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 KATHERINE SPORTS PAVILION | HAMES SHARLEY ARCHITECT | PHOTOGRAPHER: CHARLIE BLISS



FROM THE NT CHAPTER PRESIDENT



ROSSI KOUROUNIS RAI
NT CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2023 Northern Territory Architecture Awards.

What a year it has been in our Built Environment world. Last year we were optimistic for more positive times to come and wow, the industry has delivered. Our profession has seen an unprecedented influx of amazing projects across the Territory in the public and private sectors. I would especially like to highlight that the private sector is as vibrant than ever, growing strength to strength by every passing month.

I would like to thank all our remarkable members across the Territory for their amazing contribution in shaping our built environment and striving for excellence in our profession. We know this influx of work across our landscape has presented other challenges like resourcing, however it is the resilience of our members which keeps this Territory moving forward. I suppose we keep hearing this statement *'Us Territorians, we punch above our weight'*. What we should be really saying is that we, as Territorian, architects have the humility, strength, creativity and professional acumen to mix with the best of them and our voice is loud.

My sincere gratitude to all the architectural practices who have submitted their project in this year's awards program. We thank them for their hard work and dedication and look forward to seeing the awards program grow from strength to strength.

A special thank you goes out to the fantastic Award Jury panel which includes Esther Chew our awards jury Chair, Andrea Rice our resident Architect and Martina Matzner, our lay juror. It was fantastic to hear their stories throughout the process and the way all three expressed their passion and experience in offering a robust deliberation process. Thank you for the time and effort provided.

We sincerely would like to thank our National Awards Partners Taubmans, Alspec, Bluescope Steel/Colorbond, Lysaght, Fielders, Dulux, Brickworks and Smeg. Our Local partners, Northern Territory Government, QS Services, PowerConcepts Electrical & Fire and Rossi Architects.

And finally, a big thank you to all that have attended our magnificent 2023 Northern Territory Architecture Awards evening. These events are a great opportunity to mix it up with industry, clients and the community. It is the celebration of architecture that brings us all together. We are looking forward to seeing the awards program grow stronger in the coming years with some exciting announcements to come.

As I mentioned our industry is thriving, with many current projects on the drawing board. We look forward to celebrating them with you in the future.

FROM THE JURY CHAIR



ESTHER CHEW RAI
NT JURY CHAIR

Thank you for the opportunity to be the Jury Chair for the 2023 Northern Territory Architecture Awards. It is both an honour and a privilege to be tasked to review architectural projects that have been delivered by colleagues; many of which are the result of years of love, sweat and tears.

As an architect, I believe that good architecture is a form of creative and critical 'intervention' in everyday life that can enable the ordinary to inspire. Many of the projects we work on are often complex and multifaceted, all with their fair share of challenges. But each project is also opportunity to draw together the many strands of place-making, environmental stewardship, social equity and economic viability into the creation of places with distinct beauty and identity.

The award entries this year cover a large geographical footprint within the Territory. Commercial and public in nature, they have each demonstrated unique contextual responses. While drawings and photographs depict a sense of scale and complexity, seeing the projects in person allows for a deeper appreciation of their beauty and identity.

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all entrants in your rigour, passion and tenacity to continue to champion for design excellence. And to all the architects and built environment professions, I hope you will also take the opportunity to celebrate the many 'wins' that we as a profession have achieved individually and collectively through teaching and advocacy, project leadership and delivery.

To the Australian Institute of Architects, thank you for the on-going effort to support the annual awards program. To my fellow jurors, you have shined light on the projects and offered genuine discourse. Your hospitality and friendship have made the travel and this experience a fun and memorable one. To Peddle Thorp Architects, thank you for supporting the endeavour. And to my family, thank you for the luxury of space and time.

2023 JURY MEMBERS



ESTHER CHEW RAIA
JURY CHAIR
PEDDLE THORP ARCHITECTS (QLD)

Esther is an award-winning architect with extensive experience in public architecture, cultural and educational facilities.

A strategic thinker, she brings high energy and is adept with working with diverse stakeholder groups to deliver projects that are contextual, generous and one of collective ownership.

