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Seniors Living

Winner
Latitude Lakelands
Peet Limited

Sustainable Urban Development

Winner
Foyer Oxford
Department of Housing and the Foyer Oxford Consortium

Finalists
Brighton
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Perry Lakes Redevelopment
LandCorp

Urban Renewal

Winner
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Department of Housing and Access Housing

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The UDIA Awards for Excellence recognise the best developments in the state and this year the projects range both in location and scope, reflecting the growing diversity in this industry. In its 20th year the UDIA Awards for Excellence attracted a number of entrants across all of the eleven award categories.

“Excellence is a continuously moving target and those that excel in the urban development industry must adapt to changes and commit to continuous learning and improvement,” said UDIA (WA) President, Mr Paul Lakey.

When the first winners were announced in 1995 the average house in Perth cost $123,125, Perth’s population nudged 1.26m people and interest rates were sitting at 8.75%, down from the crippling 17% a few years earlier. A lot of things have changed since then, including the extra 440,000 Perth residents, but the industry’s commitment to excellence remains constant.

Western Australia is growing rapidly and what people are looking for in their lifestyles and local communities is continuing to evolve. Diamond Sponsor representative and Chair of the Western Australian Planning Commission, Mr Eric Lumsden, said that where people live and how people live is changing as more people moving to WA did not want the traditional Australian Home.

“A crystal ball is needed but you also need to watch the changing colours in the crystal ball,” said Mr Lumsden.

The Awards for Excellence provides the opportunity to benchmark and keep abreast of a rapidly changing industry. Twenty years ago Ellenbrook won the inaugural prize for Residential Development over 1000 lots. Managing Director of LWP, Mr Danny Murphy, believes that the awards have become an important ingredient in the continuous improvement of the urban development industry.

The 2014 winners are projects which are all outstanding examples of development and we hope that you enjoy reading about them in this lift out.
Winner: President’s Award

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A raised boardwalk, network of pathways, viewing areas and interpretive signs offer residents and the wider community the opportunity to connect with nature and learn about the site’s environmental highlights, and its rich and varied history.

Due to the established nature of the area surrounding the development, residents have had access to the full range of services and amenities since day one – with the Victoria Park strip and Carousel Shopping Centre just a short drive away and the restaurants, shops, banking and postal facilities at the nearby Waterford Plaza.

Judges’ Comments
As the prize which awaits the entry which is considered to be the best of the various Category Winners, the President’s Award is traditionally awarded to only the very best of developments and this year is no exception.

As the winner of the two categories in which it was entered, Cygnia Cove is outstanding in all manner of ways and its 17 year history from the commencement of planning to today is testimony to the developer’s great perseverance and a commitment to a vision.

The developer and its consultant team exude problem solving, issues resolution, innovation and teamwork and all involved are to be congratulated on this outstanding project which is a worthy addition to the list of previous winners of this, the ultimate UDIA Award for Excellence.
Winner: Judges’ Award

South Hedland New Living
JAXON Pty Ltd and Department of Housing

About the Project
In recent years the community of South Hedland has undergone one of Australia’s most dramatic transformations as a result of an urban renewal project being driven by the Department of Housing in partnership with one of Australia’s most experienced development and construction companies, JAXON.

The project will see the refurbishment of 480 houses, the creation and planned delivery of approximately 1,000 residential lots, the delivery of selected public infrastructure including recreation area and public open space and community development initiatives. These works have been carried out under the ‘New Living’ banner which is the largest urban renewal initiative ever undertaken in regional Western Australia and has seen the successful revitalisation of similar suburbs in other areas of Perth including Karawara, Coolbellup, Balga, Armadale and Hamilton Hill.

The South Hedland New Living program has not been without its challenges resulting from isolation, the harsh Pilbara climate, planning challenges, increased cost of construction, difficulties in staff retention plus numerous social issues within the South Hedland community itself.

Since 2006, South Hedland New Living has tackled these problems head on resulting in solid sales results and strong community acceptance of the program, decreased incidences of crime, a dramatic improvement in the quality of housing and public infrastructure, and a strong sense of community pride which has become a driving force for positive change in the community.

Nigel Hindmarsh, Director Land and Housing Construction at Department of Housing, believes the regeneration of South Hedland has been one of the most challenging and rewarding urban renewal projects undertaken by the Government of Western Australia.

‘JAXON as Project Manager has been managing this project and together we have tackled some difficult challenges but the project’s rewards have been simply staggering,’ Mr Hindmarsh said.

‘To compare South Hedland now to when the project began it is like walking down the street of a completely different community. It is a vastly improved urban environment but more importantly the attitudes and perceptions of the local community have lifted and that is what is driving the positive change,’ Mr Hindmarsh continued.

David Dodds CEO of JAXON shares the sentiment of Mr Hindmarsh.

‘JAXON is extremely pleased to be a part of such an important urban renewal project that will have far-reaching positive outcomes for the Town of Port Hedland for many years to come.’

It is anticipated the project will be completed in 2015.

Judges’ Comments
South Hedland suffered for a number of years as a byword for poor urban planning and debilitating social problems. In 2005 the Department of Housing embarked on a programme of revitalisation and appointed JAXON Construction as project manager. It is the largest urban renewal initiative undertaken in regional WA.

