



2010 AWARDS

Continuing Professional Development Awards
for Registered Building Practitioners



REGISTERED
Building Practitioner
plus CPD

Welcome

Welcome to the 2010 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Awards, which recognise Registered Building Practitioners (RBPs) who have contributed to the industry and excelled through further training and development.

The annual CPD Awards are now in their seventh year, with the 2010 awards to be presented by the Minister for Planning, the Hon Matthew Guy, MLC.

The awards are designed to recognise and encourage training and professional development within the building industry. They identify RBPs who, by participating in training and development, are exemplars in developing their own skills and knowledge, and consequently make a contribution to the building industry as a whole.

The number of RBPs continues to grow each year and increasingly they are taking responsibility for their own ongoing learning. In the past financial year, 8,540 RBPs met the required points for CPD. This is a 241 per cent increase from 2,500 in 2008-09, and can be attributed to an improvement in systems and processes in reporting.

It is encouraging to see that the number of entries for the awards this year also has remained solid. This reflects the value RBPs place on further training and development



in their careers to enhance their skills and, importantly, contribute to the industry and the State's built environment.

The CPD Awards for 2010 mark the culmination of hard work and dedication to the CPD program by many RBPs. They also recognise and celebrate some of the outstanding achievements of practitioners in their pursuit of further knowledge and the application of new and improved skills.

The awards are an exciting event to celebrate the contribution of training to Victoria's built environment.

I would like to thank those of you who are involved in building industry training and bringing new levels of professionalism and service delivery to our State's building industry.

The finalists featured here have all achieved significant CPD success over the last 12 months.

For those who are the 2010 CPD Award winners, I encourage you to enjoy the opportunity to excel as a leader in your field and to celebrate the contribution you are making to the Victorian building industry.

Tony Arnel
Building Commissioner

Nominations were received from Registered Building Practitioners across Victoria in the three Award categories:

- 12-Point CPD Excellence Award**
- 15-Point CPD Excellence Award**
- 5 Star Sustainability Excellence Award**

Nominations were also received for the **CPD Provider of the Year Award**.

The winners from the 12 and 15 point categories each receive \$2000 and a trophy, while the highly commended runners-up receive \$1000 and commended runners-up \$500 – to put towards further CPD activities.

AWARD CATEGORIES

12-Point category

For Registered Building Practitioners in the category of domestic builder, commercial builder, demolisher, or erector or supervisor of temporary structures, who have completed 12 CPD points in 12 months.

15-Point category

For Registered Building Practitioners in the category of building inspector, building surveyor, draftsperson, engineer or quantity surveyor, who have completed 15 CPD points in 12 months.

5 Star Sustainability category

For registered building practitioners in any registration category, who have undertaken green training and applied the sustainability principles to their own workplace in the past 12 months.

CPD Provider of the Year

A registered building practitioner can nominate a CPD provider who has provided an excellent course or a great learning experience. The CPD provider can be a TAFE, university, industry association, professional institute or Registered Training Organisation.

12-Point CPD Excellence Award

FOR REGISTERED BUILDING PRACTITIONERS IN THE CATEGORY OF DOMESTIC BUILDER, COMMERCIAL BUILDER, DEMOLISHER, OR ERECTOR OR SUPERVISOR OF TEMPORARY STRUCTURES, WHO HAVE COMPLETED 12 CPD POINTS IN 12 MONTHS.

And the winner is...

Tamer Mitwally, TM Building Group

Tamer is the Director of TM Building Group, whose CPD training is making a difference to the company. Tamer completed more than 80 hours of CPD in the past 12 months. This included attending the Green Building Conference, completing the Building Thermal Performance Assessment - FirstRate5. He also achieved a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, Public Speaking and Business Presentation Skills, and completed the Diploma of Building and Construction (Management). He also completed a Certificate III in Occupational Health & Safety (Building and Construction).



"Continuous learning has aided me to accomplish my goals for the year 2010 and given me infinite possibilities in my construction career."

Tamer implemented an Occupational Health and Safety Management system for his company. This included its OH&S policy, training staff, contractors and suppliers on their duty-of-care in reducing workplace accidents.

Alan Thornton, Althorn Australia

Alan commenced a Bachelor of Commerce/Law with Open University, which sees him paying more attention to the detail in contracts. He has improved procedures at his workplace that ensure that work only begins when all documentation is completed and filed, which reduces risk. Alan is also qualified as a Senior First Aid Officer.



"To be conscious of your ignorance is the first step towards obtaining knowledge."



"A business can either go forward or backwards. To not change at all means the business is going backwards."

James Carroll, J & J Carroll Builders - Hotondo Homes

James' small project home building company now has a better understanding of the building and sustainability requirements after he completed the GreenSmart Professional Accreditation program with the Housing Industry Association. The business also implemented new green smart building methods for all their display homes. James has demonstrated a complete change in business and building practices that has improved his business tremendously.

