

Master Builder of the Year

Leichhardt-based Mardini Constructions is the 2010 Master Builder of the Year.

Elvis Mardini may have a rock star first name but his pursuit of building excellence is nothing short of meticulous. Painstaking attention to detail is the hallmark of his Leichhardt business, Mardini Constructions.

Elvis's winning project, a Freshwater beach house, took two years to finish. The 250 square metre property was constructed using concrete slabs and walls, and the entire home was custom-built on site.

The box-shaped house is on a 356-square metre block and was built for between \$2 million and \$3 million. The aspect and fit-out is outstanding. Ocean views can be had from a big pivot window while the kitchen ceiling is clad in Marblo opaque solid-surface lighting panels.

Mardini Constructions is dedicated to using natural and recycled products wherever possible. The outside of the house is fitted with screens made from recycled spotted gum, which is also used on the internal stairway, doors and panelling. Eco-friendly self-cleaning glass, terrazzo floors with underfloor heating and veneered ceilings



Elvis Mardini of Mardini Constructions, Master Builder of the Year 2010.



add to the property's integrity and value.

The judges were especially complimentary about Mardini's use of zinc and copper cladding, commenting that it had been done with eye-catching expertise.

"In all it was a very difficult project because of the intricate detail and the architect's standard of finishes," Elvis Mardini says. "The attention to detail was incredible."

He also says winning Master Builder of the Year was a "lingering dream", a goal his business worked very hard to achieve.

Use of cross-air ventilation instead of air conditioning, insulation, eco glass, solar panels and rainwater tanks add to the list of Mardini's impressive environmental credentials. ■



The Freshwater House is the result of two years of meticulous custom-building.



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Marble ceiling panels brighten the kitchen.

JUDGES' COMMENTS

The winner of this year's award is truly exceptional. This relatively small home incorporates all the complex detailing and quality that is expected by the judges. Intricately designed, it includes off form finished concrete, a grand staircase, zinc and copper roofs and flashings and spotted gum joinery.



The magnificent Freshwater view, reflected here, uninterrupted below.



God is in the detail.





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JOINT WINNER

Caspar Building & Designing Services Pty Ltd

ENTRY SUBURB

HUNTERS HILL

JUDGES' COMMENTS

This project involved the construction of a model concrete and brick three-storey house.

The site was challenging because of the extent of rock excavation and the need to stop water seepage into the house. A difficult but very successful job.



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ENTRY SUBURB

FRESHWATER

JUDGES' COMMENTS

Set on Sydney's northern beaches, this stunning home really impressed the judges. Tolerances were kept within two millimetres, and there had to be no visible evidence of fixings. A combination of concrete walls and slabs, spotted gum joinery, and zinc and copper external cladding was used to great effect.