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## **2023 Victorian Architecture Awards shortlist revealed**

The Australian Institute of Architects has today announced the shortlist for the 2023 Victorian Architecture Awards, with a total of 130 projects shortlisted across 15 categories of Public Architecture, Sustainable Architecture, Interior Architecture and more.

A joint multi-residential submission by six of Australia's leading architects (Nightingale Village), Australia's first Passive House-certified community building (Glenroy Community Hub), and the southern hemisphere's first dedicated cardiac hospital (Victorian Heart Hospital) are among the many significant projects.

Run annually by the Victorian Chapter of the Institute, the Victorian Architecture Awards celebrate the best architecture across the state, collectively showcasing the positive impacts of architects in shaping the built landscape for all Victorians. This year's shortlist has been selected by 15 independent juries following a rigorous entry and presentation process.

**Victorian State President, David Wagner FRAIA** said this year's standard of submitted projects appeared to be ever higher with sophisticated responses to context, form, space, materiality, technology and sustainability.

"Shortlisting entries is an unenviable task undertaken by a select jury in response to in-person presentations and the quality of projects not shortlisted speaks volumes for those that have been. Those shortlisted are commonly amazing projects that have been thoroughly considered, designed and have come together to create a special outcome for the client," Wagner said.

**Chair of Juries, Ingrid Bakker LFRAIA** said there were some consistent themes among the diverse range of shortlisted projects: "The overall quality is really high, and this is a real credit to the industry as many of the projects were both designed and realised during the pandemic. There is a focus on place – many of the buildings strongly relate to the context they are in, both through how they are sited and in the materiality. There is also an increase in First Nations engagement which is creating a real richness to the projects."

**Jury Chair Sustainability Award, Jane Caught RAIA, Heliotope**, said the Institute's introduction of a mandatory sustainability checklist for all award entries to all categories encouraged a baseline level of meaningful sustainable design for all projects, while helping filter projects for consideration in the Sustainable Architecture award.

"The shortlisted projects this year exhibited both large and small initiatives, all equally valuable. We wanted to celebrate those projects where architects drove the sustainability agenda and strived for a beyond business-as-usual approach. The selected projects support the context of site, innovate the program, and look to reduce their footprint – both operational and embodied – while enhancing their social and educational impacts," Caught said.

A total of 249 entries were accepted for consideration across 10 direct categories in the 2023 Victorian Architecture Awards, the highest number of entries in the country. The Public Architecture, Residential Architecture - Houses (New), and Interior Architecture categories had the highest number of shortlisted projects with 12 projects shortlisted in each category. This was followed closely by Educational Architecture and Heritage Architecture with 11 shortlisted projects each.



**Regional Prize Jury Chair, Justin Noxon RAI, NOXON**, said this year's Regional Architecture category showcased a rich variety of commendable projects from around Victoria.

"Acknowledging their regional communities and contexts, these projects demonstrate outstanding architectural solutions, each delivering highly considered and well-executed responses to their own unique circumstance. With an enormous diversity in scale, typology and setting, the shortlisted projects share a common commitment to architectural excellence in regional Victoria," Noxon said.

Many regional projects including Budj Bim Cultural Landscape, Bendigo Law Courts and the Queenscliff Ferry Terminal shortlisted for multiple categories, a reflection of the continued diversity and quality of Victoria's regional architecture.

In the Public Architecture category, the jury shortlisted 12 projects from 27 entries, with several community centres including Dianella Community Centre and Nunawading Community Hub selected for their efforts to support healthy, inclusive, and diverse communities.

**Public Architecture Jury Chair, Vervan Curnow RAI, Jackson Clements Burrows Architects**, said: "Those that have stood out in the field have demonstrated excellence in embedding social, cultural and environmental sustainability into high-quality design outcomes, provided significant public benefit to the health, care and connection of communities, and enriched public life and activity through unique and engaging spaces."

The Interior Architecture category captured a wide range of typologies, ranging from cutting-edge cultural and educational spaces (Science Gallery Melbourne, Darebin Intercultural Centre, Wurun Senior Campus) to small-scale residential designs (Glen Iris House, Bass Coast Farmhouse).

**Interior Architecture Jury Chair Tim O'Sullivan RAI, Multiplicity**, said the jury looked for projects with a voice that truly sings: "These are the projects that go that extra distance, aim a little higher, push a little harder, and embrace the brief with a little more vigour."

In the next stage of the awards program, juries will visit the shortlisted entries to understand how the presentations align with the physical experience of being in and around the projects and then work through which entries are to be selected as winners.

The Victorian Chapter is delighted to be partnering with Polestar as Major Partner of the 2023 Victorian Architecture Awards Evening on Friday 16 June, where winners will be revealed.

Winners of each category for each state and territory will then be eligible for recognition in the National Architecture Awards program – Australia's highest honours for architecture – set to be announced in November.

