

AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION APPLAUDS JOINT WINNERS OF AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Australian Constructors Association (ACA) today applauded Brookfield Multiplex and Lend Lease projects as the first joint winners of the Australian Construction Achievement Award announced yesterday.

The Brookfield Multiplex project was the RMIT Swanston Academic Building in Melbourne while the Lend Lease project was the new Royal Children's Hospital, also in Melbourne.

The Australian Construction Achievement Award is the pinnacle of awards for the construction industry. The competition is hotly contested by Australia's largest construction and engineering businesses whose projects must first qualify to be finalists and then submit to the most rigorous assessment by a panel of experts. The total value of the 7 finalist projects exceeded \$5 billion.

Commenting on the announcement of the joint winners, ACA President, Glenn Palin, said that the two projects represented the best of the best for project design, delivery, innovation and technical excellence coupled with excellent safety outcomes and superior project management.

"The two groups should be rightly proud of their achievements with these projects as they showcase the capacity of the construction industry to produce world class projects that will be looked upon as models of excellence for a long time into the future", Mr Palin said.

Mr Palin also praised the quality of the 5 other finalists, which he said the judging panel had commented had exceeded the expectations of their clients, and the other applicants whose projects had not been shortlisted for the final judging process.

"Each year the Judging Panel must shortlist the very best projects from all of the excellent projects that are nominated. It is testament to the skill and expertise of the industry that the Award process attracts a significant number of projects all seriously vying to be a finalist and eventual winner", Mr Palin said.

The other finalists were:

- **Project Northern Sewerage Project**
Alliance Melbourne Water, Yarra Valley Water, John Holland, SKM & Jacobs Associates (VIC)
- **Project One One One Eagle Street**
Construction Leighton Contractors (QLD)

- **Project Brookfield Place**
Construction Brookfield Multiplex (WA)
- **Project Southbank Cultural Precinct Redevelopment**
Construction Baulderstone (VIC)
- **Project Ipswich Motorway Upgrade**
Alliance Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads, Abigroup Contractors, Fulton Hogan, Seymour White, Parsons Brinkerhoff, SMEC Australia (QLD)

The Chair of the Judging Panel, Mr Marton Marosszeky, said:

“This award process has showcased the outstanding achievements of our best project teams. They demonstrate our industry’s capacity for innovation, design excellence and construction innovation and management. These attributes underpin the future prosperity of our society. The cost and quality of our infrastructure contributes significantly to the competitiveness of our economy, and hence our prosperity as a nation”.

Full details of the joint winners and finalists, including videos of the projects and other information may be obtained by visiting www.acaa.net.au

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