva said. "This example of construction honours its residents and promotes aging with dignity, variety and independence."

Brooker Builders will now compete in the Victorian Excellence in Housing Awards to be held on 13 October in Melbourne. BFN Developments will compete in the Victorian Excellence in Construction Awards to be held on 4 August.

Photos and interviews available.

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**Full winners list:**

**2017 South East Regional Awards Winners**

**Regional Commercial Builder of the Year**

BFN Developments

Project: Abbey Gardens Aged Care Facility, Warragul

**Regional Residential Builder of the Year**

Brooker Builders P/L

Project: Metung

**Best Renovation/Addition under \$200,000**

Latrobe Valley Building Services

Project: Traralgon

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

Latrobe Valley Building Services

Project: Sale

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

Benson Industries

Project: Sale

**Best Display Home \$250,000-\$350,000**

Colmac Homes Pty Ltd

Project: Bairnsdale

**Best Display Home \$350,000 - \$500,000**

Virtue Homes

Project: Bentley 35 V-3, Traralgon

**Best Volume Builder Display Home under \$250,000**

JG King Homes

Project: H6, Traralgon

**Best Volume Builder Display Home \$250,000-\$350,000**

Simonds Homes

Project: Hudson 2212, Bairnsdale

**Best Volume Builder Display Home \$350,000-\$500,000**

Metricon

Project: Botanica 36, Traralgon

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

Virtue Homes

Project: Traralgon

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

Roseleigh Homes  
Project: Warragul

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

Beach House Constructions  
Project: Silverleaves

**Best Custom Home \$500,000 - \$600,000**

Roseleigh Homes  
Project: Warragul

**Best Custom Home \$1M-\$2M**

Brooker Builders P/L  
Project: Metung

**Best Sustainable Home**

TS Constructions Pty Ltd  
Project: Cape Paterson

**Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings under \$1M**

TS Constructions Pty Ltd  
Project: Bunyip Netball & Tennis Pavilion, Bunyip

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

Waltcon Constructions  
Project: Traralgon Tennis Show Courts, Traralgon

**Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings \$3M - \$6M**

TS Constructions Pty Ltd  
Project: Karmai Children's Centre, Korumburra

**Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings over \$6M**

BFN Developments  
Project: Abbey Gardens Aged Care Facility, Warragul