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Sunshine Coast Regional Architecture Awards' winners

Two projects have taken out top honours in the **Australian Institute of Architects' 2013 Sunshine Coast Regional Architecture Awards** announced tonight.

Cooroy Library by Brewster Hjorth Architects received a Regional Commendation and the **Gabriel Poole Award for Building of the Year**.

'Housed in a robust and low energy shell the interior spaces are bright and alive with colour, activity and natural light and support a range of community functions both now and with flexibility for the future,' the jury commented.



Cooroy Library by Brewster Hjorth Architects. Image by Christian Mushenko.



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The jury awarded the **Sunshine Coast House of the Year Award** to **Majstorovic Architecture** for their **Yaroomba House** project.

‘Modest and complete, this house design clearly displays the beauty of simplicity. A restrained material palette, exquisite detailing and clever planning combine with practical siting ideas to create a mature architecture.’



Yaroomba House by Majstorovic Architecture. Image by Scott Burrows.

Eighteen projects were entered in the awards including a car dealership, a playground and a variety of houses across the categories of commercial, public, residential – houses, residential – multiple housing and small project architecture.

In total the jury awarded seven Regional Commendations in addition to the Gabriel Poole Award for Building of the Year and the Sunshine Coast House of the Year.

Regional Commendations:

Architectural Project	Architectural Practice	Architectural Category	Location
Cooroy Library	Brewster Hjorth Architects	Public Architecture	Cooroy



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Calanthe	Tim Ditchfield Architects	Residential Architecture – Houses	Doonan
little cove house	Teeland Architects	Residential Architecture – Houses	Noosa Heads
Peregian Beach Residence	Sparks Architects	Residential Architecture – Houses	Peregian Beach
Yaroomba House	Majstorovic Architecture	Residential Architecture – Houses	Yaroomba
Currimundi Apartments	Macksey Rush Architects Pty Ltd	Residential Architecture – Multiple Housing	Currimundi
Elysium Playground and Park Shelters	Cox Rayner Architects	Small Project Architecture	Noosa Heads

Sunshine Coast **Regional Jury Coordinator Andrew Cooksley**, Principal at ACArch, and Jurors **Jo Case**, Principal at Jo Case Architect and **Amelia Loftus**, Principal at Loftus Studio, along with Lay Juror **Stefan Prystupa**, Engineer at TOD Consulting Engineers, assisted the 2013 Awards Jury Director, Mark Damant (Woods Bagot), Deputy Director, Liam Proberts (bureau^proberts), and State Juror, Paul Curran (PUSH), with selecting the winning projects, which now progress to the coveted Queensland Architecture Awards to be announced in Brisbane on 21 June.

JURY CITATIONS

Cooroy Library – Brewster Hjorth Architects

Both building and landscape, **Cooroy Library** effectively inserts a contemporary architectural element into the rural townscape of Cooroy – connecting the main street with the community parklands and cultural arts precinct of the Butter Factory. Housed in a robust and low energy shell, the interior spaces are bright and alive with colour, activity and natural light and support a range of community functions both now and with flexibility for the future.

Calanthe – Tim Ditchfield Architects

Perfectly poised on an acreage allotment, **Calanthe** is a great example of a modern rural dwelling. The Linear plan is a simple resolution of the circulation and room relationships while embracing the best features of the bushland setting. A regional palette of materials including sand coloured rammed earth and Tallwood timber adds richness to the cleverly-crafted built form.

little cove house – Teeland Architects

little cove house creates a retreat that works within the confines of its site in a developed street. A well resolved plan provides a connection with the street while retaining privacy and living spaces that are strongly linked to the beautiful national park at the rear and west of the site. Skilful detailing of a limited palette of timber, glass and concrete complete this robust and tranquil house.



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Peregrine Beach Residence – Sparks Architects

A curved form visible from the street hints at the expansive view and cleverly zoned network of spaces within. Serviced by a circulation spine and stair 'tower' positioned to the back of the site, the floor plan provides a series of interconnected spaces across three levels, offering varying degrees of connection and separation to both the house, view, and the coastal conditions beyond. The prominent roof structure, bound by siting restrictions, becomes a feature reflecting and reinstating the original slope of the site and driving the aesthetic of the building.

Yaroomba House – Majstorovic Architecture

Modest and complete, the design of **Yaroomba House** clearly displays the beauty of simplicity. A restrained material palette, exquisite detailing and clever planning combine with practical siting ideas to create a mature architecture.

Currimundi Apartments – Macksey Rush Architects Pty Ltd

This boutique apartment building, sited on the southern shore of Currimundi Lake, enjoys views to the water and Glasshouse Mountains in the distance. Clever planning allows for a variety of user groups including extended families or individual occupation with a future option for a ground floor commercial tenancy. The highly resolved, refined interior spaces are unified with the robust exterior through the use of exterior perforated metal screens.

Elysium Playground and Park Shelters – Cox Rayner Architects

Careful integration has been considered in both the playground and shelters, which act as a series of small interventions across the site. The playground provides a suite of play elements that children can interact with in a number of ways and is both subtly suggestive and intriguing. Materials that will age and require minimal maintenance have been selected to fit contextually with the site.

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