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MOUNT CLEAR HOME WINS HIA WESTERN VICTORIA HOME OF THE YEAR



Ballarat Construction Management has been awarded the HIA Western Victoria Regional Home of the Year for its luxurious Mount Clear family home.

The winner was announced tonight in Fyansford, Geelong at the HIA Western Victoria Regional Housing Awards before a crowd of local industry leaders and peers from across the region.

Ballarat Construction Management has created a showpiece of exceptional design, cutting edge finishes and beautiful components, in this spectacular family home nestled against the tranquil surroundings of the Canadian Creek.

'This cleverly designed home integrates the surrounding bushland whilst maintaining a contemporary design', the judges noted. The project is complemented by 'the highest standard of workmanship that truly makes this a unique and striking home.'

This luxurious family home comprises four bedrooms, a study, two living zones, two bathrooms, powder room, gallery style entry, retreat style master bedroom, sauna, spa, alfresco, 110,000 litre water tank and garaging for three vehicles, all on a single level.

A stunning feature is the 'wine barrel' door into the climate controlled cellar, while galvanised iron wire bottle racks create a sense of sophistication and storage for over 600 bottles.

The natural elements of spotted gum timber flooring and timber paneling work effortlessly against the stark contrast of stone bench tops, exposed steel beams, expansive double glazed windows and polished concrete.

Step outside and be met by the use of classic cedar cladding, face brickwork and render mixed with modern building mediums, architectural fencing and Colorbond roofing on various pitches. A curved feature fixed panel wall allows for uninterrupted views of the surrounding landscape and manicured lawns.

HIA Victorian Executive Director Gil King congratulated the winners. "What a wonderful result for the Mount Clear community", Mr King said. 'This 9 month project is a credit to the working relationship established between the builder, client and architect.'

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'HIA is delighted with the exceptional quality of entries this year. All winners and finalists should be proud to have reached the pinnacle of building standards demonstrated in these quality homes,' he said.

'It can be very easy to be distracted by the negatives in the current market, however the Ballarat region has only seen a 2.2% decrease in the total number of new home starts for the 12 months to May 2013, from the same period to May 2012. This is comparable to the number of new home starts from May 2011.' said Mr. King.

Ballarat Construction Management will go on to compete against other Custom Built Homes from around the state at the 2013 HIA CSR Victoria Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards, to be held in November at Crown Towers in Melbourne.

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A full list of winners can be found in the attached document

Available for interview:

- David Moyle, Ballarat Construction Management
- Gil King, HIA Regional Executive Director - Victoria

For further details, to arrange an interview or request high resolution images, please contact:

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About Housing Industry Association:

The Housing Industry Association (HIA) is Australia's largest residential building organisation. Members include builders, trade contractors (carpenters and joiners, bricklayers, plasterers, tilers and electricians to painters and roofing contractors), design professionals, kitchen and bathroom specialists, manufacturers and suppliers.

With a network of more than 40,000 members, HIA is the voice of Australia's home building industry.

HIA is unique. It is the only national industry association for all building professionals, representing the interests of the whole housing industry.

HIA members are committed to promoting the highest standards of customer service, workmanship and business conduct, as well as full compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, codes and standards. They also subscribe to a strict code of conduct that sets acceptable standards of commercial behaviour, which provides additional peace of mind for home owners.



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HIA Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards:

HIA Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards represent the pinnacle of achievement in Australia's residential building industry. The Awards acknowledge the talent of designers, builders and building companies who plan and construct quality new housing and apartments, renovations and outdoor projects.

HIA Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards are open to all members of the HIA. Entrants must be licensed or registered builders / companies.

To be eligible for the Awards, projects are to have reached practical completion within 24 months prior to the close of entries, that is, 24 May 2011 to 24 May 2013.

The HIA Victorian judging panel is comprised of 37 independent individuals who have a range of experience and expertise within the Victorian residential construction industry. The panel includes builders, architects and designers, building surveyors, planners and manufacturers / suppliers. HIA judges operate independently from HIA and its Committees.

Projects are judged on a range of specific criterion including:

- Quality of workmanship
- Design Effectiveness
- Visual Appeal
- Innovation
- Environmental Sustainability, and
- Market Relevance

Regional awards are held in South East Victoria, North East Victoria, North West Victoria and Western Victoria each year. All Regional Home of the Year winners become automatic finalists in their respective categories in the HIA-CSR Victorian Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards to be held in November at Crown Towers, Melbourne.

HIA conducts a Housing and Kitchen & Bathroom Awards program in each state across Australia with overall winners advancing to the Australian Housing Awards in May 2014.

For further details and photos on previous HIA Award winners, visit www.housinglocal.com.au/hia-awards.aspx



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**2013 HIA Western Victoria
Regional Housing Award Winners**

CATEGORY	BUILDERS NAME	PROJECT
CUSTOM BUILT HOMES		
Up to \$350,000	Sienna Homes 'Making Room For Life'	Armstrong Creek
\$350,001 - \$500,000	Pivot Homes	Birregurra
\$500,001 - \$700,000	Pivot Homes	Torquay
Over \$700,001	Ballarat Construction Management	Mount Clear
Custom Built Home of the Year	Ballarat Construction Management	Mount Clear
DISPLAY HOMES		
Up to \$250,000	Carlisle Homes Pty Ltd	Hansen 29 Hartley in Armstrong Creek
\$250,001 - \$300,000	Metricon Homes	Mantra 22 in Armstrong Creek
\$300,001 - \$350,000	Boutique Homes	Barcelona 31 in Connewarre
\$350,001 - \$400,000	Davis Sanders Homes	The Burton in Armstrong Creek
Over \$400,001	Burbank	Attenborough 3500 in Connewarre
Display Home of the Year	Davis Sanders Homes	The Burton in Armstrong Creek
RENOVATION / ADDITION PROJECT		
Up to \$400,000	M.J. Rogers Building Pty Ltd	Portarlinton
Over \$400,001	Harrington Design & Construction Pty Ltd	Warrnambool
Renovation / Addition Project of the Year	Harrington Design & Construction Pty Ltd	Warrnambool
PROJECT HOME	Geelong Homes Pty Ltd	Ocean Grove
TOWNHOUSE VILLA DEVELOPMENT	Hamlan Homes Pty Ltd	Drumcondra
KITCHEN PROJECT	Advanced Cabinetry Pty Ltd	Mt Helen