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SOUTH EAST REGIONAL BUILDING AWARDS



Refuge Homes Pty Ltd

REGIONAL RESIDENTIAL BUILDER OF THE YEAR
BEST DISPLAY HOME OVER \$400,000



REFUGE Homes Pty Ltd shone at this year's Master Builders Association South Eastern Regional Awards, winning the top honour of Regional Residential Builder of the Year, and the coveted Display Home over \$400,000 category.

Standing out from competition, the cutting-edge technology of Refuge Homes impressed judges with their unique, stylish and versatile design that emphasised protection of living safely in Australia's changing but scenic, danger-prone environments.

Their design project located at 17 Hazelwood Ridge, Hazelwood North captured the harmonious practicality and ease of living in rural surroundings, while creating assurance through engineering feats to safeguard and future-proof the home from hazardous fire and

cyclonic conditions.

Featuring an unique concrete roof, eight-star energy-star rating and quality finishes, the home is stylish and low maintenance.

The award-winning innovations pioneered by Refuge Homes maximises space and shelter, enhances light and achieves living comfort and practicality, with an unobtrusive charm.

Harmonious indoor-outdoor living is achieved through design that offers accessibility for modern living, with a simple grace and easy sophistication.

Adding substance to the planning of future and current living standards, this home has really set standards for future industry professionals when considering building in rural

locations.

"We are constantly reminded of the devastation that our seasonal conditions can have on our communities," Refuge Homes spokesperson Matthew Phelan said.

"Refuge Homes have focused on this and pioneered an innovative building system that eclipses all others.

"A Refuge Home is designed and built to withstand the severe weather conditions that we are now experiencing on a more regular basis.

"We are building homes for the future to keep our families safe.

"Achievements make us very proud, but this

has not been an easy feat.

"We have applied a lifetime of construction knowledge into years of development, achieving Flame Zone Fire Rating, Highest Cyclone Rating, Eight Star Energy Rating, Average Build Costs, Low Maintenance and Construction Method as six key deliverables needed for success in designs that suit all tastes and styles. We have succeeded in our mission.

"A Refuge Home is a polished diamond, tough and beautiful. We are elated with our success at the Master Builders awards, being recognised for innovation, quality of workmanship and contribution to the community.

"This is certainly a most rewarding achievement."

SOUTH EAST REGIONAL BUILDING AWARDS



REGIONAL RESIDENTIAL BUILDER OF THE YEAR BEST DISPLAY HOME OVER \$400,000



PROJECT BRIEFS OVERALL WINNERS

Regional Residential Builder of the Year

Refuge Homes

Project: Hazelwood North

Refuge Homes is a family-owned business that has pioneered an innovative building technique that can achieve both flame zone and category five cyclone-rated homes. Paving the way for more durable, safer, more energy efficient, distinctive homes that can be delivered at a price point commensurate to a standard brick veneer home.

This project involved the construction of a unique, concrete roofed, eight star energy rated, flame zone style home that is both stylish and low maintenance. Coupled unparalleled features of safety and energy efficiency, this home provides a lifestyle for Australian families.

Best Display Home Over \$400,000

Refuge Homes

Project: Hazelwood North

This unique, eight-star energy rated home is a durable and distinctive modern success. It features four generous bedrooms with a walk-in robe and ensuite to the master bedroom, open plan living, an inbuilt solid fuel heater, polished concrete floors and an innovative kitchen. The design and planning were inspired by the surrounding natural vegetation and with the intention to capture the stunning views from all aspects of the home. The home features earthy tones and not only boasts impressive beauty but also practical living and entertainment.



MBAV PRESIDENT GREG ZUCCALA AND REFUGE HOMES'S MARK PHELAN.

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Matt, Lisa and the team at Refuge Homes congratulations on your outstanding achievement on winning the
Master Builders Awards for Regional Builder of the Year and Best Display Home over \$400,000

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**SOUTH EAST
RESIDENTIAL
BUILDER OF THE YEAR**
Refuge Homes
Project:
Hazelwood North

Rising above the standards

REFUGE Homes is a family-owned business that has pioneered an innovative building technique that can achieve both flame-zone compliance for homes built in high fire danger areas as well as category-five cyclone-rated homes.