15-Point CPD Excellence Award

FOR REGISTERED BUILDING PRACTITIONERS IN THE CATEGORY OF BUILDING INSPECTOR, BUILDING SURVEYOR, DRAFTSPERSON, ENGINEER OR QUANTITY SURVEYOR, WHO HAVE COMPLETED 15 CPD POINTS IN 12 MONTHS.

And the winner is...

Richard Stoddart, MTG Australia

Richard completed more than 200 hours of training last year while completing his thesis project for a Master of Building Surveying through the University of Western Sydney. He specialised in Fire Engineering.

His thesis was awarded a high distinction and has been submitted for inclusion in the International Fire Engineering Symposium in Washington DC USA 2011. The study allowed him to further characterise fuel loads into regulated and non-regulated materials.



"I have embraced the challenge of Continuing Professional Development, as it has enabled me to sustain my interest in my profession and provide clients with the confidence that my advice is current and accurate."

Louise McGrath, Cunningham Design and Drafting

Louise attends monthly Building Design Association of Victoria (BDAV) seminars in Gippsland West. The BDAV training has helped her to learn about new products on the market, such as Tilling Timber's Smartframe design software. Subsequent in-office training has enabled her to streamline the process of specifying timber members on plans. Louise also introduced a new system for investigating properties in flood prone areas.



"CPD is a great opportunity to keep-up-to date with industry changes and enhance business skills and knowledge."



"In my experience, further learning facilitates a successful business by creating new and rewarding opportunities."

Ben Tzirkas, De Nova Group

Ben completed the Certificate III in Occupational Health & Safety with the Master Builders Association of Victoria. The training enabled him to identify hazards on work sites and allowed him to modify designs for building material specifications to ensure that the use of hazardous materials was reduced. The training also helped the company improve working practices.

5 Star Sustainability CPD Excellence Award

FOR REGISTERED BUILDING PRACTITIONERS IN ANY REGISTRATION CATEGORY, WHO HAVE UNDERTAKEN GREEN TRAINING AND APPLIED THE SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES TO THEIR OWN WORKPLACE IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

And the winner is...

Anton Engelmayer, Calm Living Homes

Anton wanted to undertake something he was passionate about, which is caring for the planet and building green.

In keeping with this, he undertook several sustainability courses. He recently completed the Certificate IV in Building and Construction (Environmental Management) at the MBAV. He took a keen interest in learning about storm water management and subsequently has designed and built a five stage storm water management system to meet storm water obligations. This includes a rain garden, which won the Melbourne Waters Rain Garden Competition.



"Staying current with new advancements and products within the sustainable building sector gives me the edge I need to be a better equipped builder and to help build our children a greener future."

Anton recognises that keeping abreast of green building principles is essential and he will continue to apply them to benefit the built environment.

Adriano D'Aspromonte, Monte Homes

As a construction manager at Lend Lease, Adriano completed the GreenSmart Professional Program at HIA. This green learning was applied to a pilot project at Caesia Gardens - a retirement village in Caroline Springs.

The retirement village incorporates a raft of sustainability measures to complement its 5 Star homes, such as an embedded electrical network, which provides residents with a 15 per cent discount on electricity costs. The installation of



"Building an understanding of sustainability and the built environment allows me to apply my knowledge in the projects I deliver."

photovoltaic cells on the clubhouse also reduces the ongoing operational costs of the village, which benefits residents.



Michael Worth, Michael Worth Projects Design & Construct

After completing the Certificate IV in Building and Construction (Environmental Management) at the MBAV, Michael made sustainable changes to his business practices in the office and on the work site. He created checklists to ensure staff implemented the new sustainable changes. They are making a difference and benefiting the environment.

"Continuing Professional Development should be high on everybody's agenda. It enables you to stay ahead."

CPD Provider of the Year Award

A REGISTERED BUILDING PRACTITIONER CAN NOMINATE A CPD PROVIDER WHO HAS PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT COURSE OR A GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE. THE CPD PROVIDER CAN BE A TAFE, UNIVERSITY, INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTE OR REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATION.

And the first joint winner is...

Building Designers Association of Victoria (BDAV)

Brian Morison, Executive Officer

A second time winner of the CPD Provider of the Year Award, BDAV represents building design and drafting professionals, providing CPD programs in metropolitan and regional Victoria.

BDAV runs 10 workshop seminars annually on topics covering a broad range of building design issues, business management, sustainability and more.

Strongly supporting its regional membership base, BDAV provides all seminars and workshops on DVD so that regional professionals have the same access to CPD programs as their metropolitan colleagues.



