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Two Queensland developments judged best in Oz

Two Queensland developments were judged the best of their kind at the 2008 Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) National Awards for Excellence gala dinner last night (6 March) in Melbourne.

Pacific Harbour at Bribie Island took out the residential development category and Sunrise at 1770 took out the environmental excellence category.

The Awards bring together the best in urban development from around Australia, addressing issues such as quality design, use of infrastructure, land revitalization, community consultation, sustainability, energy efficiency, environmental management and affordability.

UDIA (Qld) president Brent Hailey said both projects represent the outstanding quality of Queensland development.

“Queensland developers continue to pioneer some of the most innovative and unique projects in Australia. These awards are recognition of the vitality and strength of the Queensland industry,” he said.

Mr Hailey said Pacific Harbour had achieved remarkable community and environmental outcomes to take out the residential development award.

“Pacific Harbour provides an idyllic island lifestyle for all residents which is enhanced by a fantastic feeling of community.

“And as well as being the best residential development in Australia, Pacific Harbour has also achieved remarkable environmental credentials being one of only nine certified EnviroDevelopments in Australia.”

EnviroDevelopment is a scientifically based, independent branding system signifying sustainable development to potential homebuyers.

Mr Hailey said Sunrise at 1770 had achieved a fantastic result in very competitive category.

“Environmentally sustainable development is a very strong industry trend and so the environmental excellence award is a very competitive category.

“Sunrise at 1770 is a world-class development and truly deserves this national recognition. It has achieved some remarkable outcomes to showcase how design, technology, conservation and respect for cultural heritage can work together.”

UDIA National President, Stephen Holmes said that the National Awards showcase the truly outstanding level of development that is occurring around the country.

“These projects have already been recognised as winners in their own state, therefore to be then awarded the UDIA National Award for Excellence clearly demonstrates that they are the 'best of the best' in urban development in Australia”, he said.

“All the winners should be congratulated on the high level of quality and innovation that has been achieved in these projects.”

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The 2008 UDIA National Awards for Excellence Winners:

President's Award

Delgany (VIC) by Buxton Group Pty Ltd

Masterplanned Development

Mawson Central (Mixed Use Precinct), Mawson Lakes (SA) by Mawson Lakes Joint Venture. Delfin Lend Lease and Land Management Corporation

Residential Development

Pacific Harbour (QLD) by QM Properties Pty Ltd

Medium Density Housing

South Beach (WA) by Stockland

High Density Housing

Allegro at The Peninsula Burswood (WA) by Mirvac WA Pty Ltd

Urban Renewal

Latitude, Lavender Bay (NSW) by Mirvac Projects Pty Ltd

Environmental Excellence

Sunrise at 1770 (QLD) by Midell Developments

Affordable Development

Studio 51, Terrace Homes (SA) by Delfin Lend Lease