The project involves the creation of approximately 1000 new lots by the end of the project plus the refurbishment of almost 550 homes. To date over 350 homes have been refurbished and over 650 lots created.

The replanning of much of South Hedland’s notoriously circuitous street layout has made the area far more legible and has enabled the productive use of previously unused and wasted land.

The results to date are a testament to both the long term commitment of the Department and to the project management skills of JAXON Construction.

Congratulations to all involved.
Winner: Rising Star Award

Eliza Ponds
MMJ Real Estate

About the Project
The new Eliza Ponds estate has quickly gained a reputation as one of the most historic, well-located and liveable communities to be developed close to Fremantle in recent times.

Located just 1km from Coogee Beach, the new master-planned community has become known for its picturesque ponds and pretty parklands, in addition to its commemorative boardwalks and public art.

Brad Carey, Director of MMJ Real Estate WA, says the new estate has brought together the past and present by transforming the century-old Watsonia factory site into a master-planned community.

“This emerging community is set to be home to 360 new residential homesites and around 1,000 residents, all of whom will live here understanding the site’s rich history because of the way in which it has been honoured and woven throughout the community,” he said.

“The release of the initial homesites in Stages 1, 2A and 2B has created a great deal of excitement, with potential homeowners wanting to be part of a thriving community which combines affordability and location, and blocks consequently being snapped up quickly by savvy buyers.”

Named after the wife of William Watson, the founder of Watsonia, and the historic wetlands that pepper the site, the Eliza Ponds community is proving popular with young families, with an impressive choice of four childcare centres, three public primary schools and one Catholic primary school nearby.

During its transformation, careful attention was paid to the site’s scenic ponds, with a major focus on rehabilitating and enhancing the area’s wetlands, which involved relocating turtles, snakes and fish to a nearby conservation area.

Several interpretive signs have also been included in the new community, which include details about significant local businessman, philanthropist and politician William Watson, the Founder of Watsonia, in addition to the site’s factory, which was a major local employer in the area, and its homestead.

“Eliza Ponds really is one of the most livable communities to be developed close to Fremantle and Coogee beach in recent times,” Mr Carey added. “It’s an exciting development.”

Beale Park sporting ground, a public library, Woodman Point Nature reserve and the Phoenix Shopping Centre are within a radius of two kilometres of the estate. A neighbourhood shopping centre is also planned for the community, with plans for a small supermarket and a number of specialist stores, including a newsagency, chemist and café.

Judges’ Comments
Each year the Rising Star Award is bestowed on a first time entrant whose entry may or may not have succeeded in winning an Award Category. Through its Eliza Ponds development in Spearwood, MMJ Real Estate was considered the worthy winner of this year’s Rising Star Award.

Over the past five years MMJ Real Estate, on behalf of the landowner George Weston Foods Limited, has transformed the former Watsonia manufacturing site in Spearwood from a contaminated 100 year old industrial facility to a high quality residential estate with a vastly improved environmental outcome. Located just 1km from Coogee Beach, this emerging community will be one to watch.

Congratulations to all involved with Eliza Ponds.
**Winner: Affordable Development Award**

*Invita Apartments (Stage 1)*
Peet Limited and BGC Development

**About the Project**
The Invita Apartments challenge the perception that affordability has to come at the cost of style, convenience or quality.

Located in The Village at Wellard, Perth’s first greenfields transit-oriented development on the southern suburbs railway line, the apartments are walking distance to the Wellard Train Station, a growing Village Centre and established parkland. Priced from $280,000 to $330,000, the 36 Stage 1 apartments’ median price of $300,000 is 30 per cent lower than Perth’s median unit price of $430,000.

Peet Limited CEO and Managing Director, Brendan Gore, said apartments like Invita spearhead an important trend in accommodating Perth’s expanding population and allowing a new generation of homebuyers into the property market.

“Perth faces the twin challenges of affordability and traffic congestion, but Invita proves that city-style apartment living in a suburban transit-oriented development can overcome both of these for a number of new homebuyers,” he said.

Residents can reach the CBD or Mandurah in less than half an hour by rail, saving time and money, particularly at peak periods. For exercise, they can use the free, interactive Calico fitness program as they walk, cycle or run the community’s pathways. The apartments’ six-star energy-efficient design keeps costs down too.

The affordability of Invita Apartments has been underlined by their popularity with young people and investors, with 95 per cent selling off the-plan within just three months. Despite their modest price, the open plan apartments are being built to impressive standards with high ceilings, built-in robes and European-style kitchens. The Stage 1 complex is across the road from parkland with a lake, offering views which will never be built out.

Local real estate agent and Invita Stage 1 investor, Jamie Ronci, said the new, contemporary apartments were unique for the area.

“I think they’re well priced and I’m expecting a rental return of about $350 per week. Plus, they are part of the future Village Centre, which I believe will be just as successful as Cockburn Central,” he said.

A $28 million shopping precinct is rapidly taking shape at the Village Centre, due to open by the end of the year, featuring Woolworths, specialty stores and a café near the established train station. The Village Centre is also home to a future tavern and the newly-opened John Wellard Community Centre, which offers a range of creative, educational and social programs and events.

The Invita Apartments complex is a joint venture between Peet Limited and BGC Residential.


