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Architect collaborations top 2020 New South Wales Architecture Awards

Winners of the 2020 New South Wales Architecture Awards have been announced, with a number of architect collaborations recognised amongst the top projects.

In celebration of the state’s best architecture, a total of 41 awards, comprising named awards and architecture awards, and 32 commendations, were presented across 13 categories.

Held on the evening of Friday 3 July, the NSW Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects livestreamed the awards presentation, allowing the public to freely join what is normally a members-only event.

The evening’s most recognised project was Phoenix Central Park by Durbach Block Jaggers with John Wardle Architects, taking out the NSW Architecture Medallion for its celebration of the union between architecture and artistic fields. The gallery and performance space, located in Chippendale, was also awarded the Sir Arthur G. Stephenson Award for Commercial Architecture and John Verge Award for Interior Architecture.

Peter Poulet, chair of juries for this year’s NSW Architecture Awards, says Phoenix Central Park is an outstanding project showing the best of collaborative outcomes and is also recognised for its strong use of material and form.

“Having been given an open invitation to design something exceptional, the architects have joined forces to seamlessly intersect design with the visual and performing arts. The single yet multifaceted and dynamic project creates an immersive experience for those inside while being a striking architectural marker on the outside,” says Poulet.

The Lord Mayor’s Prize went to the CBD and South East Light Rail by the huge team of Grimshaw with ASPECT Studios in collaboration with the City of Sydney, on behalf of Transport for NSW, supported by Randwick City Council. The highly collaborative project is recognised as one of the most significant transformations in the history of the city centre.

Another exemplary project was Verve Residences, a multi-residential Newcastle development by CKDS Architecture with Hill Thalis Architecture and Urban Projects. The project was awarded the Aaron Bolot Award for Residential Architecture – Multiple Housing, as well as the Blacket Prize for design excellence in a regional context.

According to Carolyn Mitchell, jury chair for the Residential Architecture – Multiple Housing category, Verve Residences sets a new standard for urban architecture in Newcastle.

“Verve Residences is paving the way for more socially and environmentally aware residential design in Newcastle. There are certainly many lessons to be taken from how the architects have gone about creating meaningful engagement between residents, as well as the community it sits within,” says Mitchell.
The prestigious Enduring Architecture Award this year has gone to Richard Leplastrier for his Palm Garden House project. Built in 1974, the design of the unique home in Sydney’s Northern Beaches is centred on its relationship to the landscape.

“Palm Beach House has truly endured for the past 45 years and continues to sit harmoniously alongside nature. This simply expressed yet incredibly outstanding home is a hidden sanctuary that combines nature with domesticity and is something we should continue to look upon for inspiration and tranquillity,” says NSW Chapter President Kathlyn Loseby.

Marrickville Library by BVN received multiple awards, including the prestigious NSW Premier’s Prize, the Milo Dunphy Award for Sustainable Architecture, and an award for public architecture. The project represents a vision for the future of public architecture, as a facilitator of community engagement, a positive contributor to and representation of its contextual fabric, and a celebration of its historic and natural environment.

A new category in this year’s program was the People’s Choice Awards For Life in 2020, which was created by the NSW Chapter in response to the ways COVID-19 has altered our relationship to housing, workplaces and the public domain. This marked the first time the public was able to have its say.

The winners of the three categories, as voted by the public, are:
- Isolation Oasis: Arkadia by DKO Architecture with Breathe Architecture and Oculus
- We Are In This Together: Marrickville Library by BVN
- Post-iso Party: Bankwest Stadium by Populous

“We have been delighted with the number of entries which shows the public’s appetite for good design amongst the places we visit and inhabit,” adds Loseby.

Projects that received a named award or architecture award will now progress to compete in the National Architecture Awards program. The shortlist will be announced by the Australian Institute of Architects in the coming months.

The full list of winners can be found below.

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2020 NSW Architecture Awards and Prizes – Winners

NSW ARCHITECTURE MEDALLION
Phoenix Central Park | Durbach Block Jaggers with John Wardle Architects

COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURE
Sir Arthur G. Stephenson Award for Commercial Architecture
Phoenix Central Park | Durbach Block Jaggers with John Wardle Architects

Architecture Awards
Bankwest Stadium | Populous
Daramu House | Tzannes

Commendations
44A Foveaux Street | Hill Thalis Architecture and Urban Projects
Sixty Martin Place | Hassell
EDUCATIONAL ARCHITECTURE

William E Kemp Award for Educational Architecture
MLC School Senior Centre | BVN

Architecture Awards
Electrical Engineering Building | Hassell
University of New South Wales Sir John Clancy Auditorium | lahznimmo architects

Commendations
Bethlehem College Ashfield | Neeson Murcutt+ Neille
Meriden School – Lingwood Campus | Allen Jack+Cottier

