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Gold Coast/Northern Rivers Regional Architecture Awards' winners

Two projects have taken out top honours in the **30th Australian Institute of Architects' 2013 Gold Coast/Northern Rivers Regional Architecture Awards** announced on Saturday 20 April.
Gold Coast University Hospital Mental Health Unit by **PDT, STH and HASSELL (Joint venture)** received a Regional Commendation and the **Building of the Year Award**.

'A thoroughly engaging and considered response to an overwhelmingly complex program, that sets new benchmarks in healthcare and user needs,' the jury commented.



Gold Coast University Hospital Mental Health Unit by HASSELL. Image by Christopher Frederick Jones.

The jury awarded the **House of the Year Award** to **dm2architecture** for their **Binna Burra Sky Lodges** project.

'The architect has carefully crafted a complex brief into a thoughtful, contextual, sustainable and wonderful piece of conceptually rich architecture and legacy for its national park setting,' the jury said.



Binna Burra Sky Lodges by dm2architecture. Image by Scott Burrows.

Eighteen projects were entered in the awards including a hotel, surf training centre and a school chapel among others in commercial, interior, public, residential – houses, residential – multiple housing, small project architecture and urban design categories.

In total the jury awarded eight Regional Commendations in addition to the Building of the Year and House of the Year Awards.

REGIONAL COMMENDATIONS:

Architectural Project	Architectural Practice	Architectural Category	Location
Binna Burra Sky Lodges	dm2architecture	Residential Architecture – Multiple Housing	Binna Burra
South Stradbroke Island ‘Main Hut’	W.I.M Architects	Residential Architecture – Houses	South Stradbroke Island
Promenade Residence	BGD Architects	Residential Architecture – Houses	Isle of Capri
Sebring Residence	Paul Uhlmann Architects	Residential Architecture – Houses	Mermaid Beach
Gold Coast University Hospital Mental Health Unit	PDT, STH and HASSELL (Joint venture)	Public Architecture	Southport
Saint Stephen’s College Senior Technology Building	Burling Brown Architects	Interior Architecture	Upper Coomera
Surfing Australia High Performance Centre HPC	PENTARCHI & PHORM Architecture + Design	Commercial Architecture	Casuarina
Soul	DBI Design	Residential Architecture – Multiple Housing and Urban Design	Surfers Paradise

Gold Coast/Northern Rivers **Regional Jury Coordinator, David Brown**, Executive Development Manager at Sunland Group, was joined on the jury by **Matt Cooper**, Principal at Aspect Architecture; **Finn Jones**, Principal Architect and Urban Designer at the Gold Coast City Council; **Alison McDonald**, Lecturer at Griffith University; **Paul Robertson**, Principal at Paul Robertson Architect; **Zac Tooth**, Principal at ZT A+B; lay juror **Shannon Willoughby**, Journalist at *Gold Coast Bulletin* and lay juror **Peter Scott**, Presenter on ABC Coast FM.

Winners of Regional Commendations will now progress to the coveted Queensland Architecture Awards to be announced in Brisbane on 21 June.



South Stradbroke Island “Main Hut” by W.I.M Architects.
Image by Mitchell Young



Promenade Residence by BDG Architects.
Image by Rix Ryan Photography



Sebring Residence by Paul Uhlmann Architects
Image by Remco Photography



Saint Stephen's College Senior Technology Building by
Burling Brown Architects. Image by Aperture



Surfing Australia High Performance Centre HPC by
PENTARCHI & PHORM Architecture + Design. Image
By Adam Nicholas



Soul by DBI Design. Image by Peter Sexty

JURY CITATIONS:

Binna Burra Sky Lodges: dm2architecture Pty Ltd

The architect has carefully crafted a complex brief into a thoughtful, contextual, sustainable and wonderful piece of conceptually rich architecture and legacy for its national park setting.

South Stradbroke Island 'Main Hut': W.I.M Architects

This holiday home mediates necessity and utility with simplicity and joy, whilst carefully allowing for the rich meaning of its site and tapestry of generations to continue.

Hilton Surfers Paradise Hotel: The Buchan Group

Hilton Surfers Paradise Residences: The Buchan Group

The project has provided for a critical urban linkage and a vital urban regeneration, whilst celebrating contemporary high rise form.

Emmanuel College BER Project: Hamilton Hayes Henderson Architects

An ambitious reconfiguration and insertion program delivers an efficient and much needed facility while establishing formal landscape spaces for students.

St Joseph's Primary School: Fulton Trotter Architects

With bewildering economy this project enhances its local context and community interface, whilst successfully reinventing the school and the communal spaces for the students and client.

H Duplex: Arkitektika

An ambitious reconfiguration and adaptation program for perhaps a marginal existing structure on an extremely complex site, has delivered a pair of liveable dwellings.

Outlook Eye Specialists Southport: Inarc Design Qld

A carefully interpreted and precisely executed project that exploits every opportunity.

Promenade Residence: BGD Architects

The residence is an elegant neighbour that beautifully and precisely resolves the family home for a perfect suburban waterfront living arrangement.

Sebring Residence: Paul Uhlmann Architects

A bold ambitious and extravagant residence of carefully articulated spaces and surprisingly delicate details provides for each member of the family including the beloved puppies.

Emmanuel College Auditorium: Hamilton Hayes Henderson Architects

A successful resolution of a difficult and demanding program and a triumphant response to user and client needs.

Riddell Residence: Hamilton Hayes Henderson Architects

Out of a limited and confined urban space the architect has carefully carved out a home and retreat for a family that are truly inspired, happy and thankful.

Gold Coast University Hospital Mental Health Unit: PDT, STH and HASSELL joint venture

A thoroughly engaging and considered response to an overwhelmingly complex program, that sets new benchmarks in health care and user needs.

Soul: DBI Design

This large scale urban intervention has positively and dramatically effected the public realm of Surfers Paradise and the city skyline.

O Residence: Arkitektika

The architect has crafted an unashamed hillside statement for a fun and engaged client, offering a vast array of spaces and opportunities for living.

Saint Stephen's College Senior Technology Building: Burling Brown Architects

The architect has created an innovative and dynamic learning and teaching environment that skilfully caters for the student needs and expands the knowledge base of architectural response to pedagogy.

Surfing Australia High Performance Center HPC: PENTARCHI & PHORM Architecture + Design

A conceptually rich and resolved project that efficiently and economically responds to current and future user needs.

All Saints Anglican School – Chapel: Burling Brown Architects

A clever insertion into the existing campus, combined with the architectural resolution of the program, provides an evocative response to the client's requirements.

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