

# Media Release



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## WA PROPERTY DEVELOPERS WIN NATIONAL AWARDS

Western Australia's expertise in property development has been recognised nationally, with the state carrying off three of the nine awards at the Urban Development Institute of Australia's National Awards for Excellence.

Vale in Perth's north-eastern corridor carried off the Residential Development Award, while the New Northbridge project won both the Urban Renewal award and the prestigious President's Award at a gala event at the Adelaide Convention Centre last night.

"The judges praised Vale for the way it successfully balanced elements of its physical setting with new built form and an open community approach," said UDIA WA CEO Debra Goostrey.

"Some 23 per cent of the development area has been retained for bushland, wetland and parkland, with community stewardship of these assets encouraged by the developer," Ms Goostrey said.

"Brookfield Multiplex Residential, Vale's developer, has done an outstanding job and is a worthy winner of the award."

The New Northbridge project also impressed the judges with the way it's transformed and reactivated the 28 hectare inner Perth corridor made vacant by the construction of the Graham Farmer Freeway tunnel in the 1990's.

The East Perth Redevelopment Authority has embarked on a 10 year redevelopment program that will deliver 480 new dwellings, 60 social housing dwellings, 70,000 square metres of new retail and commercial floor space, the restoration of 70 heritage buildings and revitalised streetscapes and public places.

It will be home to almost 1250 new residents, 3500 new employees and a large number of visitors who'll enjoy a wide range of commercial, cultural and social activities.

"The judges praised New Northbridge for renewing a dilapidated urban environment built on a rich history and complex culture created over 150 years ago," Ms Goostrey said.

"It's transformed the area into a vibrant, cosmopolitan community that's safe and inviting to residents and visitors."

"The EPRA is to be congratulated for winning the Urban Renewal Award and President's Award and for creating such an attractive environment," Ms Goostrey said.

The National Awards are judged by highly qualified independent judges Gary Rusling (Managing Director of Brock Harcourts Urban Projects) and Grant Dennis (Dennis Family Corporation and former UDIA National President).

Other National Award winners include:

- Masterplanned Development  
*North Lakes – Stockland (Qld)*

- Medium Density  
*Edgecliff on the Beach – Gillion Group/Abacus Property Group (Vic)*
- High Density  
*Trio Frasers Property Australia (NSW)*
- Environmental Excellence  
*Mitchell Eco-Enterprise Park – Mitchell Builders (Qld)*
- Affordable Development  
*Lightsview – Lightsview Joint Venture (SA)*
- Seniors Living  
*Pines Lodge – Southern Cross Care (SA & NT)*

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