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QUEENSLAND BUILDING DESIGN AWARDS REGIONAL WINNERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR STATE DESIGN AWARDS

The 2008 Queensland Building Design Awards, Gold Coast Regional winners have been announced. All the winners will now represent their region, competing with winners from across the state for the prestigious Queensland Building Design Awards to be announced in August.

Gold Coast homes named best regional designs

CJ Design Drafting was awarded the *Custom Designed Homes 251 – 350 square metres* category with a Coomera home. The ultra modern home was designed for openness and privacy, with plenty of space for living and play. The neutral colour scheme with warm timber tones throughout, create an air of class and sophistication.

Winning the *Custom Designed Homes 351 – 450 square metres* was a Coomera Home designed by Stuart Osman Building Designs. The design was for a trendy home, with consideration for a diverse range of family groups and a large emphasis placed on outdoor living. By using different materials for the exterior a lightweight top was created on the strong lower level. Internally the theme was continued with the use of stone, light bamboo flooring and open spaces.

The home also won the *Best Bathroom* category award. The stand alone bath tub is centrally located within the ensuite with a stone feature wall partitioning the shower.

Quadrant South Pacific picked up the award for *Custom Designed Homes over 451 square metres* for a Miami design. The three level contemporary beachside residence was designed to take full advantage of the ocean views while maintaining privacy. With a lap pool incorporated into the living area of the home and an internal water feature, the home encapsulates the relaxed beachfront style, but with all the grace and sophistication of an elegant contemporary residence.

Winner of the *Residential Alterations and Additions more than \$200,000* category was "A Surfers Reno" designed by Will Collins. The existing two storey home had a box-like quality, with small windows, no garage and a dull external staircase entry. The new version of this home is warm and inviting, utilising warm timber tones and natural stone finishes. The terraces with bi-folding doors add some life and vitality, allowing for plenty of natural light.

Stuart Osman was awarded the *Small Lot Housing* category with his design of "Hearn Residence". The modern beachside home takes advantage of the panoramic ocean views. The design also includes a media room, spa and rooftop deck, as well as a bar complete with pool table. With a neutral colour scheme combining stone and timber features and a clean façade with skillion roofs, the home presents as a very contemporary home with a beach feel.

David Carlson and Quadrant South Pacific took home the award for *Best Residential Interior* with his "Beach Shack" design. The owners wanted an 'authentic' Hampton's Style Beach House with modern finishes over three separate titles. Incorporating unique features such as the entertainment pavilion complete with bar and massive theatre screen and reclining chairs. The era and style has been encapsulated in a relaxed home with all the modern conveniences and using a high quality of materials, finishes and fixtures whilst retaining an authenticity of mood and a unique home for the area.

A Coomera home designed by Stuart Osman Building Design took out the award for *Project and Spec Homes over 351 square metres*. The showpiece home uses the pristine white and

grey colour scheme to complement the green plant-life surrounds. Contemporary construction methods for steel frame houses were used and the style of the building with its modern concepts make it stand out from its neighbours. Most of the living areas and the master suite enjoy good views of the canal.

Multi-residential developments awarded

Phil Buchanan of Burleigh Design took home the award for the *Low Density Multi Residential* category with his design of a Ray Street project. The four iconic units, located in a high profile district, adopt the townhouse design. They have ground level living with courtyards, easy entry and private parking, with top floor views and terraces. The contemporary detailing with neutral colours allows the units to blend into their surroundings and radiate the beach vibe.

The *High Density Multi Residential* category award went to Robert King for his “Allegra Apartments” at Shelly Beach. To be placed on the top end residential unit market, these generously sized units offer private courtyards, balconies or roof decks, according to level. The apartment building also includes a public gym and sauna. With a more traditional design and contrasting colours, the building offers a standout effect, while remaining less likely to become outdated.

Burleigh Design industrial building wins two categories

“Germancraft” from Phil Buchanan and Burleigh Design was awarded the *Industrial Buildings* category award. The very modern and stylish building incorporates exposed steel, glass and concrete to create a combination of materials that reflect a corporate identity for an industrial business. The design uses extensive roller doors to enable maximum natural light and ventilation into the factory area.

The “Germancraft” building also won the award for *Best use of Colorbond Steel*. The tapered steel outriggers to the roof line and the illuminated sign and branding make the desired corporate statement to the front of the building.

Climate change response wins awards for two designers

Joint winners for the *Environmentally Sustainable & Energy Efficient* category award were Will Collins Design and Robert King of King Design service. The Will Collins designed titled “The Living Laboratory Home” revolves around the use of recycled materials. The decking, benchtops, pavers, windows, doors and many of the timber features were all derived from recycled materials. The curved Ritek roof with galvanised finish allows for water quality to be maintained, while adding flavour to the external appearance. The home incorporates natural timber finishes. The crafted solid rock provides thermal mass, as well as being a standout feature of the design.

Robert King’s “Innovation Home 3” places a big emphasis on energy and water conservation. Flyover roofs were strategically placed to provide weather protection, with the pitch set to block summer sun and allow winter sun to enter the internal living space. The roof design also creates an exciting aesthetic feature to the façade. Two deck sections were extended on the northern side to provide areas for outdoor seating. The floor of the dining area of the living core is a suspended polished concrete slab which gives the home its thermal mass.

The home also won the *Project and Spec Homes up to 250 square metres* category. With its vibrant colours, lush gardens and stylish interior, the building exhibits good, simple design that creates a safe home and one that is accessible and flexible. It demonstrates the lifestyle and economic benefits of sustainable housing.

Great design remains unbuilt

Quadrant South Pacific was awarded the *Unbuilt Project for a Client* category prize with his design of "14 Bruce," a mixed development with basement car parking, commercial shops on the ground floor and residential on the two upper floors. A contemporary building was designed to maximise space for large commercial uses on the ground level and eight two bedroom units above with elevator access. The resultant design incorporates modern features, adding articulation and appeal to the building design.

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Sample photos follow. For hi-res photos of any or all of the winning projects, please contact Kerriane Sheppard as above.



Stuart Osman Building Design's Coomera Home



Four unit development by Burleigh Design



Apartment building by King Design Service



Sustainable Home by Will Collins Design