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Melbourne Homes Win Top Building Awards

Two Melbourne display homes have been awarded one the nation's highest building accolades, a Master Builders Australia national award for excellence in building and construction.

The Awards announced last night at Parliament House in Canberra, recognise the homes as two of the best examples of residential building across the country in 2012.

A Wantirna South display home built by Porter Davis earned the National Display Home Award in the \$350,000 - \$500,000 category.

The five bedroom house with study, two living areas, a cinema lounge, two bathrooms and a double garage was intended for families to maximise space on a small block of land.

It is a spacious home that makes use of natural light to become solar passive and takes advantage of cross ventilation to achieve a six star energy rating.

A display home in Balwyn North built by Englehart Homes was awarded the best National Display Home Over \$500,000.

The three bedroom luxury home is designed to resemble a provincial French chateau. The exterior features Bluestone sawn paving, grand concrete columns, bespoke wrought iron cresting, casement windows, topped with a slate roof.

Inside there is French oak parquet floors, a striking spiral staircase, French doors opening to the home's main living areas, a lavish leadlight dome featuring 1,260 individual pieces of coloured glass, marble fireplaces and a modern kitchen.

Chief Executive of Master Builders Australia, Wilhelm Harnisch said the homes were a reflection of the high quality builders in Melbourne.

"There are several outstanding builders in Melbourne, which results in a lot of high quality homes being built. These two are an example of homes where great care and attention to detail ensured a top quality finish," Mr Harnisch said.

Master Builders Association of Victoria Executive Director Brian Welch congratulated the Victorian winners for their quality workmanship and achievements on the national stage.

"Master Builders from Victoria have proven that they are at the forefront of Australian building and construction. I commend the winners on their outstanding achievements at the National Awards."

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