



AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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Australian Construction Achievement Award announces six project finalists

The Australian Constructors Association together with Engineers Australia has announced six project finalists to compete for the 2016 Australian Construction Achievement Award (ACAA).

“The independent judging panel for the ACAA has identified six projects as finalists, with one overall project winner to be selected next year at a gala dinner on Thursday 26 May 2016, at the Crown Entertainment Complex in Perth Western Australia.

“The finalists, together with the construction companies, architectural and engineering people behind them, have delivered world class construction outcomes and solutions. The breadth of skill involved in the wide range of projects nominated as finalists exemplifies the diversity of the industry and its capacity to adapt to differing client requirements,” said Lindsay Le Compte Executive Director Australian Constructors Association.

The ACAA Finalists for 2016 are:

Barangaroo Reserve, Sydney, NSW – A \$210m project by Lend Lease Engineering recreates a precolonial headland in Sydney Harbour.

The project involved the excavation of a 100,000 cubic metre cove, a 75,000 cubic metre subterranean cultural space with a 300 space carpark topped with a 6 hectare naturalistic headland with over 70,000 native species of plants and shrubs and a 1.k km ribbon of sandstone foreshore with material quarried on site.

Gateway WA Perth Airport and Freight Access, WA – his \$954m project by Leighton Contractors, Georgiou Group, GHD, AECOM and BG&E was Western Australia’s largest road project, designed to improve the safety and efficiency of one of the state’s most important transport hubs.

The project included road and bridge improvements, local road modifications, facilities and connections for pedestrians and cyclists, landscaping, urban design and intelligent transport systems technology.

Glennfield to Leppington Rail Link, NSW – A \$670m project by the John Holland Group providing a rail link from Sydney’s south-west to major employment centres in the Sydney Metropolitan area.

The project included 11.4km of new track, two new rail stations, a train stabling facility, fourteen new bridge/viaduct structures, all supporting rail systems and a 132kVa substation.

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Moorebank Units Relocation, Holsworthy NSW – A \$834m project by Laing O’Rourke Australia Construction.

The project covered an overall area of 100ha and involved the complete relocation of the Department of Defence assets from Moorebank to Holsworthy Barracks. The work included the design and delivery of a wide range of special-use facilities and infrastructure improvements, as well as additional support facilities.

North Strathfield Rail Underpass, Sydney, NSW – This \$270m alliance partnership project was undertaken by John Holland Group and Bouygues Travaux Publics Australia for Transport NSW.

The key features of the project included a new rail underpass for freight trains at North Strathfield, new track to connect to the existing relief goods loop at North Strathfield, 2.4 km of new track and upgrade of 850 m of existing track, a new aerial concourse and the installation of four new lifts at Concord West station, relocation of an existing Sydney Trains depot at North Strathfield Station, associated civil and structural works, provision of new rail systems, including overhead wire, high voltage, low voltage, communications and signalling and utility relocations/protection.

University of Technology, Sydney, NSW - Dr Chau Chak Wing Building – A \$124m project by Lend Lease Building designed by famous architect Frank Gehry with structural engineering provided by Arup and AECOM.

The 12-storey tower provides teaching, learning, research and office accommodation for 1,300 students and over 300 academic staff. Building design is based on the idea of a tree-house structure.

The building's unusual façade, which was made of 320,000 custom designed bricks, is described as the "squashed brown paper bag", which made construction all the more difficult.

“The aim of ACAA is to showcase the people within the industry that are succeeding in setting new benchmarks in the design, delivery and management of building and construction projects across the country,” said Mr Le Compte.

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