**Judges’ Comments**
The Affordable Development category was the most hotly contested in this year’s awards. The Invita Apartments at Wellard emerged as the winner because of the way the project has delivered affordable living accommodation at the heart of the Village Centre at Wellard.

The development is a joint venture between Peet Limited and BGC Residential and has provided a new and different housing choice at Wellard. The development provides affordable accommodation not only in terms of price, but also because the buildings are designed to be energy efficient and its location means all of the facilities of the Village Centre are on the doorstep.

As part of a purposely designed transit oriented development, the Invita Apartments have access to the Perth-Mandurah train station only 250 metres away. All this reduces the whole of living cost, providing enhanced affordability.

**Congratulations to Peet Limited and BGC.**
Winner: Environmental Excellence

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Judges’ Comments
The fact that Cygnia Cove is just eight kilometres from the Perth CBD and effectively surrounded by lesser known suburbs is lost to those privileged to spend even the shortest time in the heart of this development.

The quality of thought and work which has gone into converting much of the open space within Cygnia Cove from weed infested wetland to a functioning ecosystem which is now home to new families of waterbird may not be apparent to the casual visitor and even the judges observed that it was impossible to tell the rehabilitated environment from the natural.

The developer’s proactive approach to correcting the environmental impact of years of neglect while the site lay vacant not only produced a massive environmental improvement but also led to an increase in the developable area and therefore the project feasibility. The judges noted that environmental approval took eight years to achieve and the outcome is testimony to the developer’s perseverance.

Congratulations to all involved in Cygnia Cove.
Winner: High Density Development

St Marks Apartments
Finbar Group Ltd

About the Project
St Marks Apartments by Finbar Group Limited is a leading example of urban infill that maximises a built form outcome, with a consequential uplift in residential density and development yield. The development respects its position within a transitional commercial and residential setting and showcases the retention of a significant heritage building on site. St Marks is also a perfect example of dealing with “NIMBY-ism” within the context of the pre-DAP planning environment and the process that flows from successfully managing the opposition of a small but vocal local activist group.

Located in Highgate, St Marks Apartments consists of 130 one, two and three bedroom residential apartments and one commercial lot across five buildings ranging from three to six storeys. All buildings benefit from a shared ground floor, lower ground floor and basement services and parking. The development was hugely successful, with 100% of sales achieved off the plan, resulting in $70.5 million of project sales.

The former Christian Brothers College was purchased in March 2007 as a “land-banking” opportunity for Finbar. At the time, it had a long-term lease in place on favourable terms with an international language college. The college went into liquidation in 2010 and Finbar’s plans were brought forward for the development of one of the largest privately held sites within the City of Vincent.

The heritage building is considered a fine example of Interwar Georgian Revival style and thus was listed on the City of Vincent Municipal Inventory Heritage Register. Rather than develop the building into residential apartments, Finbar planned to retain it as Commercial use. Not only would this be less invasive to the heritage fabric of the building, but it also allowed a true mixed use development to be contemplated within a commercial, residential and entertainment precinct.

The residential apartments themselves have been extremely well received by residents. Resort-style amenities such as a 21m solar heated pool, sauna, commercial grade gymnasium, residents lounge, games room and meeting room are enjoyed on a daily basis, along with the many culinary and entertainment delights found just down the road on Beaufort Street.

The St Marks development is urban infill of the highest order, located in close proximity to public transport routes and the CBD. The success of the development has provided an important benchmark for multi-residential development within an existing low-scale residential built form and heritage context transitioning to more intensive development along an important activity corridor.

Judges’ Comments
As previous winners of this award in 2012 and 2013 and with an outstanding pedigree of high density development in and around Perth, Finbar have yet again delivered an outstanding inner city living option.

Finbar’s knowledge of the Perth apartment market and its consultants’ excellent response to site and servicing constraints, has generated an outstanding sales result from a “campus” of buildings which, from any angle, integrate with the established urban streetscapes of Highgate.

The judges were impressed by the site layout, where what could have been a higher and bulkier building excels as a group of buildings of varying heights. This has enabled the creation of an internalised communal open space which includes recreational facilities and provides outlook to many of the apartments. The retention and re-use of the heritage building is enhanced through heritage interpretation within the new buildings and it is no surprise that St Marks has been a sales success.

Congratulations to all involved in St Marks Apartments.
Winner: Masterplanned Development

**Brighton**
Satterley Property Group and Department of Housing

About the Project
The Satterley Property Group community has been a best seller in the Perth market since its launch 13 years ago with buyers attracted to the thriving community which is close to the beach and has extensive facilities available within the development.

For more than a decade, Brighton has achieved excellence in environmental sustainability, community creation and integration, economic sustainability, affordable housing solutions and practice in urban design and form.

Upon completion, the 630ha estate will be home to more than 25,000 people, in more than 7600 dwellings through the creation of 5250 lots.