A full list of shortlisted projects can be found here:

<https://www.architecture.com.au/vic-awards>

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**Note to editors:**

The full shortlist is below – please note this is under strict embargo until **8pm Thursday 27 April 2023 (AEST)**.

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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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**The 2023 Victorian Architecture Awards Shortlist features:**

**Commercial Architecture**

- Alba Thermal Springs & Spa | Hayball
- CONO Business Park | Particular Architects
- Delatite Cellar Door | Lucy Clemenger Architects
- Encore Cremorne | Fieldwork
- Escala, NewQuay | Six Degrees Architects
- Four Pillars Gin Distillery | Breathe
- JCB Studio | Jackson Clements Burrows
- Zero Gipps | SJB Architects

**Educational Architecture**

- Box Hill North Primary School | Sibling Architecture
- Carey Grammar Middle School | Architectus
- Carlton Gardens Primary School | Six Degrees Architects
- Centre for Higher Education Studies | Fieldwork + Brand Architects
- Ivanhoe Grammar Sports & Aquatic Centre | Mcildowie Partners
- Macleod College | Kennedy Nolan
- Meadows Primary School | Project 12 Architecture
- Melbourne Connect | Woods Bagot
- Sandringham Primary School Rebuild | Peter Elliott Architecture + Urban Design
- University of Melbourne Student Precinct | Lyons with Koning Eizenberg Architecture, NMBW Architecture Studio, Greenaway Architects, Architects EAT, Aspect Studios and Glas Urban
- VSBA New Schools 2022 Bundle B | McBride Charles Ryan in association with Kerstin Thompson Architects



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### **Heritage Architecture**

- Ackmans House | Rob Kennon Architects
- Albert Park Primary School Performance Hub | Searle x Waldron Architecture
- Doherty House | RBA Architects and Conservation Consultants
- Fitzroy Town Hall Ceiling Conservation | Conservation Studio Australia
- Melbourne Holocaust Museum | Kerstin Thompson Architects
- Prahran Arcade Façade Conservation | RBA Architects and Conservation Consultants
- Queen Victoria Markets Shed Restoration A - D, H - I | NH Architecture with Trethowan Architecture
- Royal Exhibition Building – Promenade | Lovell Chen
- Star of the Sea College - Heritage Wing | PMDL McGlashan Everist
- University of Melbourne Student Precinct | Lyons with Koning Eizenberg Architecture, NMBW Architecture Studio, Greenaway Architects, Architects EAT, Aspect Studios and Glas Urban
- Warrnambool Library and Learning Centre | Kosloff Architecture

### **Interior Architecture**

- Bass Coast Farmhouse | Wardle
- Darebin Intercultural Centre | Sibling Architecture
- Delatite Cellar Door | Lucy Clemenger Architects
- Glen Iris House | Pandolfini Architects
- Hermon | WOWOWA Architecture
- JCB Studio | Jackson Clements Burrows
- Science Gallery Melbourne | Smart Design Studio
- Somers House | Kennedy Nolan
- The Mental Health Beds Expansion Program at McKellar Centre | NTC Architects with BG Architecture
- Three Springs Architectural Interiors | KGA Architecture
- University of Melbourne Student Precinct | Lyons with Koning Eizenberg Architecture, NMBW Architecture Studio, Greenaway Architects, Architects EAT, Aspect Studios and Glas Urban
- Wurun Senior Campus | GHDWoodhead and Grimshaw

### **Public Architecture**

- Bell to Moreland Level Crossing Removal Project | Wood Marsh Architecture
- Bendigo Law Courts | Wardle
- Berengarra Aged Care | Lyons
- Budj Bim Cultural Landscape | Cooper Scaife Architects
- Dianella Community Centre | Canvas Projects
- Lilydale and Mooroolbark Railway Stations | BKK Architects, Kyriacou Architects, Jacobs, ASPECT Studios
- Melbourne Holocaust Museum | Kerstin Thompson Architects
- Nunawading Community Hub | fjmtstudio
- Queenscliff Ferry Terminal | F2 Architecture
- The Mental Health Beds Expansion Program at Northern Hospital | NTC Architects and NH Architecture
- Victorian Heart Hospital | Conrad Gargett + Wardle
- Warrnambool Library and Learning Centre | Kosloff Architecture
- Bendigo Law Courts | Wardle



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**Residential Architecture – Houses (Alterations and Additions)**

- Armadale House | Neeson Murcutt Neille
- Fitzroy House | Andrew Child Architect
- Fitzroy North Terrace | Clare Cousins Architects
- Garden Tower House | Studio Bright
- Haines Street | Foomann Architects
- Helvetia | Austin Maynard Architects
- Mary Street House | Edition Office
- Point Lonsdale House | Solomon Troup Architects
- Sunday | Architecture architecture
- Wrong Champ | WOWOWA Architecture

