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# Awarding the best

We put the spotlight on some of the winners from the prestigious Master Builders Australia National Excellence in Building and Construction Awards

## EXCELLENCE IN HOUSING AWARDS (NSW)



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Australian houses have a solid reputation for style, safety and innovation, making the most of the space our country affords.

Each year, Master Builders Australia acknowledges excellence in the building and construction industry through its prestigious National Awards. Master Builders' National Awards are divided into a number of categories. Nominations for the housing and commercial/industrial categories are submitted through State and Territory Master Builders associations which have their own awards processes. The National

Awards are the best of the best, judged by an independent committee which assess the quality of finished construction, degree of difficulty, materials used, environmental and safety protocols, outcomes achieved for the client and their benefit to the community.

The 2012 awards were very competitive, with 5,000 project entries to the value of over \$5 billion. NSW claimed the most national awards with five, followed by three in the ACT, Queensland, SA and WA, and Victoria claimed one award.

Chief Executive of Master Builders Australia

For the full list of NSW awards, see [www.mbansw.asn.au/Excellence-Awards/Excellence-Awards](http://www.mbansw.asn.au/Excellence-Awards/Excellence-Awards).

Wilhelm Harnisch says the awards recognise the important role that the building and construction industry plays in Australia's economy and social fabric.

"This year's winners are truly examples of the best the industry has to offer. They exemplify the high quality standards of the building and construction industry, and raise the bar for the rest of the industry to strive towards."



### NEW SOUTH WALES

#### ▲ National Environment and Energy Efficiency Residential Building Award: Matt Jolley Builder, *Austinmer Beach House*, Austinmer NSW

Set over two levels, the ground level façade consists of double-glazed glass recycled bricks and angled piers. The piers support the curved second level built from PEFC certified timber. Aside from its stunning appearance and ocean views, the house is environmentally outstanding. The house gains maximum exposure to natural light and is optimised for cross-ventilation. It boasts a 3.4kW solar photovoltaic system for electricity generation and a gas-boosted solar hot water system. Captured water is stored in an underground water tank which also serves as a thermal cooling device for a cellar.



▼ **National Alterations/Additions/Renovations Award – \$150,000 to \$350,000; Designer Constructions, Foss Cottage, Glebe, Sydney NSW**

This 101-square metre, two-storey dwelling had been previously derelict for the past 30 years. It has been transformed into a modern open-plan, two-bedroom

home that manages to maintain the building's heritage. Most of the internal walls were removed and custom built windows and skylights replicate the building's original fittings but allow more natural light to flow in. Recycled building materials and a rooftop garden feature in the building's design to reduce its environmental footprint.



▲ **National Alterations/Additions/Renovations Award – over \$500,000; Mardini Constructions, Kharkov, Sydney NSW**

Originally built in 1914, this house sits on a fragile rock face 18 metres above street level. Mardini Constructions improved the structural stability of the house and added two bedrooms and a

bathroom to the attic, as well as a new staircase and extensive renovations to the existing frontage of the property. A new garage was added at street level, above that a cabana, a swimming pool and a glass passenger elevator built into the rock face. Extensive landscaping and masonry work was carried out to create a 12-metre sandstone façade.

