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

The 2008 Queensland Building Design Awards, Sunshine 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.

Sunshine Coast designers named regional winners

Winner of the Custom Designed Homes less than 250 square metres category was Kieron James for his Frasco Court design at Mount Coolum. Due to the slope of the block, the house was split into three levels, allowing for the areas of the house to be clearly distinguished as well as providing a stunning look to the roof. The home also features a large deck for outdoor living, flowing directly from the house to the pool.

The Best Bathroom category award also went to the Frasco Court design. Colossal window area allows the room to be filled with natural light. The bathroom features a unique tub and table top basin with tap protruding from the mirror.

Chris Clout took out the award for Custom Designed Homes 251 – 350 square metres with his “Kestrel House” at Peregian Beach. The modern Balinese beach house offers three bedrooms, a study, family room and suspended wet edge pool. As well as being open plan with spectacular ocean views, the home has a number of unique features including a water feature tucked beneath the suspended shell of the pool.

The design of “Japan House” won Chris Clout the Custom Designed Homes 351 – 450 square metres category. Located at Castaways Beach, the split level double storey home combines tropical Queensland living with modern Japanese influences. It presents as a collection of Asian inspired pavilions from the street and incorporates extensive use of water features, with a courtyard pool area centrally located within.

Trevor Reitsma was awarded the Custom Designed Homes over 450 square metres for his “TP” House at Noosaville. To take advantage of the Queensland climate the rooms are designed to create an openness that flows seamlessly outdoors. A pool is the major focal point of the home and an external colour pallet of white & silver delivers a sense of modern simplicity.

The Residential Alterations & Additions more than \$200,000 category was awarded to Stephen Kidd of Kidd+Co Designers for his “Balbethan Villa”. The clients required their ageing brick home to be transformed into a comfortable and upmarket permanent residence. The resultant design provides a fresh feel to the façade, highlighted with white cement render helping it to sit at the peak of the street with casual elegance and beachside identity.

Taking out the award for Small Lot Housing was Trevor Reitsma for his “LH” House at Lake Kawana. The home is very unique, having the entrance via a side breezeway and the living areas opening to the side, rather than the traditional rear boundary outlook. All major rooms open to this outdoor living area which is completely private due to the strategic placement of an external fireplace and chimney. The raked and vaulted ceilings along with large multi-track glass doors add to the open feel of the home, also creating a blur between indoors and outdoors.

Paul Clout won the Low Density Multi Residential category award with the "Asoon Noosa" Apartments. Comprising of five residential apartments over three levels, the design is divided into two three bedroom townhouses, one single bedroom studio apartment and two three bedroom penthouses and exists as one of the finest examples of Noosa riverside living. Each apartment has its own pool, two car garage and unique details revolving around a seamless interaction between indoor living spaces and outdoor terraces and balconies.

The Best Commercial Interior category award went to Stephen Kidd for his design of "Wellington Capital Offices". Designed to capture the essence of the company the layout portrays quality and strength and generates an overall impression of excellence, distinction and confidence. The colour scheme is warm white on white creating a perfect backdrop for vibrant furnishings, artwork and rich natural timber tones.

Kidd+Co Designers also took out the award for Best Residential interior with "The Beach Shack". The beachside holiday residence adopts the signature classic contemporary style of Kidd+Co. With a colour scheme of white on white, the home creates the perfect backdrop for the rich natural timber tones against the Sunshine Beach blue water and sky. The house pivots around a simple large open planned living, dining and kitchen area extending to the beach below. "The Beach Shack" also won a Judges Commendation in the Custom Designed Homes over 450 square metres.

Winner of the Environmentally Sustainable & Energy Efficient category was also Stephen Kidd for his design of "Sunrise @ 1770". The home was designed with very specific environmentally friendly features including passive solar strategies, minimal water and electricity consumption and using natural vegetation to shade the building, to name a few. The external finish is low maintenance paint with preserved natural timber used for the deck, raking posts, beams and handrails. Designed all on one level to minimise its visual and physical impact on the beautiful landscape, the home exists in harmony with the surrounds.

Kieron James was awarded the Project and Spec Homes 251 – 350 square metres category with his "Bellerive Avenue" design. The Balinese style home was designed for openness with views out to the gardens and landscaped courtyards. Complete with pool and flat entertaining area with access to the kitchen the interaction between indoors and outdoors remains seamless.

The Bellerive design also won the award for Best Pool or Water feature. The pool area stretches the side length of the house, complete with stone feature walls, side garden and Balinese style hut.

Winning the Project and Spec Homes over 351 square metres category award was Paul Clout for his "Hampton Court House". The sensational three storey home combines contemporary Queensland style living with influences of the South Pacific. The design incorporates extensive water and stone features. The curved courtyard pond penetrates the interior and provides a remarkable design feature for the home, complete with frameless glass bridge.

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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.



Reitsma+Associates TP House at Noosaville



Paul Clout Design's Asoon Noosa



Bellerive Avenue by Kieron James Design



Best Commercial Interior by Kidd+Co