

# media release



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## **Builder of Inverloch 'sand dune house' named Master Builder of the Year**

A "labour of love" has paid off for builder David Martin who was last night named Master Builder of the Year for his work on an Inverloch home designed to reflect nearby sand dunes.

A record of more than 770 guests attended the Master Builders Excellence in Housing Awards at Crown Palladium and saw Martin Builders receive the top prize from Planning Minister Matthew Guy.

The winning home, known as the 'barchan dune' house, took more than a year to create and was so complex that a model was made first to ascertain whether the structure could actually be built. The builders then overcame the challenges of building with technical mathematical angles, customised natural materials and detailed carpentry work to achieve the final result.

"Martin Builders' attention to detail was impeccable in putting together the jigsaw puzzle of custom cut timber for this home," said Chief Judge Mort Mitchell.

"The timber work was millimetre perfect and the way that it has all come together is testament to the passion, outstanding craftsmanship and dedication of the builder. It was definitely a labour of love."

Martin Builders not only overcame the difficulties of the complex design but also battled uncompromising weather conditions to achieve the stunning result.

"This project and the client needed a builder with a great deal of care and skill but also one who was able to adapt quickly. Martin Builders have not only met these expectations but surpassed them," Mr Mitchell said.

The home which includes other natural materials like rammed earth and bluestone was recently featured on hit TV show [Grand Designs](#) and will now go on to compete in the [Master Builders Australia National Excellence in Building and Construction Awards](#) on Saturday, 16 November.

Master Builders CEO Radley de Silva said that Martin Builders exemplified the spirit of the annual awards that are now in their 35<sup>th</sup> year.

"Martin Builders defeated some tough competition to take out this sought after award. They typify the quality craftsmanship, dedication and passion of Victorian Master Builders," Mr de Silva said.

Among the other major winners were family owned builder Refuge Homes who were named Regional Builder of the Year for a stunning Hazelwood North home and Newcomb builder Drew Larkin who was named Young Builder of the Year.

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**Winners**  
**2013 Master Builders Association of Victoria**  
**Excellence in Housing Awards**

**Master Builder of the Year**

Martin Builders  
Project: Inverloch

**Regional Builder of the Year**

Refuge Homes Pty Ltd  
Project: Hazelwood North

**Young Builder of the Year**

Drew Larkin  
Larkin & Drought Builders

**Best Renovation/Addition under \$200,000**

Cameron Construction  
East Malvern

**Best Renovation/Addition \$200,000 - \$300,000**

Todd Newman Builders  
Project: Bendigo

**Special Commendation: Best Renovation/Addition \$200,000 - \$300,000**

Zachary Spark Constructions Pty Ltd  
Project: Thornbury

**Best Renovation/Addition \$300,000 - \$500,000**

Fleetwood Building Design & Construction  
Project: Glen Iris

**Best Renovation/Addition \$500,000 - \$750,000**

Twin Bay Constructions  
Project: Mt Eliza

**Best Renovation/Addition \$750,000 - \$1M**

Morcon Developments Pty Ltd  
Project: Malvern

**Best Renovation/Addition over \$1M**

Icon Synergy P/L  
Project: Eaglemont

**Special Commendation: Best Renovation/Addition over \$1M**

DC Construction Pty Ltd  
Project: East Melbourne

**Best Display Home under \$200,000**

SJD Homes  
Project: Loxton MK2, Officer

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**Best Display Home \$200,000 - \$250,000**

Porter Davis (PD Group)  
Project: Oakdale 28, Mernda

**Special Commendation: Best Display Home \$200,000 - \$250,000**

SJD Homes  
Project: Caversham MK2, Officer

**Best Display Home \$250,000 - \$300,000**

Botanic Homes  
Project: Bale 4, Officer

**Best Display Home \$300,000 - \$350,000**

Botanic Homes  
Project: Abode 4s, Cranbourne West

**Best Display Home \$350,000 - \$500,000**

Botanic Homes  
Project: Atlantis 4s, Officer

**Best Display Home \$500,000 - \$750,000**

Sherridon Homes  
Project: Grande 45, Plumpton

**Best Display Home over \$750,000**

Inform  
Project: California, Brighton

**Best Custom Home under \$300,000**

Sienna Building Group  
Project: Armstrong Creek

**Best Custom Home \$300,000 - \$400,000**

Larkin & Drought Builders  
Project: Armstrong Creek

**Best Custom Home \$500,000 - \$600,000**

Inline Pty Ltd  
Project: Niddrie

**Best Custom Home \$600,000 - \$800,000**

S D Davies Builders  
Project: Box Hill

**Best Custom Home \$800,000 - \$1M**

JA Irwin Builders Pty Ltd  
Project: Dromana

**Best Custom Home \$1M-\$2M**

Martin Builders  
Project: Inverloch

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**Best Custom Home over \$2M**

Morcon Developments Pty Ltd  
Project: Portsea

**Best Multi Unit Development – up to 3 units**

Bluestar Living  
Project: Mont Albert North

**Best Multi Unit Development – 4 to 12 units**

Tarastar T/A BPM  
Project: Brighton

**Best Integrated Housing Development**

Lightwood Property and Construction Group  
Project: Wodonga

**Best Sustainable Energy Home under \$650,000**

Positive Footprints  
Project: Seddon

**Best Sustainable Energy Home over \$650,000**

Calm Living Homes  
Project: Upper Fern Tree Gully

**Best Kitchen under \$40,000**

Moobi Group Pty Ltd  
Project: Brighton East

**Best Kitchen over \$40,000**

Cameron Construction  
Project: Warrandyte

**Best Bathroom under \$30,000**

First Impressions Projects Pty Ltd  
Project: Mornington

**Best Bathroom over \$30,000**

MVH Constructions P/L  
Project: Vermont

**Best Kitchen in a Display Home**

Englehart Homes  
Project: Balwyn North

**Best Bathroom in a Display Home**

Englehart Homes  
Project: Balwyn North