Recognised as South Australia's 40 leaders under 40 and Emerging Architect (SA), she teaches at University, influences through Board roles and continues to provide on-going mentorship to graduates in the profession. Recently relocated to Cairns, she balances the role of practice leadership, design discourse, project delivery and advocacy. Appointed to the ODASA design review panel, (Office of Design and Architecture South Australia), Esther continues to champion the principles of good design through every aspect of her work.



ANDREA RICE BArch RAIA
ANDREA RICE ARCHITECTS

Andrea Rice is a true Northern Territory local, born and raised in Darwin. She graduated from RMIT University but returned to Darwin and worked for many years with Jackman Gooden Architects.

After some time out from the profession running a pub and having a baby Andrea returned to the design world founded her own practice Andrea Rice Architects in 2018. Andrea works on a diverse range of projects and has a special interest in Interior and Hospitality spaces.



MARTINA MATZNER RAIA
INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT, HORTICULTURAL DEGREE, AICD, AGRIFUTURES, RURAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR (2016)

Martina Matzner submitted a thesis on mango production as part of her agricultural engineering degree in Germany before coming to Australia where she became involved and gained extensive experience in the successful development, and later management, of a large mango enterprise outside of Darwin, over a period of 25 years. Martina played a significant part in driving the progress of the Australian Mango Industry in areas of: Workforce development, ethical employment, best farming practice, water and environmental protection, RD&I and adoption of technologies.

Martina is a recognised collaborator across industry, government agencies and supply chain partners and over the years has contributed as director on boards and advisory committees.

In 2016 Martina was honored to be awarded Agrifutures', NT Rural Woman of the year. She also holds a horticultural degree and completed the Company Directors Course (AICD).

Martina feels privileged to have had the opportunity to meet so many passionate people with different perspectives over her working career and strongly believes that success is linked to integrating approaches, trusting relationships and high moral values.

Now self-employed, she looks forward to continue sharing her experience and involvement across industries.

2023 NT ARCHITECTURE AWARDS – ALL ENTRIES



KATHERINE SPORTSGROUND PAVILION
HAMES SHARLEY
PHOTOGRAPHER: CHARLIE BLISS



MACDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL HEAD OFFICE
SUSAN DUGDALE AND ASSOCIATES
PHOTOGRAPHER: MIRIAM WALLACE



LARRAKEYAH NORFORCE
BVN
PHOTOGRAPHER: SCOTT BURROWS



HEADSPACE PALMERSTON
ROSSI ARCHITECTS
PHOTOGRAPHER: CHARLIE BLISS



TRACY MEMORIAL AWARD

KATHERINE SPORTS PAVILION

For its legacy to sport and the Katherine Community

BY
HAMES SHARLEY ARCHITECT

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Nelson Mandela once said, "Sports have the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire, the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sports can create hope."

The Katherine Sports Pavilion is an exemplar of how architecture can bring a sense of hope and inspiration for future generations. Replacing end of life amenities, the project delivers new, robust and accessible amenities local for sporting groups. The inclusion of a generous, centrally located shaded open space that connects the ovals with a commercial kitchen, BBQ facilities and public amenities anchors the Pavilion within the wider sporting precinct and provides added value to wider community.

In awarding the Tracy Memorial Award to the Katherine Sport Pavilion, the Jury recognises the importance of on-going investment in inclusive, accessible public facilities such as this in regional areas. The Jury congratulates all involved in delivering a legacy project that will provide positive impact to the community now and into the future.





COMMENDATION FOR COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURE

MacDONNELL REGIONAL COUNCIL HEAD OFFICE

BY SUSAN DUGDALE & ASSOCIATES

Category Sponsor:



PHOTOGRAPHER: MIRIAM WALLACE
SUSAN DUGDALE & DOUG BAILLIE

The new office for the MacDonnell Range Council demonstrates creative adaptive reuse of existing building structures to deliver a contemporary commercial facility in Alice Springs.

