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## NSW builder Sammut Developments wins 2016 HIA-CSR Australian Home of the Year

NSW builder Sammut Developments has taken top honours winning the HIA-CSR Australian Home of the Year at the 2016 HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards.

This year's award winners were unveiled tonight in front of over 600 industry leaders at the prestigious awards ceremony held at the Hamilton Island Convention Centre.

The HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards are the ultimate platform to showcase the talents of the nation's top builders and designers. Winners are selected from state-based finalists, with awards in 21 separate categories (see full list below).

**HIA-CSR Australian Home of the Year** is the top accolade, and this year it has been presented to NSW builder **Sammut Developments**. The project also won the award for the **Australian Custom Built Home**, partnered by Stramit Building Products.

The judges were impressed with the painstaking level of detail and high quality finishes included in each and every room. The home is spacious and light-filled, with sliding doors throughout to enable cross-breezes and indoor/outdoor living spaces.

Other award winners from across Australia in eight regions include:

**Mirvac** from Victoria won **Australian Apartment of the Year**, partnered by Caltex HIA fuel card. This penthouse spans two storeys of one of the most prestigious waterfront towers at Melbourne's Docklands. Its luxury features make this apartment a standout in the current market.

**Sunland Group** from Queensland won **Australian Apartment Complex**, partnered by Toyota Fleet. The 'Marina Residences' demonstrate an outstanding level of opulent finishes and attention to detail including a patterned floor mosaic in the foyer, stone benchtops and double glazed windows.

**Atkinson Pontifex** from Victoria won both the **Australian Townhouse/Villa of the Year**, partnered by newhomesguide.com.au and **Australian Outdoor Project** partnered by James Hardie Australia. The modern façade of the winning townhouse design is both stylish and practical and its innovative design delivers sophistication and immediate street appeal.

The outdoor project managed to exceed the client's expectations as it was a unique challenge with the home's main outdoor entertaining space in the front yard on a slope that rises 5.1 metres from the footpath to the front door.

**Ryan Designer Homes** from Queensland won **Australian Townhouse/Villa Development**, partnered by Rheem Australia. It was the attention to detail shown in the design and construction that impressed the judges as well as the seamless integration of indoor and outdoor living with covered pavilions adjoining the kitchen and dining areas.



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**Peter Sosso Building** from the Hunter won **Australian Specialised Housing**, partnered by HIA Insurance Services. Built to accommodate a family with a young child with special needs, the home will provide a safe and comfortable environment for the whole family.

**Art Nouveau Homes** from Victoria won **Australian Spec Home**, partnered by Stratco Australia. This modernist inspired home combines natural materials with the latest technological developments to create a luxurious escape.

**Samuel James Homes** from South Australia won **Australian Display Home**, partnered by ActronAir. This home represents the ideal in family living that is functional yet elegant. It includes multiple living and entertaining areas over two levels and features a stunning glass staircase.

**Alvaro Bros Builders** from ACT/Southern NSW won **Australian Renovation/Addition Project**, partnered by BlueScope Steel. Traditional construction methods and materials have been used to recreate the ambience of a bygone era and pay homage to historic Australian architecture. Two original wings of the house were carefully restored and a new wing seamlessly added.

**Kalka** from Queensland won **Australian Project Home**, partnered by OneSteel Reinforcing. This home combines affordability with contemporary edge as a practical five bedroom home on a small block – yet it is incredibly spacious and liveable.

**Minosa** from NSW won both the **Australian Bathroom Design**, partnered by GWA Bathrooms & Kitchens and the **Australian Kitchen Design**, partnered by Miele. Minosa designed the master bathroom to be a stylish parents' retreat with luxurious monochromatic finishes and a stunning freestanding stone bathtub to create a dramatic centrepiece. The winning kitchen design was described as sleek and modern and has well and truly brought the 1920s home into the modern era. Its contemporary and minimal appearance includes a pop-up power outlet in the island bench and electronic overhead cupboards.

**Drew Moore Constructions** from Tasmania won **Australian Bathroom of the Year**, partnered by GWA Bathrooms & Kitchens. An inspiring yet practical space with polished terrazzo flooring, warm timber cupboards and a walk-in shower creating a bathroom that feels effortlessly spacious and glamorous.

**Stewart Homes** and **Ultraspace** from Queensland won **Australian Kitchen of the Year**, partnered by Miele. This kitchen features an outstanding, functional design and spacious entertaining area which incorporates an island bench, butler's pantry, scullery and breakfast bar.