HERITAGE Greenway Award for Heritage

The Signal Box Restaurant | Derive Design

Architecture Award
Level 5 Ballarat House | Hill Thalis Architecture and Urban Projects

Commendations
Emanuel Synagogue | Lippmann Partnership
Wellington Street | SJB

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

John Verge Award for Interior Architecture
Phoenix Central Park | Durbach Block Jaggers with John Wardle Architects

Architecture Awards
Breezeway House | David Boyle Architect
Grant Pirrie House | Virginia Kerridge Architect
Hotel Rose Bay | Richards Stanisich

Commendations
AMP Angel Place Lobby Refurbishment | Hassell
Bismarck House | Andrew Burges Architects
CBA ‘Axle’ South Eveleigh | Woods Bagot with fjmt
Emanuel Synagogue | Lippmann Partnership

PUBLIC ARCHITECTURE

Sulman Medal for Public Architecture
Anzac Memorial Centenary Extension | Johnson Pilton Walker with the Government Architect

NSW Architecture Award
Marrickville Library | BVN

Commendations
Metro North West | Hassell with Turpin Crawford Studio and McGregor Westlake Architecture
Warrumbungle National Park Visitor Centre | TKD Architects

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE – HOUSES (ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS)

Hugh and Eva Buhrich Award for Residential Architecture – Houses (Alterations and Additions)
Bismarck House | Andrew Burges Architects

Architecture Awards
Grant Pirrie House | Virginia Kerridge Architect
JJ house | Bokey Grant Architects
Redwood | Chenchow Little
Waterloo House | Anthony Gill Architects

Commendations
Courtyard House | Joe Agius Architect
Exoskeleton House | Takt Studio
House RV | Plus Minus Design
Lindfield House | Polly Harbison Design

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE – HOUSES (NEW)

Wilkinson Award for Residential Architecture – Houses (New)
Glebe House | Chenchow Little
Architecture Awards

Basin Beach House | Peter Stutchbury Architecture
Breezeway House | David Boyle Architect
East Street | Kerstin Thompson Architects
Palm Beach Blue | Benn + Penna Architecture

Commendations

Bendalong House | Madeleine Blanchfield Architects
One Wingadal Place | Collins and Turner with Temple and Stockwell
The Seed House | fitzpatrick+partners
Tree House | Matt Elkan Architect
Upside Down Akubra House | Alexander Symes Architect
Wallis Lake House | Matthew Woodward Architecture

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE – MULTIPLE HOUSING

Aaron Bolot Award for Residential Architecture – Multiple Housing

Verve Residences | CKDS Architecture with Hill Thalis Architecture and Urban Projects

Architecture Awards

537 Elizabeth Street | Woods Bagot
Boomerang Tower | Bates Smart
Studio Apartments | Hill Thalis Architecture and Urban Projects
Waterloo Apartments | Chenchow Little

Commendations

Blackwattle Apartments | Turner
The Burcham | Allen Jack+Cottier

SMALL PROJECT ARCHITECTURE

Robert Woodward Award for Small Project Architecture

Marsden Park Amenities | CHROFI
Architecture Awards

Lawler Residence | Andrew Donaldson Architecture and Design

Sydney Park Amenities | Aileen Sage Architects with City of Sydney

Commendations

Summer Place | CHROFI

Wicks Park Amenities | Sam Crawford Architects

URBAN DESIGN

Lloyd Rees Award for Urban Design

Metro North West | Hassell with Turpin Crawford Studio and McGregor Westlake Architecture

Architecture Awards

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CBD and South East Light Rail | Grimshaw with ASPECT Studios in collaboration with the City of Sydney, on behalf of Transport for NSW, supported by Randwick City Council

University of New South Wales Science and Engineering Precinct | Grimshaw

Commendation

Sixty Martin Place | Hassell

SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE

Milo Dunphy Award for Sustainable Architecture

Marrickville Library | BVN

Architecture Awards

Arkadia | DKO Architecture with Breathe Architecture and Oculus

Warrumbungle National Park Visitor Centre | TKD Architects

Commendations

Axle South Eveleigh | fjmt

Daramu House | Tzannes

Welcome to the Jungle House | CplusC Architectural Workshop

Wildlife Retreat at Taronga | Cox Architecture
COLORBOND® AWARD FOR STEEL ARCHITECTURE
Bankwest Stadium | Populous

Commendation
Upside Down Akubra House | Alexander Symes Architect

Blacket Prize
Verve Residences | CKDS Architecture with Hill Thalis Architecture and Urban Projects

Lord Mayor's Prize
CBD and South East Light Rail | Grimshaw with ASPECT Studios in collaboration with the City of Sydney, on behalf of Transport for NSW, supported by Randwick City Council

NSW Premier’s Prize
Marrickville Library | BVN

ENDURING ARCHITECTURE AWARD
Palm Garden House | Richard Leplastrier

EMERGING ARCHITECT PRIZE
Matthias Hollenstein | Studio Hollenstein

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