The new technique paves the way for stronger, safer, more energy-efficient,

distinctive homes that can be built for a similar price to a brick-veneer home.

This project at Hazelwood North involved the construction of a concrete-roofed, eight-star energy rated, flame-zone compliant home that is stylish and low-maintenance and provides a delightfully comfortable lifestyle for the family.





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Fire-proof property: Matt Phelan's company, Refuge Homes, builds houses designed to survive a bushfire.

Idea builds into a robust reality

By EMMA FIELD

GIPPSLAND'S Matt Phelan didn't lose his home in the 2007 Black Saturday fires.

But it convinced him that his new business idea would work.

At the time of the devastating fires, which claimed 173 human lives, the Hazelwood North resident and his brother, Marcus, had spent three years researching an idea to build

concrete homes which could survive Australian bushfires.

In an Australian-first they have pioneered a home building system with their company Refuge Homes, which has the highest fire resistance – or flame-zone rating – and is virtually cyclone proof.

The company offers a number of pre-designed homes built from a concrete pour system they developed.

Matt said the houses, including a display home at Hazelwood North, feature concrete roofs, a very high energy rating and are affordable.

"One of the biggest building costs is labour so we wanted to be able to build the house quickly and efficiently," Matt said.

The idea came from the brothers' extensive experience in the construction business.

The brothers' research included a trip to the US tornado belt to look at building systems.

"By the time Black Saturday happened, we were well into our research, but that prompted a different approach," Matt said. "We took advice from fire engineers and structural engineers on how to put it together to withstand a tree falling on it."



HIA VICTORIAN REGIONAL

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Refuge Homes

➤ **Best Project Home over 300k**

➤ **Best Project Home of the Year**

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Refuge Homes Pty Ltd shone at this year's Housing Industry Association's South Eastern Regional Awards, winning Best Project Home Over 300k, Best Overall Project Home, Best Display Home Over 400k and Best Overall Display Home.

Standing out from competition, the cutting-edge technology of Refuge Homes impressed judges with its unique, stylish and versatile design that emphasised protection of living safely in Australia's changing but scenic, danger-prone environments.

Design projects at 17 and 18 Hazelwood Ridge, Hazelwood North capture the harmonious practicality and ease of living in rural surroundings, while creating assurance through engineering feats to safeguard and future-proof the homes from hazardous fire and cyclonic conditions.

"Our "signature" home features a unique concrete roof, eight star energy rating and quality finishes," Refuge Homes spokesperson Matthew Phelan said.

"The homes are stylish and low maintenance."

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Alex Noto of Technika with Matthew Phelan.

by Refuge Homes, maximise space and shelter, enhance light and achieve living comfort and practicality, with an unobtrusive charm.

Harmonious indoor-outdoor living is achieved through design that offers accessibility for modern living, with a simple grace and easy sophistication.

Mr Phelan said they were elated with their success at the HIA Awards.

"Being recognised for innovation, quality of workmanship and contribution to the community, this is certainly a most rewarding achievement," he said.



HIA VICTORIAN REGIONAL

Housing Awards 13

South East Region



Refuge Homes

➤ **Best Display Home over 400k**

➤ **Best Display Home of the Year**



Through innovation Refuge Homes has developed the most advanced building system in the market.

"This is construction at its finest," Refuge Homes' spokesperson Matthew Phelan said.

As a result the quality of construction by Refuge Homes was rewarded with outstanding results at the HIA Awards - with two homes winning the two top awards each.

"We are constantly reminded of the devastation that our seasonal conditions can have on our communities," Mr Phelan said.

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to withstand severe weather conditions that we are now experiencing on a more regular basis.

"We are building homes for the future to keep our families safe."

Mr Phelan said they were proud of their achievements, "but by all measures this has not been an easy feat".

"We have applied a lifetime of construction knowledge into years of development," he said.

"We identified six key

deliverables needed for success - flame zone rating, highest cyclone rating, eight-plus energy star rating, average build costs, low maintenance and a construction that delivers designs that suit all tastes and styles.

"We have succeeded in our mission.

"A Refuge Home is a polished diamond - tough and beautiful."



Best Project and Best Display Home

Best Display Home Overall
Best Display Home over 400k
Best Project Home overall
Best Project Home over 300k



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Best Project Home



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