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Mornington marvel named Master Builder of the Year

A record-breaking crowd of 900-plus will see Mornington-based family business First Impressions Projects crowned Master Builder of the Year at Crown Palladium tonight.

First Impressions director Robert Rolls and his team will be recognised for their work on a spectacularly located, three-storey home in Somers on the Mornington Peninsula.

Shadow Planning Minister David Davis will present the award, also naming Gippsland's Brooker Builders the Regional Builder of the Year and Sinjen's Tim Nathan the Young Builder of the Year.

Master Builders CEO Radley de Silva said it was an honour to acknowledge the quality work, dedication and craftsmanship of all of the winners.

"The class of entries this year was exemplary and it is a pleasure to reward the talent, skill and commitment to customer service that First Impressions, Brooker Builders and all of the winners have shown with the winning projects," he said. "It is also exciting to recognise the up-and-coming talent of Young Builder of the Year Tim Nathan, whose work with Sinjen speaks volumes for the future of our industry."

This is not the first Master Builders award for Robert Rolls and First Impressions. He was named Young Builder of the Year in 2012. First Impressions also took out the award for the Best Renovation/Addition over \$1 million in 2010. The qualified carpenter and architecture student established First Impressions Projects in 1995 to "provide excellence in building and design."

The winning Somers project features four bedrooms, a theatre room and an infinity pool. All rooms in the house take full advantage of natural light and unhindered views to the sea.

In his comments, judge Neil Evans describes Robert as "impressive and articulate."

"I liked the way he worked through issues to find solutions," he said.

Judge Rob McLauchlan was equally glowing saying "every area of the home shows exceptional attention to detail."

"This is an exceptionally finished home, constructed in the face of a very difficult site and complex design," Mr McLauchlan said.

First Impressions Projects will now compete in the National Excellence in Building Awards to be held in Hobart on 25 November. Full list of winners with pics [here](#).

Winners of 2017 Excellence in Housing Awards



Master Builder of the Year
First Impressions Projects Pty Ltd
Somers

Regional Builder of the Year
Brooker Builders Pty Ltd
Metung

Young Builder of the Year
Tim Nathan, Sinjen

Best Renovation/Addition under \$200,000
Latrobe Valley Building Services Pty Ltd
Traralgon

Best Renovation/Addition \$200,000 - \$300,000
Latrobe Valley Building Services Pty Ltd
Sale

Best Renovation/Addition \$300,000 - \$500,000
Grundella Constructions
Cremorne

Best Renovation/Addition \$500,000 - \$750,000
Delco Developments Pty Ltd
Balaclava

Best Renovation/Addition \$750,000 - \$1M
Markus Builders Pty Ltd
Richmond

Best Renovation/Addition over \$1M
Quality Built
Mount Eliza

Best Renovation/Addition over \$1M
ACS Builders
Flemington

Best Display Home under \$250,000

Eight Homes

Cranbourne North

Best Display Home \$250,000 - \$300,000

Henley Properties

Point Cook

Best Display Home \$300,000 - \$350,000

Simonds Homes

Taylors Hill

Best Display Home \$350,000 - \$425,000

Arden Homes

Botanic Ridge

Best Display Home \$425,000 - \$500,000

Q Designer Homes

Torquay

Best Display Home \$500,000 - \$750,000

Urbanedge Homes

Cranbourne North

Best Display Home \$500,000 - \$750,000

Arden Homes

Clyde North

Best Display Home over \$750,000

Englehart Homes

Balwyn North

Best Custom Home under \$300,000

Cameron Construction

Macs Cove

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

Zaas Homes Pty Ltd

Thornbury

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

Q Designer Homes

Ocean Grove

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

Lachlan Fleming Constructions P/L

Woodend

Best Custom Home \$600,000 - \$800,000

Englehart Homes

Heidelberg Heights

Best Custom Home \$800,000 - \$1M

Sinjen

Brunswick East

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

Neumode Design & Construction Pty Ltd

Glen Iris

Special Commendation

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

Englehart Homes

Balwyn North

Best Custom Home over \$2M

First Impression Projects Pty Ltd

Somers

Special Commendation

Best Custom Home over \$2M

Visioneer Builders

Harkaway

Best Multi Unit Development – up to 3 units

Centex Homes Pty Ltd

Murrumbena

Best Multi Unit Development – 4 to 12 units

Marks Group Constructions

Brighton

Best Multi Unit Development – over 12 units

Bayside Construct

Port Melbourne

Best Integrated Housing Development

Pace Development Group

St Kilda

Best Sustainable Home

Croft Wootton Construction Pty Ltd

Somers

Best Kitchen under \$40,000

Anderson Homes Pty Ltd

Hawthorn East

Best Kitchen over \$40,000

Anderson Homes Pty Ltd

Kew

Best Bathroom under \$30,000

Bluestar Living

Balwyn North

Best Kitchen in a Display Home

Glenvill Homes

Elsternwick

Best Bathroom in a Display Home

Verde Homes Pty Ltd

Canterbury