**Jake Laidlaw** from Victoria won the **Jim Brookes Australian Apprentice**, partnered by Stratco Australia. Jake demonstrates exceptional leadership skills – judges praised his eagerness to pass his knowledge on to new apprentices and his contribution to upskilling others in his team. He has a thorough understanding of the end-to-end home building process, and his dedication to onsite safety is particularly impressive.

**Dale Alcock Homes** from Western Australia won **Australian Professional Major**, partnered by Companion Systems. Dale Alcock Homes has been operating for almost 30 years and has grown from a handful of employees to a business that averages 700 immaculate new home builds a year.



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**Montgomery Homes** from the Hunter won **Australian Professional Medium Builder/Renovator**, partnered by Companion Systems. Judges were impressed with Montgomery Homes' comprehensive environmental sustainability program which works to minimise waste and emissions.

**Humphrey Homes** from Western Australia won **Australian Professional Small Builder/Renovator**, partnered by Companion Systems. Humphrey Homes is continually looking for ways to improve by constantly reviewing its systems, processes and practices.

**Jay Mangano** from Western Australia's **Devrite Homes of Distinction** won **Australian Business Partner**, partnered by BUPA HIA Health Plan. Jay is a key driver in all areas of the business, taking a broad and all-encompassing role across project management, finance and administration.

HIA Managing Director Shane Goodwin said the HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards program is unsurpassed in the residential building industry and represents the exacting standard of our members.

"HIA members are dedicated to achieving the very best workmanship and standards in every project they undertake. HIA's Awards provide a tremendous opportunity for our members to showcase their projects and highlight building and design excellence."

"Congratulations to this year's winners and finalists for outstanding achievement in workmanship, innovation and design. HIA is always proud to be associated with our members and their exceptional design and construction projects."

HIA is Australia's peak building industry body representing more than 40,000 builders, suppliers and contractors involved in residential construction.

Judged by industry professionals, the awards acknowledge the talent of builders, designers and building companies who plan and construct quality new housing, apartments, renovations, kitchens and bathrooms.

**For images of the winning projects visit: [media.hia.com.au](http://media.hia.com.au)**

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## 2016 HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards winners

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2016 HIA Townhouse/Villa of the Year <i>Partnered by newhomesguide.com.au</i>	<b>Atkinson Pontifex</b> Victoria
2016 HIA Custom Built Home <i>Partnered by Stramit Building Products</i>	<b>Sammut Developments</b> NSW
2016 HIA Display Home <i>Partnered by ActronAir</i>	<b>Samuel James Homes</b> South Australia
2016 HIA Outdoor Project <i>Partnered by James Hardie Australia</i>	<b>Atkinson Pontifex</b> Victoria
2016 HIA Project Home <i>Partnered by OneSteel Reinforcing</i>	<b>Kalka</b> Queensland
2016 HIA Renovation/Addition Project <i>Partnered by BlueScope Steel</i>	<b>Alvaro Bros Builders</b> ACT/Southern NSW
2016 HIA Spec Home <i>Partnered by Stratco Australia</i>	<b>Art Nouveau Homes</b> Victoria
2016 HIA Specialised Housing <i>Partnered by HIA Insurance Services</i>	<b>Peter Sosso Building</b> Hunter
2016 HIA Apartment Complex <i>Partnered by Toyota Fleet</i>	<b>Sunland Group</b> Queensland
2016 HIA Townhouse/Villa Development <i>Partnered by Rheem Australia</i>	<b>Ryan Designer Homes</b> Queensland
2016 HIA Bathroom of the Year <i>Partnered by GWA Bathrooms &amp; Kitchens</i>	<b>Drew Moore Constructions</b> Tasmania
2016 HIA Bathroom Design <i>Partnered by GWA Bathrooms &amp; Kitchens</i>	<b>Minosa</b> New South Wales
2016 HIA Kitchen of the Year <i>Partnered by Miele</i>	<b>Stewart Homes and Ultraspace</b> Queensland
2016 HIA Kitchen Design <i>Partnered by Miele</i>	<b>Minosa</b> NSW
2016 HIA Professional Major Builder <i>Partnered by Companion Systems</i>	<b>Dale Alcock Homes</b> Western Australia
2016 HIA Professional Medium Builder/Renovator <i>Partnered by Companion Systems</i>	<b>Montgomery Homes</b> Hunter
2016 HIA Professional Small Builder/Renovator <i>Partnered by Companion Systems</i>	<b>Humphrey Homes</b> Western Australia
2016 HIA Jim Brookes Australian Apprentice <i>Partnered by Stratco Australia</i>	<b>Jake Laidlaw</b> Victoria
2016 HIA Business Partner <i>Partnered by BUPA HIA Health Plan</i>	<b>Jay Mangano</b> Western Australia