Planning and community initiative at Brighton include:

- Innovative solutions to ease the affordable housing crisis which have resulted in a greater variety of lot configurations and housing types;
- Creation of dense urban villages around transport and town centre nodes;
- The enormous variety of community development initiatives including the Brighton Shed which created a program to train high school students in a trade in their own neighbourhood;
- The use of underground bore water to irrigate every home in the precinct, ‘The Green,’ eliminating the use of potable water outside the home.
- Creation of a Community Garden to harness community spirit and participation.
- More than 50 local parks and the centrepiece of the estate, Brampton Park, which hosts a full calendar of community events around its 1.9 hectare lake.
- The design of residential lots promoting solar passive design through orientation.
- Economic sustainability and local employment through the planning of a district centre with commercial, retail and business opportunities.
- Creation and protection of bushland parks to preserve local flora and fauna populations and habitat for local cockatoo populations.

Brighton is home to four primary schools, two high schools, a community centre, a village shopping centre including a medical centre, a Coles Supermarket and a Masters Home Improvement store which is located in the Brighton district centre.

Other retailers and features in the Brighton district centre include:

- Woolworths
- Big W
- McDonalds
- Petstock
- Living Emporium
- SNAP Fitness
- A child care centre
- A tavern
- A range of 50 speciality stores

Brighton residents also have the opening of the Butler Train Station to look forward to in September which will give residents a quick 37 minute ride to the Perth CBD.

Judges’ Comments
Brighton has been under development since 2000. It is a joint venture between the Department of Housing, Satterley Property Group and private investors. At full development it will contain over 5200 lots and house over 25 000 people, with a district shopping centre already underway, a completed village centre and six schools. Later this year the Butler train station opens and will become the new terminus of the northern suburbs rail line.

Brighton has seen many innovations during its development, including environmentally sustainable development at ‘The Green’, the Brighton Shed with its training programs, and the early development of cottage lots and apartments. Community development has always been a high priority with many groups being established. As the development matures and nears completion Brighton has successfully provided all of the elements of a masterplanned development.
Winner: Medium Density

Kingston Apartments
Australand

About the Project
Leading property developer, Australand, used innovative design and construction methods to deliver its newest medium density housing offering at one of the State’s fastest growing master-planned communities.

Australand WA General Manager Tony Perrin said “The development comprises four separate buildings each with their own identity and address, yet linked by a shared recreational zone and symbiotic architecture.” “The overall design was inspired by the Exiample District in Barcelona, making reference to the quadrant neighbourhood’s”, he added.

Australand also introduced a staged construction process using the benefits of its internal construction team, which generated significant timing and cost savings.

“By constructing and selling the four apartments in stages, it allowed the first residents to move in ahead of final completion. Sales from the initial stages helped to reduce debt levels and make the project resilient to market adjustments.”

Mr Perrin said apartment amenities such as a modern, shared recreational area which features a lap pool, gymnasium, outdoor cinema, barbeque and pizza oven, were unique features in a suburban location.

“This stylish shared space was constructed in the first stage of the development so the first residents at Kingston could take advantage of the high-quality facilities,” Mr Perrin said.

The project team ensured each apartment responded architecturally to its streetscape. Kingston the First has street-facing balconies and courtyards, encouraging community activation. The west-facing Kingston the Second has two-storey loft apartments overlooking the site of the future home of the Fremantle Football Club and the City of Cockburn’s planned aquatic, recreation and community facility.

Kingston the Third faces the shared recreational area to limit its exposure to a laneway and Kingston the Fourth introduces ground level commercial tenancies to take advantage of its activated street front.

Judges’ Comments
Australand has undertaken a number of medium density projects as part of LandCorp’s overall Cockburn Central transit oriented development. The Kingston Apartments, delivered as four separate buildings, is their latest addition.

The development comprises 189 one and two bedroom apartments and eight commercial tenancies, all within 200 metres of Cockburn Central train station.

The project was staged to minimise the financial risk to the developer but allowed a quick handover to purchasers. This required careful management of the later stages to minimise any disruption or disturbances to occupiers of the earlier stages.

The four buildings surround a large central amenities area, which itself is constructed over the car parking required for the buildings. The completed development adds a significant element to Cockburn Central and further demonstrates that medium density development can succeed in middle ring suburbs.

Congratulations Australand.
Winner: Residential Development Over 250 Lots

The Village at Wellard
Peet Limited and Department of Housing

About the Project
The Village at Wellard is a thriving residential community of around 3,500 that is reaching its peak after more than a decade of committed planning, consultation and innovative development.

A joint venture between Peet Limited and Department of Housing, The Village at Wellard has already earned a series of prestigious awards and accolades for community development, conservation and innovation.

The joint venturers’ vision of a purpose-built greenfields transit-oriented development became very real when the Wellard Train Station was delivered as part of the first construction stage of the Mandurah rail line. The estate’s design not only supported the station – which was ultimately expedited after extensive negotiations and opened in December 2007 – but also ensured residents would have sustainable and affordable living.

Adjacent to the station, a $28 million shopping precinct anchored by Woolworths and featuring a range of specialty stores, is rapidly taking shape in the heart of vibrant Village Centre. Wellard Square is due to open in late 2014 and will be a feature in the Village Centre’s main street design which includes a piazza-style meeting area, landscaped gardens and John Wellard Community Centre.

The project team also had to balance the State Government’s desire for population density around the future transit system with neighbouring communities’ preference for large homestead-style development.

The result was a mix of lots ranging from 280sqm to 1,800sqm, as well as innovative apartments – providing some of the most affordable living on the market and successfully introducing rear-loaded cottage lots, which were a new concept in the area at the time.