"Because of the dynamic nature of the building and construction industry and, in particular, the design sector, the BDAV heavily promotes CPD. We believe CPD is critical to ensure all members are kept up-to-date on regulatory requirements and developments within the industry, as well as demonstrating superb professionalism for consumers and clients."

And the second joint winner is...

Master Builders Association of Victoria (MBAV)

Brian Welch, Executive Director

A four times winner of the CPD Provider of the Year Award MBAV is a Registered Training Organisation that provides a broad range of professional courses to the residential and commercial building sectors throughout Victoria.

More than 12,000 courses and programs are completed every year and the association has a strong membership of more than 7,800 builders from small and large businesses.

MBAV has a long and trusted history of more than 130 years as an industry voice delivering not only CPD programs but also independent advisory services to the building industry and governing bodies.



"Master Builders is keenly aware of the need to provide the building and construction industry with training that is current and reflects best practice. Our trainers have a wealth of industry experience that helps to ensure our training participants are engaged in their learning and well equipped to address the diversity of learning needs."

Housing Industry Association *Gil King, Executive Director, Victoria*

The Housing Industry Association (HIA) is Australia's largest residential building organisation. Members include builders, trade contractors, design professionals, kitchen and bathroom specialists, manufacturers and suppliers. HIA is a leading training provider in the building and construction industry. Recognised for a range of courses and workshops including builder registration courses, occupational health and safety, estimating and business skills, the HIA



"HIA Training is committed to providing relevant specialised life-long learning initiatives, meeting the specific needs of the building and construction industry and our members."

offer practical training and professional development solutions.



Australian Institute of Building Surveyors *Peter Jolly, President, Victorian Chapter*

The Australian Institute of Building Surveyors (AIBS) is recognised nationally and internationally as the peak professional body representing Building Surveyors in Australia. The AIBS is a membership body with over 40 years of experience. It provides a range of services to its members including member accreditation, publications, conferences, technical training as well as administering its own CPD scheme.

"AIBS considers continuing professional development to be paramount to practicing Building Surveyors maintaining professional standards and competencies. Our CPD program is relevant and of a high quality."

JUDGING PANEL

- Bill Russell**
Chair of the Building Practitioner's Board (BPB)
- Geoff Hoare**
Draftsperson representative of the BPB
- Graeme Geary**
Building Surveyor representative of the BPB

- Nick Pateras**
Commercial builder representative of the BPB
- John McNally**
Executive Officer of the Building Industry Consultative Council Industry Advisory Body

JUDGING CRITERIA

Entries are judged on the quality and completeness of the application, which includes supporting evidence, such as Statements of Attainment and Completion Certificates.

In addition, each entrant was asked to provide a practical example of the improvements made to the RBP, their business or service.

The judging criteria for the 12-Point, 15-Point and 5 Star Sustainability categories

Each panel member reviewed each nomination and selected their top three candidates for each category based on how well the nominee had applied CPD learning outcomes to their work.

Nominees who applied for the 12-point and 15-point categories who participated in sustainability training were judged in the sustainability category.

Special consideration was paid to how CPD had improved the quality of their work.

The judging criteria for the CPD Provider of the Year category

Nominees for the 12-point and 15-point categories were asked to nominate a CPD provider that delivered a great learning experience. The CPD providers with the most votes were awarded winner, highly commended or commended.

AWARD CRITERIA

All nominations considered for an Award must be registered with the Building Practitioners Board with the following exception:

CPD Provider of the Year Excellence Award

The nomination is to be a CPD provider, industry association, professional institute, Registered Training Organisation, TAFE or university.



12-POINT CATEGORY WINNERS

2005	Thomas Libreri	Thomas and Tessa Libreri Homes
2006	Glenda Didier	G J Construction & Design Pty Ltd
2007	Clifford Hall	C & N Hall Builders
2008	Peter Tyrovolas	Ajaka Pty Ltd
2009	Rod Dawson	Victoria Garden Cottages

15-POINT CATEGORY WINNERS

2005	Graeme Little	Little Holland Pty Ltd
2006	Asanka Kodikara	City of Kingston (Moorabbin)
2007	Jeffrey van Hoven	Aust Homes Building Services Pty Ltd
2008	Graeme Little	Little Holland Pty Ltd
2009	Chris Watson Jason Laity	Latrobe Shire Council and Synthesis Design and Display Pty Ltd

5 STAR SUSTAINABILITY CATEGORY WINNERS

2007	Alexis Stravakos	Sustainabylt
2008	David Schwarzer	Destin Constructions Pty Ltd
2009	Mike Mettes	DCI Building Services Pty Ltd

CPD PROVIDER OF THE YEAR CATEGORY WINNERS

2006	Master Builders Association of Victoria
2007	Building Designers Association of Victoria
2008	Master Builders Association of Victoria
2009	Master Builders Association of Victoria

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OF TOMORROW.



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