



The winners of the 40th National Architecture Awards

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The Sir Zelman Cowen Award for Public Architecture: Monash Woodside Building for Technology and Design by Grimshaw in collaboration with Monash University

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The largest Passive House-certified building in the southern hemisphere was awarded Australia's highest honour for public architecture at the Australian Institute of Architects 2021 National Architecture Awards.

Marking the 40th anniversary of the awards program, [jury chair Alice Hampson said](#), "These awards attest to our profession's inventiveness, imagination, pulchritude and multiplicity.

"Collectively, this year's awarded works exhibit the richness, intelligence, viscerality, complexity, individuality and delight of which Australian architecture is capable."

The Monash Woodside Building for Technology and Design by Grimshaw in collaboration with Monash University was one of the most awarded projects on the night, receiving both the Sir Zelman Cowen Award for Public Architecture and the David Oppenheim Award for Sustainable Architecture. The project sets Monash University on a path towards net-zero carbon emissions by 2030.



“The universality provided to this building through structure, daylight and amenity, through order in the plan and poetry in the whole, brings to light the architectural discipline like no other building [...] this year,” the jury noted.

Elsewhere in the awards, Smart Design Studio’s own office also took home double accolades of the Harry Seidler Award for Commercial Architecture and the Emil Sodersten Award for Interior Architecture, as well as a national award for sustainable architecture.

The awards were announced in The 2021 jury comprised Alice Hampson (chair, immediate past president of the Australian Institute of Architects, and director at Alice Hampson Architect), Angelo Candalepas (director at Candalepas Associates), Cameron Bruhn (head of school and dean at the School of Architecture, The University of Queensland), Ingrid Richards (director at Richards and Spence), and Robert Nation (director at Nation Architects).

The winners are:

Public Architecture

The Sir Zelman Cowen Award

[Monash Woodside Building for Technology and Design](#) – *Grimshaw in collaboration with Monash University*

National Awards

[Australian Museum Project Discover](#) – *Cox Architecture with Neeson Murcutt and Neille*

[Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre](#) – *Andrew Burges Architects and Grimshaw with TCL in collaboration with the City of Sydney*

The Robin Boyd Award

Night Sky – Peter Stutchbury Architecture



The Robin Boyd Award for Residential Architecture - Houses (New): *Night Sky* by Peter Stutchbury Architecture

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National Awards

Bunkeren – James Stockwell Architect

Pearl Beach House – Polly Harbison Design

Residential Architecture – Houses (Alterations and Additions)



[Beaconsfield House](#) – *Simon Pandal Architect*



The Eleanor Cullis-Hill Award for Residential Architecture - Houses (Alterations and Additions):
Beaconsfield House by Simon Pandal Architect.

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National Award

[Beck Street](#) – *Lineburg Wang*

National Commendation

[The Hat Factory](#) – *Welsh and Major Architects*

Residential Architecture – Multiple Housing

The Frederick Romberg Award

[The Lothian](#) – *Kennedy Nolan*



The Frederick Romberg Award for Residential Architecture - Multiple Housing: The Lothian by Kennedy Nolan

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Educational Architecture

The Daryl Jackson Award

[Barker College Rosewood Centre](#) – *Neeson Murcutt and Neille*





The Daryl Jackson Award for Educational Architecture: Barker College Rosewood Centre by Neeson Murcutt and Neille

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National Award

[Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School Music House](#) – *McBride Charles Ryan*

National Commendation

[Geelong College Junior School](#) – *John Wardle Architects*

Interior Architecture

The Emil Sodersten Award

[Smart Design Studio](#) – *Smart Design Studio*





The Emil Sodersten Award for Interior Architecture: Smart Design Studio by Smart Design Studio

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National Commendation

[Divided House](#) – *Jackson Clements Burrows Architects*

Commercial Architecture

The Harry Seidler Award

[Smart Design Studio](#) – *Smart Design Studio*

National Awards

[Land 121 Facilities Project, Lavarack Barracks](#) – *BVN*

[Wangaratta Street](#) – *MA Architects*

Sustainable Architecture

The David Oppenheim Award

[Monash Woodside Building for Technology and Design](#) – *Grimshaw in*



The David Oppenheim Award for Sustainable Architecture: Monash Woodside Building for Technology and Design by Grimshaw in collaboration with Monash University

