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REVOLUTIONARY BUILDING TECHNIQUE SEES REFUGE HOMES WIN HIA VICTORIAN PROJECT HOME OF THE YEAR



Refuge Homes was awarded the HIA Victorian Project Home of the Year tonight at the HIA-CSR Victorian Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards at Crown Towers before a crowd of hundreds of industry leaders and peers.

Located in Gippsland, overlooking a lake and landscaped surrounds, this pitched roof, 7-star energy rated home is both distinctive and durable.

Designed to capture the surrounding views this home demonstrates how cast in-situ concrete walls can be adapted to achieve the most stylish of homes.

It features four generous bedrooms, walk in robe and ensuite to the master bedroom, open plan living with a feature sandstone coloured wall housing a two way wood heater, an innovative kitchen with durable solid surface bench tops, large undercover alfresco area and a double remote control garage.

Stone effect tiles throughout allow for a mixture of warmth with natural colour to complement the natural vegetation feel.

Coupled with features of energy efficiency this feature filled home offers 100 year structural design life on the walls; lower maintenance derived from crack resistant walls and an increased thermal capacity, resulting in lower energy costs.

This is a home that boasts not only impressive beauty but options for both practical living and entertaining.

HIA Victorian Executive Director Gil King congratulated Refuge Homes. 'Refuge Homes has been able to adapt a heavy infrastructure building technique for use in the domestic market, therefore creating their own niche. These homes achieve high energy efficiency, faster build times, increased protection against fires and Australia's harsh weather conditions plus a 100-year structural design life.'

'The Victorian residential construction industry operates in a very dynamic and constantly evolving environment. We are presented with many new challenges and changes to what we do and how we do it.' Mr. King said.

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'The HIA CSR Victoria Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards allow us to recognise excellence and reward HIA members on their high quality of workmanship, design effectiveness, visual appeal, innovation, environmental sustainability and of course, value for money,' he added. 'HIA is delighted with the exceptional quality of entries this year and congratulate Refuge Homes on their innovative solution. All winners and finalists should be proud to have reached the pinnacle of building standards demonstrated in these quality homes,' he said.

'It can be easy to be distracted by the negatives in the current economy, however Victorian builders are still expected to build in excess of 40,000 dwellings this financial year. This is in addition to almost \$7 million in renovation and additions activity,' said Mr. King.

Refuge Homes will go on to compete against other Project Homes from around the country at the 2014 HIA Australian Housing Awards, to be held in Queensland in May.

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A full list of winners can be found in the attached document

Available for interview:

- Marcus Phelan, Refuge Homes Pty Ltd
- Gil King, HIA Regional Executive Director - Victoria

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About Housing Industry Association:

The Housing Industry Association (HIA) is Australia's largest residential building organisation. Members include builders, trade contractors (carpenters and joiners, bricklayers, plasterers, tilers and electricians to painters and roofing contractors), design professionals, kitchen and bathroom specialists, manufacturers and suppliers.

With a network of more than 40,000 members, HIA is the voice of Australia's home building industry.

HIA is unique. It is the only national industry association for all building professionals, representing the interests of the whole housing industry.



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HIA members are committed to promoting the highest standards of customer service, workmanship and business conduct, as well as full compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, codes and standards. They also subscribe to a strict code of conduct that sets acceptable standards of commercial behaviour, which provides additional peace of mind for home owners.

For further information on HIA please visit www.hia.com.au/About%20Us.aspx

HIA Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards:

HIA Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards represent the pinnacle of achievement in Australia's residential building industry. The Awards acknowledge the talent of designers, builders and building companies who plan and construct quality new housing and apartments, renovations and outdoor projects.

HIA Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards are open to all members of the HIA. Entrants must be licensed or registered builders / companies.

To be eligible for the Awards, projects are to have reached practical completion within 24 months prior to the close of entries, that is, 24 May 2011 to 24 May 2013.

The HIA Victorian judging panel is comprised of 37 independent individuals who have a range of experience and expertise within the Victorian residential construction industry. The panel includes builders, architects and designers, building surveyors, planners and manufacturers / suppliers. HIA judges operate independently from HIA and its Committees.

Projects are judged on a range of specific criterion including:

- Quality of workmanship
- Design Effectiveness
- Visual Appeal
- Innovation
- Environmental Sustainability, and
- Market Relevance

Prior to the Victorian Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards, HIA hold four regional Victoria awards nights: South East Victoria, North East Victoria, North West Victoria and Western Victoria each year.

HIA conducts a Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards program in each state across Australia with overall winners advancing to the Australian Housing Awards in May 2014.

