





#### **UNDER STRICT EMBARGO UNTIL JUNE 28**

# Victoria's top architecture honours revealed 2025 Victorian Architecture Awards

Victoria, Australia - The winners of the 2025 Victorian Architecture Awards have been announced showcasing outstanding contributions to architectural design across Melbourne and regional Victoria. Recognising excellence in collaboration, sustainability, and innovation, this year's awards highlight the transformative power of architecture in shaping our communities.

The prestigious Victorian Architecture Medal was awarded to **Searle x Waldron Architecture** recognising its sustainable and beautiful workplace through the <u>Northern Memorial Park Depot.</u> This project for the Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (GMCT) won the Melbourne Prize and received an architecture award and commendation in the Commercial and Sustainable Architecture category respectively. The two-storey timber operations hub rethinks the traditional industrial truss and reflects the client's values to create a design for longevity and sustainability.

A total of 19 Named Awards, 21 Architecture Awards, and 17 Commendations were presented following rigorous assessments by independent juries, recognising 384 submissions across 15 categories that demonstrate a commitment to environmental, economic, and social sustainability. Noticeable in this year's winners is the strength of sustainable architecture across Victoria and the different sectors. Awarded projects exemplifying this theme include <a href="The Paddock">The Paddock</a>, a cluster housing development in Castlemaine by **CROSBY architects** and <a href="Munarra Centre for Regional Excellence">Munarra Centre for Regional Excellence</a> by ARM Architecture which has upgraded facilities, shaded gathering areas, and indigenous planting to encourage community connection, storytelling, and learning. Additionally, many homes have made the step to include more sustainable features in the creation process, or in the alterations.

#### **ENDS**

The full winners list is below. Access to images can be found by registering <u>here</u>. When using images, please credit the Institute, the architect, and the photographer.

Interviews with **Hamish Lyon** LFRAIA, NH Architecture, 2025 Chair of Juries, as well as Jury Chairs for each category, available on request.

For more information about the 2025 Victorian Architecture Awards and a complete list of winners, please visit <a href="www.architecture.com.au/vic-awards">www.architecture.com.au/vic-awards</a>

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The Victorian Architecture Awards enables public and peer recognition of the innovative work of the Institute's members and promotes architects and architecture across Victoria and Australia.

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#### Winners for 2025 Victorian Architecture Awards:

## **Category: Commercial Architecture**

Melbourne Place. Kennedy Nolan

- The Sir Osborn McCutcheon Award for Commercial Architecture

## 116 Rokeby Street. Carr

- Architecture Award

#### **Everlane Cremorne**. Fieldwork

- Architecture Award

## Northern Memorial Park Depot. Searle x Waldron Architecture

- Architecture Award

The StandardX. Woods Bagot

**Architecture Award** 

#### 120 Collins Street Revitalisation. Hassell

- Commendation

#### Decjuba HQ. Jackson Clements Burrows Architecture

- Commendation

#### **Category: Educational Architecture**

Pascoe Vale Primary School. Kosloff Architecture

- The Henry Bastow Award for Educational Architecture

# Munarra Centre for Regional Excellence. ARM Architecture

- Architecture Award

## Kangan Institute Health and Community Centre of Excellence. Architectus

- Commendation

#### Woodleigh Regenerative Futures Studio. Mcildowie Partners with Joost Bakker

- Commendation

#### **Category: Heritage Architecture**

Central Goldfields Art Gallery. Nervegna Reed Architecture

- The John George Knight Award for Heritage

Gunn Ridge House. Kennedy Nolan

- Architecture Award for Creative Adaptation

#### Parliament House Stone Restoration Works. FPPV Architecture

- Architecture Award for Conservation

# Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve. Lovell Chen

- Commendation for Conservation

#### **Category: Interior Architecture**

## Melbourne Place. Kennedy Nolan

- The Marion Mahony Award for Interior Architecture

## **Eva and Marc Besen Centre**. Kerstin Thompson Architects

- Architecture Award

she sells sea shells. Multiplicity

- Architecture Award

Domain. Flack Studio

- Domain

Hume Council Chamber. Architecture Associates

- Commendation

# **Category: Public Architecture**

**Eva and Marc Besen Centre.** Kerstin Thompson Architects

- The William Wardell Award for Public Architecture

Paula Fox Melanoma and Cancer Centre. Lyons

- Architecture Award

<u>Truganina Community Centre</u>. Jasmax (Canvas Projects)

