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Architecture Awards showcase excellence in Newcastle design

The complex alteration of a modest four-unit, beachside structure by Genton Architecture has taken top honours at the 2017 Newcastle Architecture Awards.

The jury recognised the 'enigmatic and innovative' 43 Ocean Street North Avoca project with both the Award for Excellence and Award for Residential Architecture – Multiple Housing. Jurors noted the challenges of building within tight foreshore exclusion zones and designing for multiple generations of a single family to share the space successfully.

The delightfully small MA House by SHAC won both the Small Project Architecture and Residential Architecture – Houses (New) categories. The jury were impressed with how well the house fulfilled the brief for 'a home that is small, enforces simple, compact, minimal living, has less space for less stuff and celebrates the sun, the shade, the light and the dark'.

The Educational Architecture category had joint winners with both Primary Building – Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College by SHAC and The Junction Public School by dwp|suters being awarded for their quality, clever planning and flexibility in providing opportunity for play and learning.

The high number of entries in the 2017 Awards program along with the quality of the projects reinforces the strength of the Newcastle architectural community in demonstrating excellence in design.

Other winning projects include the John Hunter Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Refurbishment by EJE Architecture for Interior Architecture; 25 Watt Street by EJE Architecture for Commercial Architecture; St Francis Xavier Catholic Church Belmont by Killen + Doran Architects for Public Architecture; Bull Street Residence by Studio Dot for Residential Architecture – Houses (Alterations and Additions); 'Allagai' – Crowe Residence by True North Architects for Sustainable Architecture and Battlesticks at Scratchleys by EJE Architecture winning the COLORBOND® Award for Steel Architecture.

The award winners were announced at a presentation evening held at the Merewether Surfhouse on Thursday 9 March. Projects that received an Award are now eligible for the NSW Architecture Awards which will be announced on Saturday 1 July.



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Full list of winning projects:

Award for Excellence

Winner – 43 Ocean Street North Avoca by Genton Architecture

Commercial Architecture

Award – 25 Watt Street by EJE Architecture

Educational Architecture

Award – Primary Building – Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College by SHAC

Award – The Junction Public School by dwp|suters

Interior Architecture

Award – John Hunter Children’s Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Refurbishment by EJE Architecture

Commendation – 25 Watt Street by EJE Architecture

Public Architecture

Award – St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Belmont by Killen + Doran Architects

Commendation – Kilpatrick Court, Toronto by Jackson Teece

Small Project Architecture

Award – MA House by SHAC

Commendation – SHAC Offices Adaptive Reuse by SHAC

Commendation – Innovation Hub by SDA

Urban Design

Commendation – 18 Honeysuckle Drive by dwp|suters

Residential Architecture – Houses (Alterations and Additions)

Award – Bull Street Residence by Studio Dot

Commendation – ‘Allagai’ – Crowe Residence by True North Architects

Residential Architecture – Houses (New)

Award – MA House by SHAC

Commendation – Lake House Warners Bay by SDA

Residential Architecture – Multiple Housing

Award – 43 Ocean Street North Avoca by Genton Architecture

Sustainable Architecture

Award – ‘Allagai’ – Crowe Residence by True North Architects

Commendation – St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Belmont by Killen + Doran Architects

COLORBOND® Award for Steel Architecture

Award – Battlesticks at Scratchleys by EJE Architecture

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