**Residential Architecture – Houses (New)**

- AB House | Office MI—JI
- Bass Coast Farmhouse | Wardle
- Casa di Campo | Neil Architecture
- Glen Iris House | Pandolfini Architects
- Merricks Farmhouse | Michael Lumby with Nielsen Jenkins
- Mori House | MAArchitects + Aires Mateus
- Off Grid House | Archier
- Somers House | Kennedy Nolan
- spring creek road farm house | architect brew koch
- The Courtyard Garden House | Delia Teschendorff Architecture
- Three Springs Residential Gallery | KGA Architecture
- West Bend House | MRTN Architects

**Residential Architecture - Multiple Housing**

- 38 Albermarle St, Kensington | Fieldwork
- 388 Barkly Street | DREAMER with Breathe Architecture
- 835 High Street | Carr
- Australia 108 | Fender Katsalidis
- Fenwick | Edition Office with Flack Studio
- Kerr Street Residences | Kerstin Thompson Architects
- Nightingale Village | Hayball and Breathe and Architecture architecture and Austin Maynard Architects and Clare Cousins Architects and Kennedy Nolan
- No.6 Sydney Street | Wood Marsh Architecture
- Slate House | Austin Maynard Architects
- Viv's Place | ARM Architecture

**Small Project Architecture**

- Crumpler, Melbourne | WOWOWA Architecture
- Firkbank Sandringham Curiosity Centre | Studio Bright
- Joyce Chapel Bridge | Searle x Waldron Architecture
- Lily's Shed | Oscar Sainsbury Architects
- South Melbourne Market External Food Hall | Bourke and Bouteloup Architects
- Victorian Family Violence Memorial | MUIR+OPENWORK



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### **Urban Design**

- Bell to Moreland Level Crossing Removal Project | Wood Marsh Architecture
- Bendigo Law Courts | Wardle
- Lilydale and Mooroolbark Railway Stations | BKK Architects, Kyriacou Architects, Jacobs, ASPECT Studios
- Melbourne Park | NH Architecture with Snøhetta and ASPECT Studios
- Nightingale Village | Hayball and Breathe and Architecture architecture and Austin Maynard Architects and Clare Cousins Architects and Kennedy Nolan and Openwork and Andy Fergus
- Queenscliff Ferry Terminal | F2 Architecture
- University of Melbourne Student Precinct | Lyons with Koning Eizenberg Architecture, NMBW Architecture Studio, Greenaway Architects, Archi-tects EAT, Aspect Studios and Glas Urban

### **COLORBOND® Award for Steel Architecture**

- AB House | Office MI—JI
- Macleod College | Kennedy Nolan
- That Old Chestnut | FIGR Architecture Studio
- TOTS (Trentham Opposite The Station) | SOS Architects

### **Melbourne Prize**

- Darebin Intercultural Centre | Sibling Architecture
- Melbourne Holocaust Museum | Kerstin Thompson Architects
- Nightingale Village | Hayball and Breathe and Architecture architecture and Austin Maynard Architects and Clare Cousins Architects and Kennedy Nolan and Openwork and Andy Fergus
- University of Melbourne Student Precinct | Lyons with Koning Eizenberg Architecture, NMBW Architecture Studio, Greenaway Architects, Architects EAT, Aspect Studios and Glas Urban
- Victorian Family Violence Memorial | MUIR+OPENWORK
- Wurun Senior Campus | GHDWoodhead and Grimshaw

### **Regional Prize**

- Bendigo Law Courts | Wardle
- Budj Bim Cultural Landscape | Cooper Scaife Architects
- Cowes Primary School | Project 12 Architecture
- Delatite Cellar Door | Lucy Clemenger Architects
- Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, Traralgon | Jackson Architecture and Katsieris Origami: Architects In Association
- Levantine Hill Estate Winery | Fender Katsalidis
- Queenscliff Ferry Terminal | F2 Architecture
- Warrnambool Library and Learning Centre | Kosloff Architecture

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Sustainable Architecture

- ANMF House | Bayley Ward
- Bendigo Law Courts | Wardle
- Delatite Cellar Door | Lucy Clemenger Architects
- Eternity Life Apartments | k20 Architecture
- Glenroy Community Hub | DesignInc Melbourne
- Goorambat House & Shed | Austin Cafra Austin Architects
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EmAGN Project Award

- AB House | Office MI—JI
- Coburg Frieze | Mihaly Slocombe
- Darebin Intercultural Centre | Sibling Architecture
- Four Pillars Gin Distillery | Breathe

Additional Awards in Victoria:

- Enduring Architecture Award – open to buildings in Victoria of at least 25 years of age with outstanding merit when considered in a contemporary context.
- Victorian Architecture Medal – the highest honour awarded by the Victorian Chapter each year and judged to be the most outstanding project from the category winners.

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