The Village at Wellard’s environmental credentials are extremely strong too and one of the key attractions for families and investors keen to benefit from the quality and growth on offer.

Peet Limited Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Brendan Gore said The Village at Wellard had forged a reputation as one of the most sought-after communities in the area.

“The Village at Wellard is an overwhelming success – it has demonstrated how a transit-oriented, urban community can seamlessly integrate with the natural environment to deliver spectacular results for a diverse community including hundreds of new homebuyers,” Mr Gore said.

The Village at Wellard is a masterplanned transit-oriented development fully integrated with the local community and environment, creating a lasting positive change in the wider Kwinana area – and a beautiful, affordable place for around 7,000 people to ultimately call home.

Judges’ Comments
The Village at Wellard, underway since 2003, is a joint venture between Peet Limited and Department of Housing. It is the first purpose-built transit oriented development on the Perth-Mandurah line, based around the Wellard train station.

When complete the development will consist of 2700 lots. To date over 1700 have been sold with one in 12 provided for social housing.

The shopping precinct and other community facilities adjacent to the train station, currently under construction, will provide the necessary amenities for the local population. Most of the residents will live within a 10 minute walk of the station and the affordability targets set for the development have been significantly exceeded.

The Village at Wellard overcame significant local opposition at the start to be both commercially successful and demonstrate how Greenfield transit oriented development can be delivered.

Congratulations Peet Limited and Department of Housing.
Winner: Residential Development Under 250 Lots

Cygna Cove
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It took the company’s unwavering commitment to consultation, negotiation and detailed environmental planning – over more than a decade – to bring the project to life. Central to the project was a steadfast commitment to integrate the new estate with the existing natural environment, the site’s cultural heritage and neighbouring established buildings.

The result is a vibrant, 188-lot premium residential estate which reflects contemporary Australian urban design and seamlessly integrates with its urban and natural surrounds.

Homesites average 450sqm, and detailed design guidelines require homes to be double-storey, to incorporate a number of sustainability initiatives and be of a very high quality. The development of Cygnia Cove has seen the successful transformation of a highly contaminated and degraded site into a magnificent residential community with vastly improved environmental attributes, a rehabilitated wetland, a newly constructed wetland and an extended and rehabilitated foreshore reserve at its heart.

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Cygna Cove is a unique residential development that has been masterplanned to provide a desirable address, a beautiful and connected place to call home for more than 200 households as well as creating a lasting environmental and cultural legacy for the wider community to enjoy.

Judges’ Comments
The very best of developments appeal to the senses from point of entry to the heart of the project and Cygnia Cove is no exception.

Cygna Cove’s relationship to the Canning River is apparent from its Manning Road entrance, as is the quality of the development and the housing which has already established within this premium estate on the back of successful marketing and land sales.

Yet there is more to this outstanding development than is immediately apparent, with its history as a derelict site subject to water quality problems and weed infestation only apparent when its public areas and their interpretive signage are visited. Similarly the development’s relationship to Clontarf College, through sympathetic soft and hard landscape within the interface between the development and the historic buildings as well as its specific design guidelines for homes within the “Clontarf Heritage Precinct”, is outstanding attention to detail.

Congratulations Richard Noble.
Winner: Seniors Living

**Lattitude Lakelands**  
Peet Limited

**About the Project**
Lattitude Lakelands is a 194-villa masterplanned development in the heart of Peet’s award-winning Lakelands Private Estate, just minutes from Mandurah. Peet Limited Managing Director and CEO Brendan Gore said Lattitude was different to many over-55s villages.

“Many people in this age group are looking for a new style of living, and we have created Lattitude to offer real lifestyle choices, security and comfort while allowing residents to downsize and be part of a vibrant and active community,” Mr Gore said.

The development is a survey strata subdivision, unlike the majority of retirement villages that only offer lease loan arrangements for buyers.

“At Lattitude Lakelands, residents own the title to their lot meaning they have more flexibility to make changes to their home over time and a greater sense of ownership,” Mr Gore said.

The architecturally appealing individual homes offer contemporary living with two double bedrooms plus separate study, two bathrooms, and large open-plan living area which extends into a generous rear patio and garden. Residents can own a spacious, free-standing home without the worry of maintaining a large house and garden. Lattitude’s eight-hectare site, located in the north-western section of the existing Lakelands Private Estate, is large enough to allow for the sort of generous communal facilities and services that help to create a real sense of community.

“Lattitude residents have access to a variety of resort-style facilities, including a clubhouse, library and computer room, relaxed café and sports bar so they can make the most of the active, community living on offer,” Mr Gore said.

Lattitude has consistently achieved strong sales results and successfully created a close-knit community as evidenced in a recent independent national survey (*McCrindle Baynes Village Census Report 2013*) which found 98 per cent of residents had taken part in estate activities. Another unique feature is Lattitude’s dedicated parking area for boats or caravans, providing residents with the freedom to lock up and leave on the holiday adventures, safe in the knowledge that the home is being looked after in a secure community. It is also well connected with shops, transport, amenities and Mandurah’s renowned fishing, boating and recreational areas conveniently located close by.

To find out more about homes at Lattitude Lakelands, visit [lattitudelakelands.com.au](http://lattitudelakelands.com.au) or contact Cath Acton on 1800 678 683.