Cladded in simple robust materials, the clever use suspended steel sunscreens and colours inspired by the vegetation along the adjacent river corridor provides visual articulation and softens the external fabric. Internally, the design prioritises access to natural light for gathering areas. The central circulation spine is generous, and the integration of vibrant artwork injects colour and connects the two levels.

The Jury is impressed with the design rigour and articulation that has created moments of excellence, both internally and externally. The facility provides an excellent workspace for Council's ever expanding work force that services the 13 communities southwest of Alice Spring.





PETER DERMOUDY AWARD FOR
COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURE

LARRAKEYAH NORFORCE

BY
BVN

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PHOTOGRAPHER: SCOTT BURROWS

NORFORCE is an infantry regiment of the Australian Army Reserve that is responsible for the surveillance and reconnaissance of the remote areas and coastline of Northern Australia. The project response to the amalgamation of multiple existing aged facilities into a dedicated installation within the Larrakeyah Defence Precinct.

The Larrakeyah Defence Project is the site for the new NORFORCE headquarters. The project includes two new buildings, one housing operational support functions in a two-storey building and another housing single storey warehouse and vehicle workshop, as well as vehicle storage area and maintenance buildings for NORFORCE.

Oriented to maximise passive design principles, the large overhangs, awnings and expansive shaded undercroft provides shelter from the harsh tropical climate. Use of warmer materials like timber and careful injection of colours create moments of relief from the otherwise stoic and robust interiors.



Retention of existing trees and external grass training areas and ceremonial site provides balance to the adjacent hard surfaces. Designed to be easily reconfigured, the facility provides flexible and contemporary workspace and facility for ADF personnel.

The Jury is impressed with the rigorous and robust approach to form and materials, scale, modulation, and proportion. Simple and low maintenance materials compliment the highly functional spatial arrangements. The clarity of design intent and meticulous attention to detail is evident in every aspect of the project. The outcomes demonstrate the architect's ability to deliver what is essentially a prosaic function with an understated beauty of excellent architectural merit.





AWARD FOR PUBLIC ARCHITECTURE

KATHERINE SPORTS PAVILION

BY
HAMES SHARLEY ARCHITECT

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Elevated between two ovals, the Katherine Sports Pavilion provides a well-needed contemporary facility for the local sports club in the region.

Informed by a thorough and consultative design process, the architects have achieved a highly efficient and functional design. The pavilion is orientated to maximize vantage points. The large, cantilevered overhang provides shaded comfort, enabling activation of building edges. The use of robust and strong building materials reflects the harsh conditions akin to public buildings in the regions. The central pavilion opens and connects the sporting ovals. The space is generous and welcoming, providing public amenities for sporting and other community groups.

The architects' pragmatic approach is balanced with thoughtful articulation, evident in the layering of the façade, creating lightness and visual appeal. The project has created a place that will provide positive impact for the community now and into the future. The Katherine Sports Pavilion is a shining example of how a thoughtful and comprehensive approach to design can create a space that transcends its intended purpose. It is truly a deserving recipient of the award and a model for how architecture can have a positive public impact.





COMMENDATION COLORBOND®
AWARD FOR STEEL ARCHITECTURE

LARRAKEYAH NORFORCE

BY
BVN

Category Sponsor:



PHOTOGRAPHER: SCOTT BURROWS

Located within the Larrakeyah Defence Precinct, the new NORFORCE headquarter includes two new buildings of equal proportions.

In this project, the architects have skilfully established a symbiotic relationship between site and function, structure, and material. The building uses a palette of simple and robust materials including steel and corrugated cladding in different modulation and proportion to reflect its function. Controlled variations and meticulous attention to detail unites these buildings with associated sheds and shade structures within the precinct. It showcases the craft of balancing large building volumes with refined articulation to create simple yet distinct architecture.





COLORBOND® AWARD FOR STEEL
ARCHITECTURE

KATHERINE SPORTS PAVILION

BY
HAMES SHARLEY ARCHITECT

Category Sponsor:



PHOTOGRAPHER: CHARLIE BLISS

The Katherine Sports Pavilion is a new sporting facility that serves the sporting and wider community of the Katherine Region.

