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Builder of 8 Star Hazelwood North home named Regional Master Builder of the Year

Family owned builder Refuge Homes, was last night named Regional Master Builder of the Year for their work on an 8 Star home in Hazelwood North.

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

Chief Judge Mort Mitchell said the home was a fine example of quality workmanship and building excellence.

"Refuge Homes has created a harmonious home taking full advantage of the surrounding land," Mr Mitchell said.

"The home features quality finishes, plenty of natural light and practical living spaces, he said.

"Refuge Homes also pioneered a building technique incorporating flame zone and category five cyclone ratings."

The winning home features a unique, concrete roofed and 8 Star energy rated construction which is both stylish and low maintenance.

Master Builders CEO Radley de Silva said Refuge Homes exemplified the spirit of the annual awards that are now in their 35th year.

"Refuge Homes has been recognised for being at the top of their game delivering a tremendous home that well exceeded client expectations," Mr de Silva said.

Among the other major winners were Martin Builders who was named Master Builder of the Year for a striking Inverloch home and Newcomb builder Drew Larkin who was named Young Builder of the Year.

Winners 2013 Master Builders Association of Victoria Excellence in Housing Awards

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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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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 Itd 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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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