**Judges’ Comments**
Lattitude Lakelands is a development which exudes quality, with attractive residential housing, excellent communal facilities and outstanding attention to detail. Situated within Peet Limited’s Lakelands development in northern Mandurah, the development blends seamlessly with other housing within the estate. The streetscapes of the development are enhanced by the attractive facades and colour palette of the housing and the choice and standard of hard and soft landscaping.

The judges were impressed by the extent and quality of the centrally located communal facilities, from the attractive clubhouse, including a residents’ club bar to the recreational area which includes a partly shaded pool, an indoor/outdoor gym, a bowling green and a mens shed. The project architects in particular are commended for the planning and execution of these facilities.

Congratulations Peet Limited.
Winner: Sustainable Urban Development

Foyer Oxford
Department of Housing and the Foyer Oxford Consortium

About the Project
The Foyer Oxford on Oxford Street in Leederville is Australia’s first purpose built youth Foyer. The building will house up to 122 young people and is exemplary in its demonstration of sustainability measures on a large scale, seamlessly integrated into the overall design.

Foundation Housing has a unique 50-year lease on the site and intends to operate the facility in its current form for the lifetime of the building. This brings with it a longer-term focus on not only social but also environmental and economic sustainability deeply imbedded into the project. The consideration of life-cycle costing has been a key generator for many of the sustainability measures and the innovation employed within this building, balancing capital outlay with the projected cost of 50 years of running a 98-unit mixed use building.

Among these is the integration of thermal chimneys that provide cross-ventilation draw using the Venturi Effect so no active air conditioning or mechanical ventilation is required to the units. In addition, the side wall of the thermal chimneys’ adjoining corridors have been constructed using glass bricks that bring light down into the centre of the plan.

The Foyer concept is considered international best practice in helping disadvantaged young people aged 16 to 25 who are homeless or in housing need transition to adult independence. Based on the successful international Foyer model, Foyer Oxford comprises 98 units to house up to 122 residents, including 24 single parents and their children. Foyer Oxford drives long-term positive outcomes for its residents through education, training and sustainable employment.

As one of the first significantly scaled buildings designed in response to the Leederville Master Plan, the Foyer Oxford building is intended to blend in comfortably with both the campus context of the Central Institute of Technology and the more urbane Leederville town centre. It was designed as a landmark building that will assist in the urban regeneration of Leederville, giving back to its immediate neighbourhood as much as it tries to give to its residents through a forecourt park and its lemon scented gum, extensive public artwork and a café and retail interface which encourage a vibrant streetscape.

The project was funded by the Federal and State Governments through joint initiatives on homelessness and social inclusion. The development was administered by the WA Department of Housing and a tri-partite consortium arrangement between the operator (Anglicare WA), developer, asset and tenancy manager (Foundation Housing) and land owner (Central Institute of Technology on behalf of the Department of Training and Workforce Development). The project has also attracted generous fit-out funding from Lotterywest. Through an effective public-private partnership, operational funding has been provided by the WA Department of Child Protection and BHP Billiton.

Judges’ Comments
Foyer Oxford, on the site of the Central Institute of Technology in Leederville is the first purpose built Foyer development in Australia. It provides accommodation for 122 disadvantaged young people who are in housing need or homeless. Foundation Housing has a 50 year lease on the building and will operate the facility.

The social element of sustainability is the support for the disadvantaged provided by this facility. The economic element requires residents to engage in training with a view to securing long term employment and adult independence. The building itself incorporates sustainability principles such as the elimination of the need for air conditioning or mechanical ventilation to reduce long term running and maintenance costs.

The many stakeholders involved in the project have delivered a project demonstrating the best in sustainable urban development.

Congratulations to all involved in Foyer Oxford.
Winner:
Urban Renewal

St Marks Apartments
Finbar Group Ltd

About the Project
St Marks Apartments by Finbar Group Limited is a leading example of urban infill that maximises a built form outcome, with a consequential uplift in residential density and development yield. The development respects its position within a transitional commercial and residential setting and showcases the retention of a significant heritage building on site. St Marks is also a perfect example of dealing with “NIMBY-ism” within the context of the pre-DAP planning environment and the process that flows from successfully managing the opposition of a small but vocal local activist group.

Located in Highgate, St Marks Apartments consists of 130 one, two and three bedroom residential apartments and one commercial lot across five buildings ranging from three to six storeys. All buildings benefit from a shared ground floor, lower ground floor and basement services and parking. The development was hugely successful, with 100% of sales achieved off the plan, resulting in $70.5 million of project sales.

The former Christian Brothers College was purchased in March 2007 as a “land-banking” opportunity for Finbar. At the time, it had a long-term lease in place on favourable terms with an international language college. The college went into liquidation in 2010 and Finbar’s plans were brought forward for the development of one of the largest privately held sites within the City of Vincent.

The heritage building is considered a fine example of Interwar Georgian Revival style and thus was listed on the City of Vincent Municipal Inventory Heritage Register. Rather than develop the building into residential apartments, Finbar planned to retain it as Commercial use. Not only would this be less invasive to the heritage fabric of the building, but it also allowed a true mixed use development to be contemplated within a commercial, residential and entertainment precinct.

