

# ASAA Stone Awards Winners

2011



Brett Hofman receives the Premier Award from Brian Seidler (right), the executive director of the Master Builders Association NSW.

The third round of the Australian Stone Advisory Associations (ASAA) awards for use of Australian stone were presented at a Gala Dinner at Le Montage, Lilyfield on Friday, 19 August. The criteria for entry was established by the Australian Institute of Architects (AIA) and ASAA. The AIA generously supplied a panel of three judges to select award winners in six categories. A Premier Award winner was selected from the category winners.

The judges were:

- David Sainsbery, Managing Director, Architectus Group
- Bruce Allen, Director, Bruce Allen + Rebecca Naughtin Architects
- Alex Njoo, Architect

The two hundred attendees enjoyed a fine three course meal while being entertained by Everyday People an entertaining band fronted by the talented Lily Dior.

In addition to the ASAA Architectural Stone Awards the Australian Tile Council presented several project awards while Nino Gaudio and Jack Di Lorenzo received *Tile Today* Industry Achievement Awards.

Emcee Scott Gibbons used his auctioneering skills to raise \$1645 for the Fred Hollows Foundation.

## ASAA AWARD WINNERS

### Category: Commercial Interior

Project: Santos Place, Brisbane  
 Architect: Donovan Hill  
 Stone Supply: Cairns Marble  
 Presented by: Mapei Australia

### Category: Commercial Exterior

Project: St John's College, Sydney  
 Architect: Altis Architecture  
 Stone Supply: Gosford Quarries  
 Presented by: Aqua-Seal STC

Other category winners (below): Santos Place, Brisbane; St John's College, Sydney; National Gallery, ACT (see overleaf for more)





**Category: Civic Project**

Project: National Gallery, ACT  
 Architect: McGregor & Coxall  
 Stone Supply: Melocco Stone  
 Presented by: Ardex Australia

**Category: Restoration Project**

Project: Brookman Building, University of SA  
 Architect: Grieve Gillett  
 Stone Supply: Heritage Stone Restorations SA  
 Presented by: CDK Stone

**Category: Residential Project**

Project: Private House, Mollynook, NSW  
 Architect: Casey Brown Architecture  
 Stone Supply: Hanson Quarries  
 Presented by: Mapei Australia

**Category: Sculpture/Public Art**

Project: Fit Kidz Playspace, Dural, NSW  
 Architect: Fiona Robbe  
 Stone Supply: Mangrove Mountain sandstone supplied by Sarkis Bros  
 Presented by: Aqua Mix Pty Ltd

**Premier Award Winner**

Project: Private House, Mollynook, NSW  
 Presented by: Mr Brian Seidler, Executive Director of the MBA, NSW

The three judges reviewed each category carefully before arriving at their decision. Each entry was discussed and a general view formed before a final decision was made. In most instances the verdict was unanimous.

The decision to confer the Premier Award to architects Casey Brown for their intriguing use of Hanson Quarries stone was a unanimous one.

Architect Bruce Allen of Allen & Naughtin Architects explained, "The panel agreed that the design uses stone in its natural solid form to create interior and exterior space rather than just cover surfaces. A definite Taliesin influence with the use of local stone as an appropriate sustainable material with an ability to resist extreme coastal weather conditions. The use of a traditional natural material works well in a contemporary architectural design."

David Sainsbery added, "The design is simple yet extremely effective and the craftsmanship is of a high standard. The architecture echoes the work of architect Frank Lloyd Wright."





Fit Kidz Playspace, Dural, NSW



Brookman Building, University of SA; Fit Kidz Playspace, Dural, NSW

Architect Rob Brown commented, “Stonemason Brett Hofman of Stonehedge Stonemasonry deserves a great deal of credit for turning our ideas into reality.”

The new Le Montage situated in Fairfield provided an ideal venue for presentation of the various awards. The event provided a great opportunity to bring together members of the stone and tile industries that frequently work in isolation from one another. The close affinity shared by the two industry sectors was clearly evident at Le Montage where sumptuous function and reception rooms featured extensive use of stone, while the walls and floors in the amenities are covered in ceramic tiles.

More to the point these products are frequently cut, adhered, grouted, sealed and maintained using products which are manufactured or distributed by companies that service the tile and stone industries.

Leading suppliers of stone like Marble Plus, Ocean & Merchant and RMS Natural Stone also sell ceramic tiles. A substantial proportion of the nations’ ceramic tile retailers sell natural stone. So the reasons for sharing knowledge and experiences are compelling, as are the reasons for joining forces to promote the Good Environmental Choice Australia Hard Surfaces Standard #40.

The ASAA Australian Stone Architectural Awards dinner provided an ideal opportunity for members of the stone and tile industries

to unite. The event could not have taken place without the invaluable support of major sponsors; Ardex Australia, Aqua Mix, Aqua-Seal STC Solutions, CDK Stone Australia, Mapei Australia, National Ceramic Industries Australia, Ocean+ Merchant and RLA Polymers.




Richard Mackenzie  
(Ocean & Merchant)



Scott Coleman (National  
Ceramics Industries Australia)

## THE NEXT ROUND

Entries in the fourth round of the ASAA Australian Stone Architectural Awards commence in this edition. Two new categories for best use of imported stone have been added to provide opportunities for importers of stone to display how and where their products are used in Commercial and Residential environments. 



Andrew McEnally (right) of RLA Polymers presents the Best Commercial Interior Award to Pat Iarossi representing Cairns Marble



A'ngie Kokkaliaris (right) of Aqua-Seal STC Solutions with Gary Hargreaves, Gosford Quarries. Gary received the Best Commercial Exterior Award



Ian Lamble (left) receives the Best Civic Project Award from Aldo Sustar of Ardex Australia



Ward Hurley (right) of Mapei Australia presents the Best Residential Award to Brett Hofman of Stonehedge Stonemasonry.



Keith McAllister (left) of Heritage Stone Restorations SA receives the Best Restoration Award from Peter Mitchellhill, CDK Stone



Karl Van Middeldyk (left) receives the Sculpture/Public Art Award from Tony Groves, Aquamix