

Media Release

Northerly Group Australia wins top Western Australia home title in 125 year anniversary

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The Applecross Residence has won the 2023 Commonwealth Bank Top WA Home, celebrating Master Builders 125-year anniversary in style.

Northerly Group Australia carried off the top prize at the 2023 Master Builders-Commonwealth Bank Housing Excellence Awards for their Applecross masterpiece. The 43rd annual awards was a great way for Master Builders Association of Western Australia to host builders, subcontractors, suppliers, partners and members. Thirty judges assessed over 250 housing entries.

The residence consists of floor plates that are equally spread over three levels. The basement is reinforced concrete, brick structure, two upper floors are reinforced concrete slabs and supported by structural steel columns, clad throughout (internally and externally) with a highly insulated lightweight walling system.

The structural steel roof structure houses a 30KW (dual sun) solar system providing energy to power the home' whilst also providing for a water piping system that pre-heats water to heat the semi-enclosed swimming pool and the in-slab heating and cooling system. Internally, a combination of polished travertine, marble, granite, timber veneer, lacquered cabinetwork, wall panelling, double glazing and slumped glass adds to the overall high standard of workmanship of the Applecross Residence.

Chief Judge Robert Shaw said the top home was not only flawless in its design but had impeccable craftsmanship.

"The entries in this year's awards have been extremely impressive, despite the issues faced by the residential housing sector, they have remained resilient and shown this through their work.

"The home offers incredible views of Applecross, every detail in this home has been carefully considered, from the subtle textures, finishes and architecture, this home inspires and delights those fortunate enough to call it their own. Congratulations Northerly Group Australia on this stunning build", Mr Shaw said.

Other major categories included Esperance builder Partington Building Contractors for Best Country Home, Residential Attitudes for Best Display Home and Luxus Homes for Best Alterations and Additions.



The housing excellence awards showcase and reward Master Builder members for demonstrating first-quality craftsmanship, commitment to building excellence and the highest professional standards.

Master Builders Executive Director John Gelavis commended the exceptional quality of the entries.

“The association witnessed a continued pursuit of excellence; I would like to acknowledge those builders’ dedicated to delivering outstanding results and express my satisfaction in seeing the members’ commitments to striving for this level of excellence.

“We have seen some incredible work produced this year, which is a credit to all involved in a year which has been one of the most challenging in the association’s 125-year history.”, Mr Gelavis said.

The awards were held on 15 April at Crown Perth.

The full list of winners can be found here <https://www.mbawa.com/awards/>

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