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NSW development wins top award in UDIA National Awards for Excellence

The winners of the prestigious 2009 Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) National Awards for Excellence, which recognises the leading developments nationwide, were announced last night (2 April) in Brisbane, with Landcom's Prince Henry at Little Bay winning the top award.

A winner in the category of Masterplanned Development, Prince Henry at Little Bay then went on to win the esteemed President's Award.

The Awards bring together the best in urban development from around Australia, addressing issues such as quality design, use of infrastructure, land revitalisation, community consultation, sustainability, energy efficiency, environmental management and affordability.

UDIA NSW President, Ms Judy McKittrick said that "having a NSW development take out the top national award showcases the truly outstanding style of development that occurs in this state.

"This project has already been recognised as a winner in NSW - to then be awarded the UDIA National Awards for Excellence means that Landcom can rightly claim they offer the 'best of the best' in urban development in Australia", she said.

The Awards Judges, Laurie Rose and Gary Rusling noted that overcoming challenging issues in relation to heritage, contamination and bushland, as well as focussed community objections, were significant factors contributing to their win.

"The project is on the site of a disused hospital that was very contaminated, degraded and full of heritage buildings. It also had areas of rare bushland and a valuable geological site, and on top of that - a beach and golf course.

"Landcom is to be congratulated on their sensitive masterplanning and strong guidelines that proved the solution to these challenging issues."

For the full list of winners, visit www.udia.com.au

UDIA NSW represents the leading participants in the urban development industry with over 550 member companies. A quarter of these members are based in regional NSW.

UDIA NSW's advocacy is focussed on three key themes for the development industry:

- affordability;
- investment certainty; and
- sustainability

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