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Industry-Leading Projects at the Master Builders and Asset Construction Hire Excellence Awards 2023

The 2023 Master Builders and Asset Construction Hire Excellence Awards were held at the National Convention Centre in front of a sold-out crowd on Friday 1 September 2023.

Master Builders ACT CEO Michael Hopkins said, "The night was a fantastic celebration of the innovative, functional and beautiful projects of Master Builders ACT members, as well as the people whose passion, skill and leadership pave the way forward for the ACT building and construction industry."

The team at Construction Control performed outstandingly well at the awards, with their Canberra Grammar School Music Centre and Auditorium project winning the coveted Project of the Year, as well as Commercial Construction \$20 million to \$50 million, Special Purpose/Adaptable Commercial Construction, Project Displaying Technical Difficulty or Innovation, and WHS Commercial.

The awe-inducing project consists of a 1,400-seat concert hall, state of the art music-teaching facilities, and a library for the use of Canberra Grammar, the local community and visiting national and international organisations. The extensive, technical undertaking required the demolition of the existing breezeway, the underground construction of the new concert hall and music facilities, and the refurbishment of the adjacent heritage-listed building.

Constructing the concert hall 15m below ground provided flexibility to meet the requirements introduced by the heritage-listed buildings surrounding the new facility and allowed for the installation of a green roof at ground level. To create world class acoustic quality, customised prefinished, precast concrete panels were used for the concert hall walls. Many items used were prefabricated offsite, including the ceiling panels, structural steel and paving system. This allowed for quality testing prior to installation, reduced safety risks and faster installation.

Master Builders ACT CEO Michael Hopkins said, "Every aspect of the planning and delivery of Project of the Year was of an industry-leading standard of excellence. The resulting spaces will benefit the Canberra community for many years to come. Congratulations, Construction Control."

The esteemed House of the Year award was presented to Manteena, Architects Ring & Associates and Archertec Interiors. The five-bedroom home showcases incredible attention to detail from every member of the project team. The handcrafted quality of the home is outstanding, particularly the staircase, which was accurately delivered to the millimetre.

Remarkable attention to detail was required to fulfill the lofty brief and deliver the highly customised build to an excellent standard. The varying widths of thresholds and ranged ceiling heights allowed rooms to connect seamlessly while the direction of the flooring was carefully laid to create soft distinctions between rooms.

A wide range of materials and finishes were involved in the construction of the House of the Year. To achieve the consistent level of high-quality from each trade, team meetings were held at least once per week and workshops and prototypes were set up to develop key details.

Adaptable design for the benefit of the client was prized throughout this project. The team capitalised on voids discovered during modelling by transforming the upper-level spaces into storage drawers and a laundry chute to the floor below.

Mr Hopkins said, “Well done to Manteena, Architects Ring & Associates and Archertec Interiors for tenaciously workshopping each of the finely detailed finishes that created this family’s dream home. The 2023 House of the Year is truly a display of outstanding skill and a strong connection with the client.”

Mr Hopkins said, “A big congratulations to the superb winners, finalists and entrants of 2023, whose technical skill, competence and intelligent planning continuously deliver dream homes and the amenities that support our community. These professionals maintain Canberra’s unique balance between modern luxuries and access to nature while inspiring stakeholders to continually improve the living spaces of Canberrans.”

The exhaustive list of winners is as follows:

CATEGORY	ENTRANT NAME/S	SUBURB / PROJECT
Apartments and Units up to 3 storeys	Papas Projects and Studio Black Interiors	Curtin
Apartments and Units 4 storeys and above	Milin Builders	Kiara, Narrabundah
Apartments and Units Highrise Living	Milin Builders	Oaks Crown, Phillip
Bathroom Project less than \$50,000	ACT Renovations	Holder
Bathroom Project more than \$50,000	Pichelmann Custom Building Services and Precise Custom Joinery	Forrest
Best Use of Material in a Commercial Project	Monarch Building Solutions	Kia Showroom
Best Use of Material in a Residential Project	Pichelmann Custom Building Services, DNA Architects and Sellick Consultants	Deakin
Civil Bridgeworks	Complex Co	Bridge Maintenance Program Construction 2021 - 2022
Civil Hydraulic	Complex Co	Ginninderra Dam and Tuggeranong Dam
Civil Other	Chincivil, Indesco and City Renewal Authority	Acton Waterfront Phase 2
Civil Roadworks	Complex Co	East Gungahlin High School Supporting Road Infrastructure
Civil Subdivision	Canberra Contractors, Village Building Co and Spiire	South Jerrabomberra Civil Subdivision Stages 1D, 1E & High-Level Reservoir
Commercial Construction less than \$5million	Capcorp Constructions and PEET	Googong Sales Centre
Commercial Construction \$5million to \$20million	Connected Projects	Wildbark Visitor Centre
Commercial Construction \$20million to \$50million	Construction Control	Canberra Grammar School Music Centre and Auditorium
Commercial Construction \$50million to \$100million	Lendlease Construction	Building 4, CEA Technologies
Commercial Construction over \$100million	Construction Control and Amalgamated Property Group	Civic Quarter 2
Commercial or Retail Fitout, Refurbishment or Alteration less than \$1million	Fore Group	Slaven Torline Office Fitout
Commercial or Retail Fitout, Refurbishment or Alteration \$1million to \$5million	Capcorp Constructions	John McGrath KIA Showroom, Phillip
Commercial or Retail Fitout, Refurbishment or Alteration \$5million to \$10million	Project Coordination	Ian Potter House Refurbishment
Commercial or Retail Fitout, Refurbishment or Alteration more than \$10million	Capcorp Constructions	John XXIII College Refurbishment, ANU
Commercial Subcontractor of the Year	ACT Steelworks	
Construction Woman of the Year	Lauren Couter	
Custom Built/Project Home less than \$350,000	Village Building Co	South Jerrabomberra
Custom Built/Project Home \$350,000 to \$500,000	Upmarket Canberra	Chifley
Custom Built/Project Home \$500,000 to \$750,000	Meier Group and Capezio Copeland	Red Hill
Custom Built/Project Home \$750,000 to \$1million	Walmsley Building Solutions	Kaleen

Custom Built/Project Home \$1million to \$2million	Brother Projects and DNA Architects	Turner
Custom Built/Project Home \$2million to \$4million	Manteena, Architects Ring & Associates and Archertec Interiors	Deakin
Custom Built/Project Home more than \$4million	Manteena	Red Hill
Display Home Less Than \$500,000	McDonald Jones	DeLorean One Executive, Whitlam
Display Home \$500,000 to \$750,000	Village Building Co	South Jerrabomberra
Display Home more than \$750,000	Blackett Property Group, Pioneer Kitchens, Sugar Designs and Thursday Architecture	Whitlam
Kitchen Project less than \$60,000	Created Bespoke Joinery and Paul Tilse Architects + Interiors	Narrabundah
Kitchen Project \$60,000 to \$100,000	Pichelmann Custom Building Services and Precise Custom Joinery	Forrest
Kitchen Project more than \$100,000	Created Bespoke Joinery and Paul Tilse Architects + Interiors	Forrest
Landscape Design and Construction Commercial	RAM Constructions	Coombs Edgeworth Parade
Landscape Design and Construction Residential	Cool Climate Landscaping	Narrabundah
Medium Density Dual Occupancy/Habitable Suite	REP Building and Studio Black Interiors	Kaleen
Medium Density Townhouses and Villas	R&P Galli Holdings	Deakin
Onsite Construction Manager of the Year	Leigh Bryden	
Professional of the Year	Jeremy Murray	
Project Displaying Technical Difficulty or Innovation	Construction Control	Canberra Grammar School Music Centre and Auditorium
Project Manager of the Year	Nick Barnier	
Renovation/Extension \$250,000 to \$450,000	Sharpest Constructions and Quest Architecture	Aranda
Renovation/Extension \$450,000 to \$1million	Manteena and n1 Creative	Deakin
Renovation/Extension over \$1million	Pichelmann Custom Building Services	Forrest
Renovation-Fitout, Apartment, Unit or Townhouse	Chase Construction (ACT), The Dept of Design, 4Site and Amalgamated Property Group	Parkes
Special Purpose/Adaptable Commercial Construction	Construction Control	Canberra Grammar School Music Centre and Auditorium
Special Purpose/Adaptable Dwelling	Monarch Building Solutions	Mawson
Supplier of the Year	CE Construction Solutions	
Sustainable Civil Project	Capital Asphalt	Capital Asphalt's Sustainability Strategy
Sustainable Residential Project	360 Building Solutions and Light House Architecture & Science	Curtin
WHS Commercial	Construction Control	Canberra Grammar School Music Centre and Auditorium
WHS Targeted Risk Management System	Guideline ACT	Manual Handling
Young Builder of the Year	Danny Agnello	
2023 House of the Year	Manteena, Architects Ring & Associates and Archertec Interiors	Deakin
2023 Project of the Year	Construction Control	Canberra Grammar School Music Centre and Auditorium

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