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Stunning Pavilion Style Waterfront Home Wins Top HIA CSR NSW Housing Award

RW Stidwill Constructions P/L celebrated their success at the 2010 HIA CSR NSW Housing Awards on Saturday night.

The Church Point company won the 2010 HIA CSR NSW Home of the Year, Custom Built Home of the Year and Custom Built Home Over \$2 million categories for their Scotland Island project.

Judges said, "this stunning pavilion style waterfront home has exceptional build quality with a very rare "old school" style of craftsmanship. Recycled timber features highly. The water harvesting and treatment for sewage, irrigation, grey water and potable water takes this home off the grid. Cross ventilation through the use of timber and glass louvers coupled with an abundance of natural light makes this home very comfortable. This home has simple detailing and is beautifully executed."

HIA's partner's for these titles are CSR and Omega Smeg.

Congratulating RW Stidwill Constructions P/L on such an outstanding achievement, HIA's NSW Executive Director, David Bare, said the 40th anniversary awards were an excellent display of the housing industry's capacity, innovation and resilience in difficult circumstances.

"It is encouraging to see that in challenging times HIA's builders and designers have maintained their commitment to excellence. The high calibre of entries shows that support for these awards has yet again been incredible."

"Major winners tonight can look forward to progressing to HIA's national awards next year and we wish them every success."

The awards were held in front of a sell-out black-tie audience at the Sydney Convention Centre. Special guests included Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly; Shadow Minister for Planning and Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Brad Hazzard; Paul Manks, Regional General Manager, CSR Lightweight Systems and HIA's NSW President, Martin Walsh.

This year's theme was Treasures of the East. Guests were entertained by the spectacular 1001 Arabian Nights show. MC for the evening was witty media presenter and comedian, Amanda Keller.

The Association's showcase awards night recognise excellence in housing innovation, material selection, design, construction and services to the NSW residential building industry.

Housing Industry Association (HIA) is the leading industry association in the Australian residential building sector, supporting the businesses and interests of builders, contractors, manufacturers, suppliers, building professionals and business partners.

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