- Architecture Award

Dendy Beach Pavilion and Brighton Life Saving Club. Jackson Clements Burrows Architects

- Commendation

St Mary's Coptic Church. Studio Bright

Commendation

## Category: Residential Architecture – Houses (Alterations and Additions)

Dunstan. SSdh

- The John and Phyllis Murphy Award for Residential Architecture – Houses (Alterations and Additions)

Carlton Cottage. Lovell Burton Architecture

- Architecture Award

Gunn Ridge House. Kennedy Nolan

- Architecture Award

A Light Addition. Office MI-JI

- Commendation

# Category: Residential Architecture – Houses (New)

Hedge and Arbour House. Studio Bright

- The Harold Desbrowe Annear Award for Residential Architecture – Houses (New)

Otway Beach House. Kerstin Thompson Architects

- Architecture Award

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- Architecture Award

Terrace House. Rob Kennon Architects

- Architecture Award

Fishharven. Neil Architecture

- Commendation

Shady Creek Farm House. MRTN Architects

- Commendation

Stumpy Gully House. Adam Markowitz Design with Stavrias Architecture

- Commendation

#### Category: Residential Architecture - Multiple Housing

Nightingale Preston. Breathe Architecture

- The Best Overend Award for Residential Architecture – Multiple Housing Newburgh Light House. Splinter Society Architecture

- Architecture Award

Shiel Street North Melbourne, Community Housing Project. Clare Cousins Architects

- Architecture Award

The Paddock. CROSBY architects

- Commendation

## **Category: Small Project Architecture**

Grace Darling Hotel Parklet. Kerry Kounnapis Architecture Practice

- The Kevin Borland Award for Small Project Architecture

Geelong Laneways: Malop Arcade. NMBW Architecture Studio with ASPECT Studios

- Architecture Award

Wangun Amphitheatre. Equity Office

- Commendation

## Category: Urban Design

Glen Huntly Station. COX Architecture with Rush Wright Associates

- The Joseph Reed Award for Urban Design

Dendy Beach Pavillion and Brighton Life Saving Club. Jackson Clements Burrows

- Architecture Award

Munarra Centre for Regional Excellence. ARM Architecture

- Commendation

## **Category: Enduring Architecture**

Nicholas Building. Harry Norris

- Maggie Edmond Enduring Architecture Award

#### Category - COLORBOND® Award for Steel Architecture

Casuarina Pavilion. Greenaway Architects (GA)

- COLORBOND® Award for Steel Architecture

Munarra Centre for Regional Excellence. ARM Architecture

- Commendation

# **Dimity Reed Melbourne Prize**

Northern Memorial Park Depot. Searle x Waldron Architecture

#### **EmAGN Project Award**

Dunstan. SSdH

#### **Category: Regional Prize**

Munarra Centre for Regional Excellence. ARM Architecture

- Regional Prize

### **Category: Sustainable Architecture**

The Paddock. CROSBY architects

- The Allan and Beth Coldicutt Award for Sustainable Architecture

Woodleigh Regenerative Futures Studio. Mcildowie Partners with Joost Bakker

- Architecture Award

Northern Memorial Park Depot. Searle x Waldron Architecture

- Commendation

# **Emerging Architect Prize**

Stephanie Kitingan. Jacqueline OBrien. James Flaherty. Placement

# **Bates Smart Architecture in Media**

March Studio: Making Architecture, Material & Process. Dr Fleur Watson

State Award

Gromboyd. Maria Larkins

- National Award

When Robin Boys Went to Japan. NMBW Architecture Studio and Robin Boyd Foundation with CIBI

- Advocacy Award