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National Award

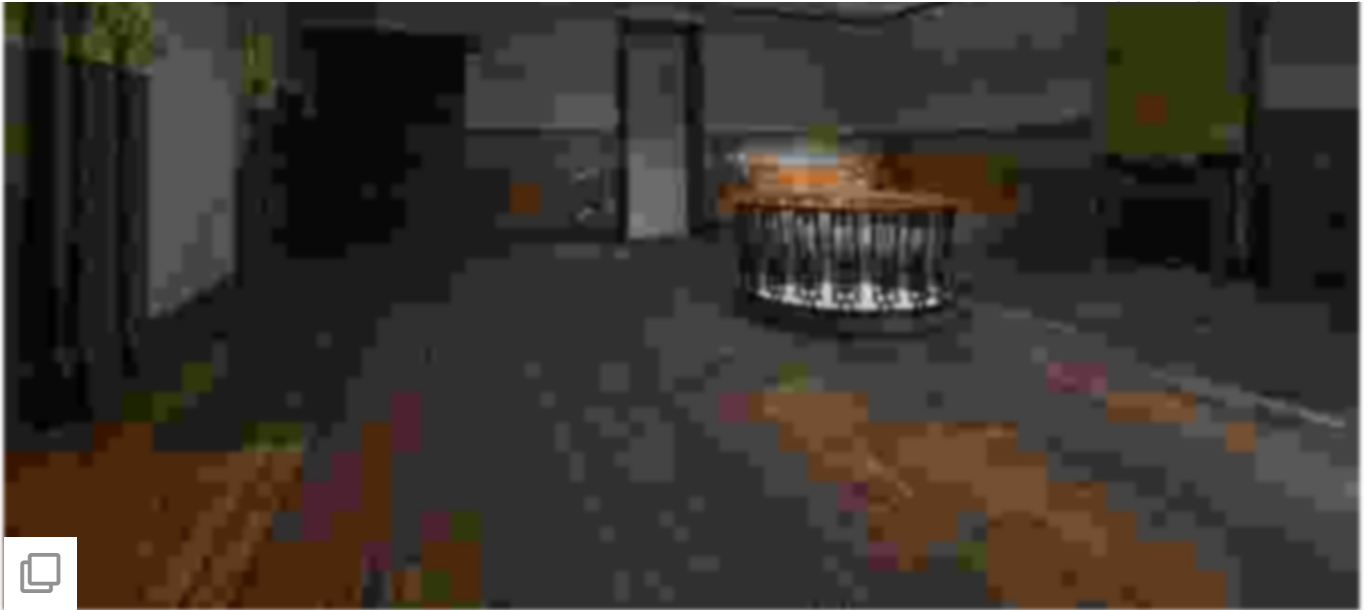
[Smart Design Studio](#) – *Smart Design Studio*

Heritage

The Lachlan Macquarie Award

[Bendigo Former Mining Exchange](#) – *Williams Boag Architects*





The Lachlan Macquarie Award for Heritage: Bendigo Former Mining Exchange by Williams Boag Architects

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National Award

[Australian Museum Project Discover](#) – Cox Architecture with Neeson Murcutt and Neille

Urban Design

The Walter Burley Griffin Award

[Sub Base Platypus](#) – Lahznimmo Architects and Aspect Studios





The Walter Burley Griffin Award for Urban Design: Sub Base Platypus by Lahznimmo Architects and Aspect Studios

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National Commendation

[QUT Campus to Country](#) – *BVN*

Small Project Architecture

National Commendations

[Floating Sauna Derby](#) – *Licht Architecture*

[Jackalope Pavilion](#) – *March Studio*

[Plastic Palace](#) – *Raffaello Rosselli Architect*

International Architecture

The Jørn Utzon Award

[One and Only Desaru Coast, Malaysia](#) – *Kerry Hill Architects*





The Jørn Utzon Award for International Architecture: One and Only Desaru Coast, Malaysia by Kerry Hill Architects

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Colorbond Award for Steel Architecture

[Land 121 Facilities Project, Lavarack Barracks](#) – *BVN*

Enduring Architecture

[Olympic Swimming Pool](#) – *Kevin Borland, John and Phyllis Murphy and Peter McIntyre, with engineer Bill Irwin*

National Emerging Architect Prize

[Dino Vrynios](#)

People's Choice Award

[Federal House](#) – *Edition Office*

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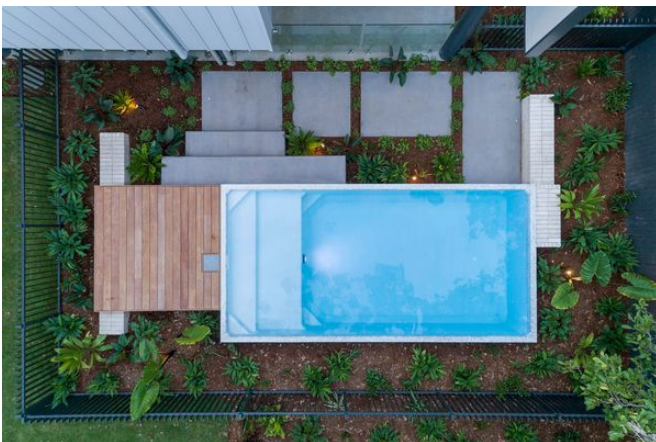


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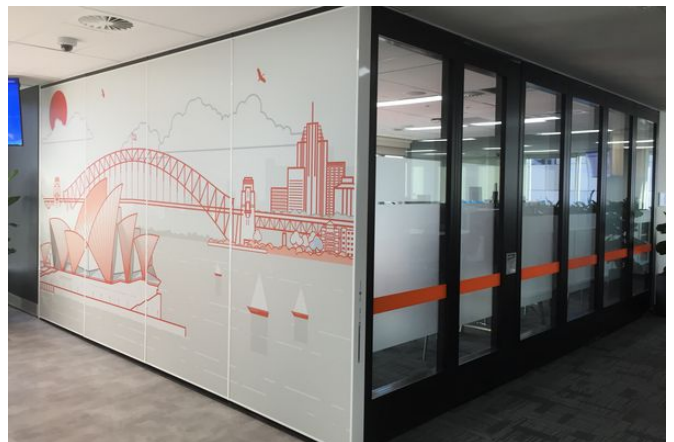
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