The residential apartments themselves have been extremely well received by residents. Resort-style amenities such as a 21m solar heated pool, sauna, commercial grade gymnasium, residents lounge, games room and meeting room are enjoyed on a daily basis, along with the many culinary and entertainment delights found just down the road on Beaufort Street.

The St Marks development is urban infill of the highest order, located in close proximity to public transport routes and the CBD. The success of the development has provided an important benchmark for multi-residential development within an existing low-scale residential built form and heritage context transitioning to more intensive development along an important activity corridor.

Judges’ Comments
St Marks Highgate is a leading example of urban infill and heritage retention, located adjacent to the bustling Beaufort Street Activity Corridor. Situated on the site of a former Christian Brothers College, the development faced and overcame many challenges from a community concerned at the possible height and scale of the development and the integrity of the heritage building on the site.

Following extensive community consultation, the resultant development is an outstanding response which, with Finbar’s knowledge of the Perth apartment market and its consultant team’s excellent response to site and servicing constraints, has generated an outstanding sales result and a collection of buildings which, from any angle, represent contextual integration within the established urban streetscapes of Highgate.

Congratulations Finbar.
Winner: Urban Water Excellence

Osprey Village
Department of Housing, Fleetwood and HAS Group

About the Project
The Osprey Village, South Hedland is a joint project to provide key worker accommodation undertaken through the WA State Government’s Royalties for Regions - Housing for Workers program to address low-availability and high housing costs for key workers living in the North-West.

The 12ha South Hedland site provides fully contained, contemporary housing options for key workers set in highly attractive, well-planned grounds, designed to encourage a strong sense of community for local key workers. Fleetwood Corporation will undertake the property and tenancy management of the village.

The completed village consists of 295 dwellings, made up of a combination of one, two and three bedroom dwellings, two of which are for onsite managers and the balance (293) of which are available for rent to eligible key workers and their families.

Development of the village was fast tracked by the Department of Housing to meet the high demand for affordable housing, driven by ongoing resource sector activity in the Pilbara.

The innovative land tenure model used for the development, delivered affordable housing within a management framework that supports “sustainable living” for Key Workers.

The village has a large village green (public open space) with barbeque facilities, a children’s playground and shade structures. There is also provision for boat and caravan parking / storage.

Other unique features include an underground water tank to collect rainwater run off for reticulation during dry months, remote wireless meter reading, national Broadband Network reticulated throughout the village, closed Circuit TV to provide a secure environment for residents and a high level of mature landscaping with a large public open space.

Four full-time village managers reside within the development in close proximity to the community facilities. Rubbish collection, street and landscape care and the maintenance of all community facilities are the responsibility of the manager.

The development was completed in 13 months from contract award through one of the wettest seasons in Hedland on record.

A number of proactive initiatives have been instigated to build a real sense of community in the village. An open day held recently on the Osprey Village Green attracted more than 1000 members of the local community.

Judges’ Comments
Osprey Village demonstrates excellence across several aspects of urban water management. The project sets new benchmarks for managing stormwater run-off in the Pilbara, impressing the judges with innovative details conveying surface run-off to open swales and designed to manage scour in the difficult soils.

A key innovation of the development is the 1.25 megalitre underground storage, which captures stormwater for irrigating the Public Open Space and street verges. This stormwater recycling system not only reduces water use for irrigation but can be used to manage peak stormwater flows.

The project also demonstrates excellence in water efficient landscape design through native planting on street verges, low water use private open space and widespread use of drip irrigation. The project is designed to connect to the recycled water supply planned for the adjacent school site, with purple pipe already laid and ready to augment the current recycled stormwater supply.

Congratulations to all involved in Osprey Village.
Brighton
Entered by: Satterley Property Group and Department of Housing
Winner: Masterplanned Development Award
- Bruce Aulabaugh
- CLE Town Planning + Design
- Cossill and Webley
- Emerge Associates
- Marketforce
- McMullen Nolan Group
- Satterley Property Group
- Strategen Environmental

Cygnia Cove
Entered by: Richard Noble
Winner: Environmental Excellence, Residential Development Under 250 Lots and President’s Awards
- DPS
- Endplan
- Hocking Heritage
- Natural Area Management Service
- PGS Hope & Partners
- Plan E
- Steve Tepper Art
- TABEC
- Wormall Civil
- Zuideveld Marchant Hur

Eliza Ponds
Entered by: MMJ Real Estate
Winner: Rising Star Award
- Cossill & Webley
- Emerge Associates
- GHD
- McMullen Nolan Group
- RJV
- Roberts Day
- RPS
- Saranac PR
- The Brand Agency

Foyer Oxford
Entered by: Department of Housing and the Foyer Oxford Consortium
Winner: Sustainable Urban Development Award
- Aquenta
- Chindarsi Architects
- GHD
- UEC Earthworks

Invita Apartments
Entered by: Peet Limited & BGC Development
Winner: Affordable Development Award
- BGC Residential
- EPCAD
- Fugro
- Matthews & Scavalli

Kingston Apartments
Entered by: Australand
Winner: Medium Density Award
- BSM Consulting
- Cameron Chrisholm Nicol
- Complete Fire Design
- Engineering Technology Consultants
- ESD Australia
- JBA Surveys
- Milestone Building Certifiers
- Robert Bird Group
- Sealhurst Pty Ltd
- Wood & Grieve Engineers

