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Master Builders Victoria 2023 Excellence in Housing Awards

A stunning Caulfield North home that capitalises on multi-use space has secured a top gong for a Victorian builder.

Leone Constructions was tonight crowned Master Builders Victoria's **Master Builder of the Year** at its annual Excellence in Housing Awards.

Judges lauded the South Melbourne company's latest project, Gathering House, Caulfield North, for balancing a modernist appeal with the 1950s and '60s architecture of the area.

With light toned, slim curved brickwork facades and finely detailed metal balcony balustrades, the house sits comfortably in a sloping garden landscape.

It comprises a basement with two floors above, a five-car garage, large open-plan sitting, living, dining and kitchen area, with butler's kitchen and laundry.

The ground floor also includes an additional large study that can transition into a guest bedroom.

All four bedrooms are located on the first floor, including three mirrored kids bedrooms each with their own desk, robe and private ensuite. The master suite features a designated walk-in wardrobe and double vanity ensuite with bath.

Master Builders Victoria CEO Michaela Lihou says Gathering House epitomised the high standards of this year's finalists.

"Leone Constructions' Gathering House demonstrates a level of professionalism and eye for detail that has become synonymous with the projects our members continue to deliver," Ms Lihou said.

"It is proof of what can be achieved, despite ongoing challenges across the industry."

Ballarat-based, BCM Homes, was named **Regional Builder of the Year** for its residential project, Horizon House, Wye River.

MBV president Geoff Purcell said the quality of construction was unparalleled.

“One of the standout features of the build was the complex structural design, which required a high degree of precision and skill to achieve the desired outcome,” Mr Purcell said.

“Every aspect of the build reflects the highest standards of craftsmanship.”

Nathan Roberts, a former building surveyor at Bayside City Council was named **Young Builder of the Year**.

Now, the founder of Helico Constructions, Mr Roberts topped a strong field of finalists for his body of work featuring architecturally designed homes, renovations and extensions. The team is currently working on a \$3.5m development on the Mornington Peninsula.

This year’s awards also marked the inaugural launch of the Mario Biasin Leadership scholarships.

The scholarships were established by MBV’s **Building and Construction Foundation** in memory of the joint founder and CEO of Metricon who advocated for the sector until his death in 2022.

The **Mario Biasin Leadership Scholarship** was awarded to RMIT Bachelor of Applied Science student, Mohammad Shinwari.

The **Mario Biasin Career Advancement Scholarship** was awarded to RMIT Bachelor of Applied Science student, James Steer.

Both young men outlined their aspirations for a career in Victoria’s building and construction industry to take the honours.

They receive \$10,000 and \$5000 respectively to help progress their careers – with the prize money matched by home builder Metricon.

“In their applications for consideration, both Mr Shinwari and Mr Steer, showcased a determination to overcome challenges to achieve the ultimate goal of not only pursuing a career, but making their mark in an industry they love,” Chair of the Foundation, George Abraham said.

“We trust the scholarship success will set them on a path to making their dreams a reality.”

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IS YOUR BUILDER A MASTER BUILDER?



