

HIA Awards

WINNERS



Townhouse/Villa

TOWNHOUSE/VILLA OF THE YEAR

Winner: Atkinson Pontifex

Big things really do come in small packages, and this prestigious three-bedroom home (pictured above and right) is a perfect example of this. The contemporary front facade features a vertical steel screen providing sun control to the north-facing living areas on both the upper and lower levels, while an appealing entry leads to a fully self-contained apartment with generous open-plan kitchen, dining and living areas. The main bedroom opens out to its own garden space and features a separate ensuite. Upstairs a large living area and balcony add to the internal amenity and ambience. "The design is innovative and courageous with a high level of craftsmanship," the judges said.



Renovation/Addition Project

OVERALL RENOVATION/ADDITION PROJECT OF THE YEAR, RENOVATION/ADDITION PROJECT OVER \$1.5 MILLION AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDING DESIGN

Winner: Designology

The gothic traditions of this two-storey brick home (pictured left) provided plenty of inspiration for the architects of this stunning internal and external makeover to combine resort-style living with the latest living technologies in the home. The design combines the heritage-listed dwelling with a substantial, yet visually recessive, contemporary extension. Dilapidated external features such as timber gable vents, king post finials and sculpted barge boards were recreated, while coffered ceilings with decorative cornices and large-format tiled floors flow from the existing dwelling and into the new extensions. The extensions seamlessly integrate the climate-controlled pool house with the alfresco area, conservatory and other informal living zones. "The contemporary extension and pool house fit seamlessly with the original gothic-style heritage dwelling," the judges said.



HIA Herald Sun home magazine Readers' Choice Award

Winner: Aegean AG430 by MainVue Homes

The appeal of the Aegean by MainVue Homes (pictured right) is obvious. It's easy to imagine yourself relaxing after a long day at work in the undercover alfresco area, simply enjoying family time in one of the three spacious living areas, or bringing the home to life entertaining friends and family. This stylish home effortlessly accommodates the varying demands of modern family living. And it breezily passes the test of a truly functional home design with ample storage throughout. A ground-floor bathroom with shower adjoins the powder room. And a theatre room and large study offer additional retreat spaces at the front of the house. The main-bedroom suite features two large his-and-her dressing rooms and a luxurious ensuite.



Inspiring ideas

The Housing Industry Association (HIA) Housing Awards showcase the best building projects of the year across several categories. Check out each of the 2015 Victorian award category winners in the 2015 *Top Homes* magazine (\$7.95). Available in most newsagencies; or see heraldsun.com.au/shop.