For further details and photos on previous HIA Award winners, visit www.housinglocal.com.au/hia-awards.aspx



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2013 HIA CSR Victorian Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Award Winners		
CATEGORY	BUILDERS NAME	PROJECT
CUSTOM BUILT HOMES		
Up to \$350,000	Cleal Constructions Pty Ltd	Wangaratta South
\$350,001 - \$500,000	Kleinert Homes	Montmorency
\$500,001 - \$700,000	Leigh Wykes	Kinglake
\$700,001 - \$1 Million	Ballarat Construction Management	Mt Clear
\$1 Million - \$2 Million	Toebelmann Constructions P/L	Chadstone
Over \$2 Million	Ducon Pty Ltd	Brighton
Custom Built Home of the Year	Ducon Pty Ltd	Brighton
DISPLAY HOMES		
Up to \$230,000	Bentley Homes (Aust) Pty Ltd	Calgary in Mernda
\$230,001 - \$260,000	Henley Properties Group	Geneva Q1 in Taylors Hill
\$260,001 - \$300,000	MainVue Homes	Caspian CS432 in Cranbourne West
\$300,001 - \$400,000	Henley Properties Group	Allegra Q1 in Cranbourne West
\$400,001 - \$500,000	Porter Davis Homes	Waldorf 48 in Williams Landing
\$500,001 - \$600,000	Boutique Homes	K1 in Coburg North
Over \$600,001	Comdain Homes P/L	Urbane 115 in Surrey Hills
Display Home of the Year	Porter Davis Homes	Waldorf 48 in Williams Landing
HERALD SUN HOME MAGAZINE READERS CHOICE AWARD	Porter Davis Homes	Waldorf 48 in Williams Landing
BUSINESS PARTNER	Carrie Bruce of Leongatha Kitchens & Bathrooms	
APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR	Sam Drury	
PROFESSIONAL BUILDER AWARDS		
Small Builder / Renovator	Hallbury Homes	
Medium Builder / Renovator	Comdain Homes Pty Ltd	
Major Builder	Henley Properties	



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PROJECT HOMES		
Up to \$400,000	Hadar Homes	Wangaratta
Over \$400,001	Refuge Homes Pty Ltd	Hazelwood North
Project Home of the Year	Refuge Homes Pty Ltd	Hazelwood North
SPEC HOME		
	The Evolve Group	Balwyn North
RENOVATION / ADDITION PROJECTS		
Up to \$300,000	JB + CP Leheny	Preston
\$300,001 - \$500,000	Silverstream Constructions	Carlton
\$500,001 - \$700,000	Period Extensions + Designs	Canterbury
\$700,001 - \$1 Million	GA & PA Pilcher P/L	Bendigo
\$1 Million - \$2 Million	Elder Building Excellence	Essendon
Over \$2 Million	Canny	Kew
Renovation / Addition Project of the Year	Canny	Kew
TOWNHOUSE / VILLA DEVELOPMENTS		
Up to \$700,000	Vitalmark Constructions Pty Ltd	Caulfield South
\$700,001 - \$1.2 Million	Atkinson Pontifex	Brighton
Over \$1.2 Million	Mirvac (Docklands) Pty Ltd	Docklands
Townhouse / Villa Development of the Year	Mirvac (Docklands) Pty Ltd	Dockland
TOWNHOUSE / VILLA	Vitalmark Constructions Pty Ltd	Caulfield South
APARTMENT COMPLEX	May Constructions	Toorak
SPECIAL PURPOSE HOUSING	Costas Constructions Pty Ltd	Warrandyte
OUTDOOR PROJECT	Sceam Construction	Hawthorn
GREENSMART ENERGY EFFICIENCY	SD Davies Builders	Phillip Island
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING DESIGN	Beaumont Concepts	San Remo
SMALL COMMERCIAL PROJECT	Visual Builders Pty Ltd	Prahran
CUSTOMER SERVICE	Carlisle Homes Pty Ltd	



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KITCHENS		
New Kitchens		
Up to \$45,000	Smarter Bathrooms & Kitchens	Yarraville
Over \$45,001	AG Constructions	Caulfield North
Renovated Kitchens		
Up to \$40,000	Atkinson Pontifex	Brighton
\$40,001 - \$60,000	Mint Kitchens by Lifestyle	Warranwood
Over \$60,001	Smarter Bathrooms and Kitchens	Melbourne
Kitchen of the Year	AG Constructions	Caulfield North
BATHROOMS		
New Bathroom	Flair Cabinets	Thurgoona
Renovated Bathroom		
Up to \$40,000	First Impressions Projects Pty Ltd	Mornington
\$40,001 - \$60,000	Smarter Bathrooms & Kitchens	Melbourne
Over \$60,001	Smarter Bathrooms & Kitchens	Melbourne
Bathroom of the Year	Smarter Bathrooms & Kitchens	Melbourne
KITCHEN DESIGN	Mint Kitchens by Lifestyle	Warranwood
BATHROOM DESIGN	Royston Wilson Design	Toorak
KITCHEN IN A DISPLAY HOME	Hallbury Homes	Vogue 42 in Cranbourne East
OUTDOOR KITCHEN	Leongatha Kitchens + Bathrooms	Leongatha
LAUNDRY	Elder Building Excellence	Essendon