

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **LARKIN AND DROUGHT BUILDERS WIN TWIN TITLES AS MASTER BUILDERS OF THE YEAR**

An audience of over 900 witnessed Larkin and Drought Builders Pty Ltd receive dual awards for Master Builder of the Year and Regional Residential Builder of the Year, at Crown Palladium tonight.

Master Builders Victoria CEO Rebecca Casson and President Richard Hansen presented the awards, naming Larkin and Drought both Master Builder of the Year and Regional Residential Builder of the Year for a Barwon Heads home that features concrete walls contrasted with American oak as the primary architectural feature.

Cupboards, doors and panels were chosen to match the ceiling lining, which reaches seven metres high. A custom brass pendant was designed and constructed to be the central piece above the dining area. The builders laid spotted-gum decking around the pool and alfresco area. Kitchen benchtops were poured in place and then polished. Calcutta marble splashbacks were used as a contrast and the theme was continued into the wet areas for benchtops.

“One of the most compelling aspects of this home is the visual impact of the way the builders fit the concrete and wood volumes together,” Master Builders Victoria CEO Rebecca Casson said. “The rough and smooth forms rest against each other in a very satisfying way.”

CEO Rebecca Casson and President Richard Hansen presented Peter Lo Bartolo, of APC Build Pty Ltd, with the award for Young Builder of the Year.

Ms Casson said it was an honour to acknowledge the quality of work, dedication and craftsmanship of all the winners.

“The builders and projects we honour this year are central to telling the story of Victoria, as our population growth is the quickest in the nation,” she said. “Our members consistently meet the enormous demand for housing, with craftsmanship and professionalism that distinguishes them as the best in our state.”

Larkin and Drought Builders will now compete in the National Excellence in Building Awards to be held on 23 November at the Field of Light, Uluru. See the full list of winners below.

## 2019 Excellence in Housing Awards - WINNER LIST

#211

Best Renovation/Addition under \$300,000

Attic Group Pty Ltd

Project: Glen Waverley

#124

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

Insite Design + Construction Pty Ltd

Project: Castlemaine

#49

Best Renovation/Addition \$500,000-\$750,000

Penbuild Developments

Project: Flinders

#11

Best Renovation/Addition \$750,000-\$1M

APC Build Pty Ltd

Project: Toorak

#164

Special Commendation

Best Renovation/Addition over \$1M

Leone Constructions Pty Ltd

Project: Middle Park

#165

Best Renovation/Addition over \$1M

Prolifica Building Group

Project: Armadale

#128

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

Granted Constructions

Project: Gembrook

#14

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

StyleMark Developments

Project: Mernda

**IS YOUR BUILDER A MASTER BUILDER?**



#67

Special Commendation

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

Elite Homes (Melb) Pty Ltd

Project: Woodend

#131

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

Voller Builders Pty Ltd

Project: Rye

#127

Special Commendation

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

Granted Constructions

Project: Emerald

#63

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

Q By Malishev

Project: Anglesea

#148

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

Precision Projects

Project: Sandringham

#1

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

Larkin and Drought Builders Pty Ltd

Project: Barwon Heads

#36

Special Commendation

Best Custom Home over \$2M

Icon Synergy

Project: Dromana

#74

Best Custom Home over \$2M

Visioneer Builders

Project: Middle Park

**IS YOUR BUILDER A MASTER BUILDER?**



#42

Best Kitchen under \$40,000

Acustruct

Project: Mernda

#145

Best Kitchen over \$40,000

Fleetwood Building Design & Construction

Project: Camberwell

#30

Best Bathroom under \$30,000

Campi Property Services

Project: Balwyn

#146

Best Bathroom over \$30,000

Fleetwood Building Design & Construction

Project: Camberwell

#35

Best Multi Unit Development – up to 3 units

AGUSHI Pty Ltd

Project: Huntingtower, Armadale

#86

Best Multi Unit Development – 4 to 12 units

Samssons Projects

Project: The Kingston, Malvern East

#160

Best Multi Unit Development over 12 units

Liberty Builders

Project: Canterbury

#20

Best Display Home under \$250,000

ABC Homes

Project: Lloyd 29RF, Tarneit

#154

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

JG King Homes

Project: Cirque, Truganina

**IS YOUR BUILDER A MASTER BUILDER?**



#193

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

Granvue Homes

Project: Emerald, Rockbank

#227

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

Bridgewood Homes Pty Ltd

Project: The Ryde, 6-34, Thurgoona

#85

Special Commendation

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

Sinclair's Building Concepts Pty Ltd

Project: Adeline, Torquay

#43

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

Porter Davis

Project: Sandford 47, Clyde

#219

Special Commendation

Best Display Home over \$750,000

Hallbury Homes

Project: Evoke 53, Clyde North

#209

Best Display Home over \$750,000

Grollo Homes

Project: Floating Forms, Canterbury

#210

Best Bathroom in a Display Home

Grollo Homes

Project: Floating Forms, Canterbury

#215

Best Kitchen in a Display Home

Hallbury Homes

Project: Clyde North

#189

Best Sustainable Home under \$750,000

Arden Homes

Project: Lyndhurst

**IS YOUR BUILDER A MASTER BUILDER?**



#106

Best Sustainable Home over \$750,000

Cale Peters Constructions Pty Ltd

Project: Richmond

#161

Best Integrated Housing Development

Liberty Builders

Project: Miramar Apartments, Mornington

Winner

Young Builder of the Year

Peter Lo Bartolo

APC Build Pty Ltd

#9SW

Regional Residential Builder of the Year

Larkin and Drought Builders Pty Ltd

Project: Barwon Heads

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Master Builder of the Year

Larkin and Drought Builders Pty Ltd

Project: Barwon Heads

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**IS YOUR BUILDER A MASTER BUILDER?**



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Since 1875, Master Builders Victoria has grown to be Victoria's leading building and construction industry voice.

A broad-based organisation, we service the needs of the entire industry, from residential to commercial and engineering businesses, principal contractors to subcontractors, manufacturers and suppliers.

We continually assist in developing the skills of our members by providing access to a wide range of services and proactive representation to government and industry. Master Builders also serves the public of Victoria by fostering best practice work standards and acting as an independent advisory service for our industry.

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