

# ATKINSON • PONTIFEX

## **MEDIA RELEASE:**

### ***LOCAL BAYSIDE BUILDER TAKES HOME PRESTIGIOUS HIA BUILDING AWARDS 2015!***

In business now for over 30 years, Dean Atkinson and David Pontifex know quality; and how to deliver it. Projects are generally limited to three or four at any one time, which is vital to maintain control and deliver the quality and service their client's expectations. Each project is carefully chosen, with the overall aim to select homes that are challenging, enjoyable and ultimately successful for both the client and themselves.

As a result, Atkinson Pontifex is the elite builder of choice in Melbourne's Bayside area.

Their mission is twofold: to build the finest residential homes in Bayside, and with every home deliver results that far exceed their clients' expectations. Above all else, Atkinson Pontifex stands for integrity. Dean and David pride themselves on friendly, honest service and over the last 30 years have the results and awards to prove it.

### **2015 Housing Industry Awards**

Three of their most recently completed properties were entered in this year's **2015 Housing Industry Awards**, in an amazing 11 categories – all of which the team were finalists!

Boasting 12 Awards on the night, 7 Winners and 5 Runners up, Atkinson Pontifex has really cemented their place as leaders in the housing industry

#### **AWARDS AND RESULTS BELOW:**

##### **PROJECT ONE:**

- **'THE HAMPTONS', BRIGHTON** - Renovation/ addition \$700k-\$1 million

Despite being only 7 years old, poor detailing and a flawed floor plan meant the owners of this home wanted an extensive renovation to bring it to the standard of living they wanted. Windows were replaced, with French doors installed to connect the house with the garden. The floorplan was revised, with a new kitchen installed, and a combined pantry/ laundry. Dark timber veneers, marble, stone cladding, and greywashed timbers combine to provide a moody, earthy atmosphere.

##### **CATEGORIES & RESULTS:**

**RUNNER UP! Renovation/Addition Project - \$700,001 - \$1 Million, (AS ABOVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION)**

**RUNNER UP! Outdoor Project, (Removal of a tennis court dominating almost the entire back yard, and converting the existing pool to an in-ground water tank with decking above, allowed this outdoor area to be converted in to a space more suited to the owners.**

With limited access to the yard, the builders made use of a small window of opportunity when the house over the back fence was demolished, completing the makeover before construction of the house at the back began.

A new pool was installed, with a trampoline for the kids, and mature trees planted around the perimeter, creating a suburban oasis. The garden now reflects the Hamptons style of the home.)

## **WINNER! Renovated Kitchen – Up to \$50,000**

**WINNER! Laundry**, (The owner of this home grew up in Europe, where laundries and pantries are regularly combined, and called a 'utility room'. An existing footprint comprising laundry, powder room, and hallway were reconfigured to suit plumbing access and varying floor levels, allowing this utility room accessible from the kitchen. With a Belfast sink, and timber-look floor tiles laid in a herringbone pattern, plus dark timber veneer joinery, the laundry is both practical and luxurious.

### **PROJECT TWO:**

- **4 BURGESS STREET, BEAUMARIS** - Outdoor project

Burgess St was a unique challenge, combining high expectation from the clients, a rise of 5.1m from the footpath to the front door, and creating the main outdoor entertaining space and pool zone in the front yard on a very steep slope. The resulting garden sits as a testament to clever, intricate, and detailed design work, workmanship of the highest level, and committed, trusting clients.

The hero of the outdoor space is the front yard with wet edge pool and spa, and a large acrylic window making the pool an integral part of the pedestrian entry experience. The pedestrian entry manages the levels with a series of polished concrete steps, bluestone steps, and landings to break up the rise. Mature architectural and screening plantings soften the mass of infrastructure, while extensive lighting including a bespoke light box truly bring the garden to life at night.

The true measure of success of this outdoor space lies in the fact the client's expectations have been exceeded on every level.