Lattitude Lakelands
Entered by: Peet Limited
Winner: Seniors Living
- BGC
- Brierty
- Dale Alcock Homes
- EPCAD
- Fugro
- McDonald Jones Architects
- Meerkats
- TABEC
- Taylor Burrell Barnett
Osprey Village
Entered by: Department of Housing, Fleetwood and HAS Group
Winner: Urban Water Excellence Award
- Fleetwood Pty Ltd
- HAS Group
- LG Pike Consulting Civil Engineers
- PHC Projects
- Q3 Architecture
- Sage Consulting Engineers
- UDLA
- Landscaping WA

South Hedland New Living
Entered by: JAXON Pty Ltd and Department of Housing
Winner: Judges’ Award
- John Kannis & Associates
- McMullen Nolan Group
- Parsons Brinckerhoff
- Taylor Burrell Barnett

St Marks Apartments
Entered by: Finbar Group Ltd
Winner: High Density Development and Urban Renewal Awards
- Best Consultants
- EPCAD
- Galt
- Hanssen P/L
- Hutchinson Associates
- Palassis Architects
- RVAC Design
- S S Chang Architects

The Village at Wellard
Entered by: Peet Limited and Department of Housing
Winner: Residential Development Over 250 Lots Award
- Creating Communities Australia
- EPCAD
- Fugro
- Mills Wilson
- Strategen Environmental
- TABEC
- Taylor Burrell Barnett
Finalists’ Contractors & Consultants

25 Victoria St, Bunbury
Entered by: Department of Housing and Access Housing
- DB Consulting
- Gabriels Acoustics
- GHD
- Gresley Abas
- SPP
- Wood & Grieve Engineers

Brighton
Entered by: Satterley Property Group and Department of Housing
Finalist: Sustainable Urban Development Award
- Bruce Aulabaugh
- CLE Town Planning + Design
- Cossill & Webley
- Emerge Associates
- Marketplace
- McMullen Nolan Group
- Satterley Property Group
- Strategen

Cottier Apartments
Entered by: JAXON Pty Ltd
Finalist: Medium Density Award
- Deering Designs
- Ertech Holdings Pty Ltd
- Guidice Surveys
- Ian Lush and Associates
- McMullen Nolan Group
- Parson Brinckerhoff
- PDM
- Simon Youngleson Architects and Planners
- Structerre
- Taylor Burrell Barnett

Eliza Ponds
Entered by: MMJ Real Estate
Finalist: Environmental Excellence and Urban Water Excellence Awards
- Cossill & Webley
- Emerge Associates
- GHD
- McMullen Nolan Group
- RJV
- Roberts Day
- RPS
- Saranac PR
- The Brand Agency

Haven Apartments
Entered by: Blackburne Property Group
Finalist: High Density Development Award
- CADDS
- ETC
- Hillam Architects
- JMG
- Robert Bird Group
- Slattery
- Sorenson Short & Associates

Heron Park - Harrisdale
Entered by: Satterley Property Group
Finalist: Residential Development Over 250 Lots Award
- APH
- Cossill & Webley
- EPCAD
- Rowe Group
- JDA
- McMullen Nolan Group
- Strategen
Newhaven
Entered by: Stockland
Finalist: Masterplanned Development Award
- APH Contractors
- Development Planning Strategies
- Emerge Associates
- GALT Geotech
- Parsons Brinckerhoff
- PDC
- Whelans
- Wood & Grieve Engineers

Osprey Village
Entered by: Department of Housing, Fleetwood and HAS Group
Finalist: Affordable Development Award
- Fleetwood Pty Ltd
- HAS Group
- LG Pike Consulting Civil Engineers
- PHC Projects
- Q3 Architecture
- Sage Consulting Engineers
- UDLA
- Landscaping WA

Perry Lakes Redevelopment
Entered by: LandCorp
Finalist: Environmental Excellence and Sustainable Urban Development Awards
- Blackwell & Associates
- Coda Studios
- Georgiou Group
- Landscape Elements
- GHD
- McMullen Nolan Group
- NS Projects
- Roberts Day
- SKM
- VDM
- BCA

Q Central
Entered by: Otan Queens Park Pty Ltd
Finalist: Affordable Development and Urban Renewal Awards
- Alliance Power & Data (APD)
- Arbor Centre
- Arbor Logic
- Ascot Design
- Brown McAllister
- McDowall Affleck
- Pindan Pty Ltd
- Planning Solutions
- Resource Engineering & Design
- Steve Paul and Partners
- Structerre
- Tim Davies Landscaping
- West Australian Mechanical Services

South Hedland New Living
Entered by: JAXON Pty Ltd and Department of Housing
Finalist: Urban Renewal Award
- John Kannis & Associates
- McMullen Nolan Group
- Parsons Brinckerhoff
- Taylor Burrell Barnett

The Primary at Coolbellup
Entered by: LandCorp and Lend Lease
Finalist: Affordable Development and Residential Development Under 250 Lots Awards
- Clarity Communications
- Creating Communities
- Croker Construction
- Environmental Industries
- RPS
- TABEC
- UDLA
- Whelans

Finalists' Contractors & Consultants