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# Entries soar in 2018 Victorian Architecture Awards

More projects than ever before are competing for honours in this year's Victorian Architecture Awards with the Australian Institute of Architects Victorian Chapter today revealing the list of 268 entries.

Victorian Chapter President Amy Muir said the Institute was delighted at the strong response to the awards program which is without par in Australia.

'We have received a record number of entries in this year's Victorian Architecture Awards in what promises to be an extremely competitive field,' Ms Muir said.

'The projects entered cover a broad spectrum of architectural practice, from schools, universities, health and public infrastructure facilities to private residential dwellings. The diverse range of projects and approaches to design allows for a rich assessment process by the jurors.

'The highly respected jurors and rigorous selection and judging process make these awards the most prestigious in the country for architectural excellence.

'The awards program provides an unrivalled opportunity to celebrate achievement, quality design outcomes and commitment across the profession.

'Importantly, the Presentation to Juries which forms an important part of the awards program offers the public a unique chance to engage directly with architects as they present their awards entries to the juries. This opportunity allows the public to gain a better understanding of the role of the architect and the contribution they are making to shape our cities, towns and communities.'

This year's Presentation to Juries events will take place across three days to allow for this year's record-breaking number of entries, coinciding once again with **Melbourne Design Week (MDW)** and will be a stand-out feature of the Design Week program. They will be held on the evening of **Friday 23rd March**, a full day on **Saturday 24th March** and on the afternoon of **Sunday 25th March** and entry is free to members of the public who are welcome to attend.

Entries have been received across 13 national award categories ranging from residential to public, commercial and educational architecture, with a further three state-specific prizes. The winners will be announced on 29 June 2018 and will progress to compete in the National Architecture Awards program.



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The full program of presentations is available online here: <http://architecture.com.au/events/state-territory/victorian-chapter/victorian-awards>.

A complete list of 2018 entries, juries, judging criteria and key dates is attached.

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