### **CATEGORIES & RESULTS:**

**RUNNER UP! Custom Built Home - \$2 Million - \$3 Million** (This luxury home has everything you could possibly want. Maximising bay views, the main living areas are on the first floor, along with an expansive master suite. Ground floor hosts the children's and guest bedrooms, each with walk-in-robe and ensuite. Basement level has a 5 car garage plus car turntable, a fully fitted gym, home theatre, wine room, and storage. Luxury fittings have been used throughout, with bespoke stainless steel kitchen benches made in Italy, custom made joinery handles, and full height internal doors, whilst marble, stone cladding, and timbers combine to provide a grounded feel)

**WINNER! Outdoor Project** (AS ABOVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION)

### **WINNER! OVERALL Kitchen of the Year**

**WINNER! New Kitchen - \$30,001 - \$50,000** (In a house with upstairs living, this kitchen was located and designed specifically to take in the extensive bay views. Even the butlers pantry has views from a long slot window. The kitchen blends the practicality of stainless steel work benches, custom made in Italy, with a marble upstand which also serves to conceal mess. Combining marble and a timber veneer open shelf to the front of the island bench required extensive detailing and input from the stonemason, cabinetmaker, and designer. Fridges are concealed behind timber veneer joinery, along with a pull-out pantry, and dark coloured cooking appliances were selected to blend in with the timber veneer colour.)

**RUNNER UP! New Bathroom - Over \$30,001** (This luxurious ensuite was inspired by international hotels. Marble is used for the vanity benchtop, plus floors and fully tiled wall tiles. A freestanding organic shaped bath is the focal point for the ensuite, with gold accented mosaic tiles behind to draw attention and add to the opulent atmosphere. The spacious double shower also serves as a steam room. Steel-framed mirrored medicine cabinets provide easily accessible storage, whilst the vanity design with exposed bottle traps and timber veneer drawers below combine interest and simplicity.)

### **PROJECT THREE -**

- **OAK GROVE, BRIGHTON, Townhouse Development**

This dual occupancy development was set on a square shaped block with its private spaces facing the northern street frontage. Rather than propose a façade with two distinctive and individual treatments, the solution

attempts to create a more substantial result by blending architectural treatments between the dwellings. A vertical steel screen bridges both dwellings and provides sun control to the north facing living areas on the upper and lower levels.

The ground floor accommodation allows for a fully self-contained apartment with the master bedroom located towards the rear for privacy, opening out to its own garden space. Whilst the upper floor includes a second north facing living and balcony, open study as well as 2 generous bedrooms and bathroom facilities.

## **CATEGORIES & RESULTS**

**WINNER! OVERALL Townhouse Villa of the Year (AS ABOVE)**

**RUNNER UP! Townhouse Villa Development - Up to \$700,000 per dwelling (AS ABOVE)**

**WINNER! New Kitchen - Up to \$30,000**, (Specifically designed to compliment the contemporary, clean-lined architecture of the building, this kitchen makes use of natural stone and timber to contrast with crisp white 2 pac joinery. The dark timber laminate, and concrete pendant lights tie in with external finishes, connecting the interior with the exterior. Mirrored splashbacks are utilised to maximise reflection of light and garden views, in what is an internal area of the house, whilst an induction cooktop and integrated fridge contribute to the unobtrusive practicality of the kitchen.

### **Some background info on Atkinson Pontifex:**

Atkinson Pontifex was founded in 1985 by childhood friends Dean Atkinson and David Pontifex. Dean and David first met as four-year-olds playing in the sandpit at McKinnon Kindergarten, and grew up attending the same primary school. Their friendship developed into a business partnership during the 80s, as they realised their love for a challenge and similar philosophy to service. Both are qualified carpenters and joiners, and have built many award-winning, multi-million dollar houses over the past 30 years. The two establish direct relationships with every customer, and ensure open communication from start to finish. You will only ever deal with either Dean or David – so you'll always have their attention.

Compared to many other builders who subcontract, Atkinson Pontifex proudly employs its own highly skilled staff of 22. This means they always have the best people for the job, who share a passion for craftsmanship and attention to detail. The happy and productive workforce has a very low turnover too. In fact, the longest serving team member has been with the company for more than 20 years. The team includes an office manager, full time carpenters, apprentices and landscape gardeners.

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