Informed by a thorough and consultative design process, the architects have achieved a highly efficient and functional design. The Pavilion's features a butterfly roof supported by a series of sculptural and dynamic steel structure that soars upwards, reaching out towards the north and south ovals. The generous cantilevered overhang provides shaded comfort, enabling activation of building edges. The roof of the central pavilion is further elevated. A translucent roof and aluminium battens, provides dappled light. Large retractable, perforated metal sliding doors opens up the central pavilion, enables voluminous cross flow ventilation.

The Jury recognises the deliberate use of steel to achieve a striking form with strong visual appeal. Steel screens are also skilfully applied to facades, balancing safety and security and creating lightness and visual appeal. The iconic structure creates an open, generous, and welcoming public place for all. It is a legacy project that will provide positive impact to the community now and into the future.





COMMENDATION FOR INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

HEADSPACE, PALMERSTON

BY ROSSI ARCHITECTS

Category Sponsor:



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Headspace Palmerston provides advice and support for young people aged 12 to 25. The architects have carefully crafted spaces to deliver a non-clinical, inclusive, and safe space for young adults and staff alike. Counselling rooms are themed and furnished with eclectic and homely furniture.

Multipurpose meeting rooms are fitted with kitchen facilities and mobile furniture to provide flexibility for group activities and training. Finishing touches like artwork, a fish tank, potted plants, colourful cushions, throws, and rugs adds life to the centre.

The jury commends the architects for their co-design approach, honouring youth in the process by giving them a voice and reflecting their voices through the design process. The care and passion are evident in every aspect of the project.





ENDURING ARCHITECTURE AWARD

PARLIAMENT HOUSE

BY
MELDRUM BURROWS
AND PARTNERS PTY LTD

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Parliament House in Darwin is Australia's newest Parliament Building. It has been the seat of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly since 1994. Parliament House is located on State Square in the centre of Darwin, which is also the administrative centre of the Northern Territory law and government. It features Post modern features and was designed by Architect Tim Rogers, of Meldrum Burrows and Partners Pty Ltd. The Northern Territory Library is housed in Parliament House.

Construction of Parliament House began in 1990, and the building was completed in 1994, and officially opened by the Governor-General of Australia, Bill Hayden on 18 August 1994. Before Parliament House the former Northern Territory Legislative Council established in 1948 was housed in various temporary buildings around Darwin. After 1974, the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly continued to operate on the same basis, and settled in buildings on the current location until 1990 when they were demolished to allow commencement of the construction of Parliament House. From 1990 to the end of 1994, the Assembly temporarily met in the Chan Building.





PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

HEADSPACE, PALMERSTON

BY
ROSSI ARCHITECTS

Category Sponsor:



PHOTOGRAPHER: CHARLIE BLISS

Voting for the People's Choice Award for 2023 was fierce. Outright winner was Headspace, Palmerston by Rossi Architects by hundreds of votes online.

Headspace Palmerston provides advice and support for young people aged 12 to 25. The architects have carefully crafted spaces to deliver a non-clinical, inclusive, and safe space for young adults and staff alike. Counselling rooms are themed and furnished with eclectic and homely furniture.

The people's Choice public presentations got this project over the line as the People's Choice 2023. Congratulations to Rossi Architects and their team in helping the young people in our community.



PRESIDENT'S AWARD

DAVID BRIDGMAN

Category Sponsor:



This year the NT Chapter president Rossi Kourounis has awarded the presidents prize to Dr David Bridgman. David is a longstanding Territorian, has worked for several local firms and was a senior lecturer in architecture and interior design at Charles Darwin University before establishing David Bridgman Architects in 2015. David has a large portfolio of projects throughout the territory always with exceptional detailing and a passion for appropriate architecture in response to culture, climate and geography of the region and his projects have been outstanding, value adding to our built environment. He holds a Doctorate from RMIT University, and degrees in Architecture, Sociology and Music. He is the author of Acclimatisation, a study of tropical housing in the Northern Territory, and authored several entries in The Encyclopaedia of Australian Architecture, 'notably' a definition of the dunny.