2023 Excellence in Housing Awards

FULL WINNERS LIST

Winner

Best Renovation/Addition Under \$300,000

NBuilt Pty Ltd

for Rose Street, Fitzroy

Special Commendation

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

Eltcon

for McKean, Box Hill North

Winner

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

Bearwood Building and Construction

for Barkers Road, Kew

Special Commendation

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

Insite Design and Construction Pty Ltd

for Wattle Street Residence, Bendigo

Winner

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

Eltcon

for A'Beckett, Prahran

Winner

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

Jardon Group Pty Ltd

for The Hat Factory, Carlton

Special Commendation

Best Renovation/Addition Over \$1M

Visioneer

for Hawthorn Residence, Hawthorn

Winner

Best Renovation/Addition Over \$1M

Coben Building Pty Ltd

for Bayside House, Brighton

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Winner

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

Carlisle Homes

for Glenbrook 27 Meridian, Clyde North

Winner

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

Arden Homes

for Rockwell 23, Donnybrook

Special Commendation

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

Mimosa Homes

for Goldfield 277 Armstrong Estate, Mount Duneed

Winner

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

SJD Homes

for Patterson 280, Officer South

Winner

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

Arden Homes

for Milan 29, Sunbury

Special Commendation

Best Display Home \$750,000 - \$1M

Arden Homes

for Positano 45, Lilydale

Winner

Best Display Home \$750,000 - \$1M

Virtue Homes

for The Olivia, Traralgon

Winner

Best Display Home Over \$1M

Englehart Homes

for La Maison, Balwyn North

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Winner

Best Custom Home Under \$300,000

L.V.D Group Pty Ltd

for The Vintage, Donnybrook

Winner

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

L.V.D Group Pty Ltd

for The Providence, Wantirna

Winner

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

Superior Living Homes

for Jubilee Road, Leneva

Winner

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

Hudson Ridge Builders

for Bismark Residence, Brown Hill

Special Commendation

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

Renovation One

for Tregunter Street, Ascot Vale

Winner

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

Roseleigh Homes

for Kent Street, Warragul

Winner

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

Helico Constructions Pty Ltd

for Brighton Residence, Brighton

Special Commendation

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

Concept Build

for New Street, Brighton

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Winner

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

Latitude 37

for Knox Street, Canterbury

Winner

Best Custom Home \$2M-\$4M

Swell Building Group

for Wallaces Road, Dromana

Winner

Best Custom Home Over \$4M

Leone Constructions

for Gathering House, Caulfield North

Winner

Best Multi Unit Development - Up to 3 units

HISTYLE

for The Nepean Duplex, Brighton East

Special Commendation

Best Multi Unit Development - 4 to 12 units

Visioneer

for Heyington, Toorak

Winner

Best Multi Unit Development - 4 to 12 units

Brompton Construction Pty Ltd

for Avenue, Brighton East

Special Commendation

Best Multi Unit Development - Over 12 units

Low Living

for Topaz Parkdale, Parkdale

Winner

Best Multi Unit Development - Over 12 units

Brompton Construction Pty Ltd

for Awaken, Brighton

IS YOUR BUILDER A MASTER BUILDER?



Winner

Best Kitchen Under \$40,000

Insite Design and Construction

for Wattle Street, Bendigo

Winner

Best Kitchen Over \$40,000

Swell Building Group

for Dromana Farmhouse, Dromana

Winner

Best Kitchen in a Display Home

Virtue Homes Pty Ltd

for The Olivia, Traralgon

Special Commendation

Best Bathroom Under \$30,000

Progressive Bathroom Renovations

for Marlborough Road, Bayswater

Winner

Best Bathroom Under \$30,000

Baypoint Projects Pty Ltd

for Chapel Street, St Kilda

Winner

Best Bathroom Over \$30,000

Singh Homes Pty Ltd

for Corrigans Run, Keysborough

Winner

Best Bathroom in a Display Home

Virtue Homes Pty Ltd

for The Olivia, Traralgon

Winner

Excellence in Health and Safety

Mazzei

for Bateman, Hampton

IS YOUR BUILDER A MASTER BUILDER?



Special Commendation

Best Sustainable Home Under \$1M

NBuilt Pty Ltd

for Colorado Steet, Pascoe Vale

Winner

Best Sustainable Home Under \$1M

Coy's Constructions Pty Ltd

for Kangaroo Ground-Warrandyte Road, Warrandyte

Special Commendation

Best Sustainable Home Over \$1M

Croft Wootton Construction Pty Ltd

for Helsal Point, Mount Martha

Winner

Best Sustainable Home Over \$1M

Ovens & King Builders

for Orchard Court Passiv Haus, Bright

GOLD

Winner

Young Builder of the Year

Nathan Roberts

Helico Constructions

Winner

Regional Builder of the Year

BCM Homes

for Horizon House, Wye River

Winner

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