As well as being an architect, David is also a heritage specialist and architectural historian. A member of Australia ICOMOS, working for the conservation and protection of cultural heritage places around the world. David specialises in research and historic building consultancy work, including the preparation of conservation management plans and heritage assessments.

David has been until recently the Northern Territory convenor for the NT Architects Registration Board, where he has given his valuable time and effort for many years. Many architects today have come across David in their journey to being registered. With a careful and measured approach the next round of professionals have been given a good footing to become advocates to the architecture profession.

As a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Architects and a member of the National Trust of Australia. David has been a great advocate for our profession especially within the public realm and we could not think of anyone more worthy to be the recipient of this prize.



STUDENT'S PRIZE

BIRGIT CHAN

CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY

Category Sponsor:



I am honoured to be the recipient of the NT Chapter Student Prize 2023 Award.

I was born and raised in Estonia, a small country in North-Eastern Europe. In my early twenties, I decided to take a break from my architectural studies at a university and travel to Australia. However, I never returned, and today I call Darwin my home, where I live and raise my beautiful family.

Prior to completing a Bachelor of Design at Charles Darwin University, I undertook Certificate IV in Building Design Drafting in 2019, providing me with a solid foundation for my design studies and enabling me to enter the industry immediately after.

I have been fortunate to have been mentored by supportive and knowledgeable lecturers. While receiving my third study award, I believe it would not have been possible without them.

Thank you to NT Chapter, awards sponsors and Charles Darwin University.

FROM OUR PARTNERS



The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (the department) is responsible for driving the sustainable, economic and social advancement of the Northern Territory through land use and transport planning, infrastructure planning, management and delivery, and provision of effective logistics supply chains.

The Infrastructure, Investments and Contracts (IIC) division is responsible for delivering the Northern Territory Government's Infrastructure program, providing services as the Northern Territory's central construction agency and maintaining the portfolio of public built assets. The division is comprised of project management professionals, technical experts for engineering, mechanical, electrical and related disciplines, designers and architects and administrative streams of procurement, compliance and programming professionals. This diverse team which includes regional based officers, delivers a significant annual investment through infrastructure works into the Northern Territory Economy.



QS Services, Quantity Surveyors & Cost Consultants have been established in Darwin for over 32 years. Our services in the construction industry have contributed to what the Territory looks like today and is a strong testament to what QS Services can do for you.

QS Services clients have been located in the Northern Territory, adjacent States, East Timor, Asia, and the Middle East. We've developed and uphold a strong reputation for being timely, reliable and accurate.

FROM OUR PARTNERS



PowerConcepts has come on board as a sponsor of the NT Chapter Awards and is excited to be involved

Power Concepts is a Northern Territory owned and operated business driven to exceed our client's needs with high quality electrical contracting and exceptional customer service. Backed by more than 20 years of industry experience, and a team with a diverse range of electrical backgrounds, we can reliably produce great results for projects of all sizes.

Our company is not limited to a particular industry of service. We have a number of qualifications and extensive training required to conduct electrical contracting

for residential, commercial, industrial, government and council work. This includes keeping up to date with new products, technologies and regulations so that we can meet the requirements of every client.



Rossi Architects are relationship-building professionals recognised for delivering exceptional designs in Darwin and the greater Northern Territory. Transparent dialogue with clients, builders, developers and key stakeholders creates understanding and trust from design inception through to completion, ensuring all key objectives are delivered.

With an enviable design standard and rarely found attentiveness, Rossi Architects listen, engage and deliver results.

Rossi Architects are the essence of great design in Darwin and the Northern Territory. The highly dynamic team continues to successfully deliver educational, community, commercial and residential projects and combines over 45 years of recognised architectural knowledge and experience. Experience a Rossi Architects project for yourself.

Modern architecture is one that respects the context while making an impact. Rossi Architects visualise great ideas and craft quality built structures. The dynamic team considers every design project an opportunity to express the creative vision and channel their intrinsic understanding of beautiful and timeless design.





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