



# **BUILDING 2026 EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

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## **ENTRY GUIDE**

**Entries Open Monday 9 February 2026**

**Entries Close 6:00pm Friday 27 March 2026**

**Awards Evening 6:30pm Friday 14 August 2026**

**Adelaide Convention Centre**

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# Showcasing and Awarding Excellence in South Australia's Building and Construction Industry



WINNER 2025 Commercial Building \$10M to \$20M  
HARROLD AND KITE - FLINDERS CHASE NATIONAL PARK  
NEW VISITOR CENTRE



WINNER 2025 Civil  
BLUBUILT CONSTRUCTIONS - HALLET COVE COASTAL WALKWAY BRIDGES

# Foreword from the Chairman



As Chairman, I welcome you to the 2026 Master Builders SA Building Excellence Awards. This program is a platform to celebrate the remarkable achievements and significant contributions within our vibrant industry.

It serves as the most prestigious showcase of craftsmanship and quality in the state.

The awards highlight excellence across various sectors, focusing not just on completed projects but on leadership, innovation, training, and community contributions that propel our industry forward.

Competition is fierce, and our independent panel of judges evaluate up to 250 entries across approximately

45 categories to seek projects that; showcase exemplary work, sets new standards, and inspires future generations. We encourage submissions that reflect quality outcomes and demonstrate industry leadership, innovative approaches and forward-thinking strategies.

Beyond structures, the awards identify the ‘people behind the projects’, including emerging leaders and specialists. Awards like Young Builder of the Year and Young Specialist Contractor of the Year identify the next generation of industry figureheads.

The program also celebrates trade contractors who demonstrate exceptional skill in their specific construction fields. South Australia is currently seeing a surge in growth and opportunity, providing a fertile ground for pioneering techniques, creative problem solving, craftsmanship, and business expansion.

Industry professionals play a crucial role in steering this growth by fostering engagement and leadership as we work towards developing progressive and effective regulations. By actively participating in industry organisations such as Master Builders SA and setting new benchmarks, we can promote future-ready and sustainable building practices. This approach will ensure that the sector not only meets demand but also upholds its high standards as it continues to evolve.

In short, we need our builders and tradies to help write the ‘rulebook’ for the future, ensuring those rules actually work on a real-world construction site. Your participation in the Building Excellence Awards reinforces South Australia’s position as a national leader in quality and future-ready building - the very pillars of industry achievement. When we prioritise sustainable growth, we build more than great projects; we build a stronger, more adaptable South Australia.

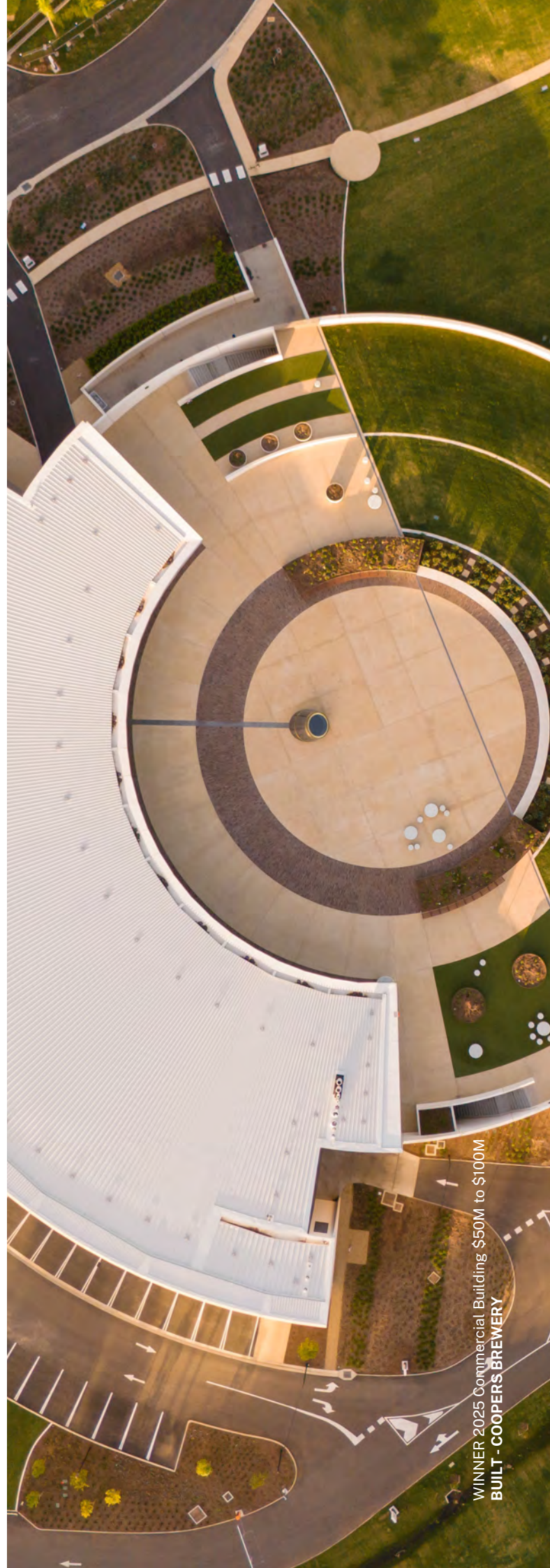
Winning a Master Builders Award boosts the credibility of your business, showcasing your commitment to excellence, client satisfaction, and outstanding project execution. It serves as concrete proof of your industry leadership and is a trusted mark of reliability for consumers and developers alike.

The South Australian awards offer local leaders a vital path to national recognition. Recent winners have leveraged this platform to establish themselves as some of Australia's most visionary builders.

I encourage you to participate in the Master Builders SA Building Excellence Awards. This prestigious program not only shines a spotlight on your outstanding work but also elevates the entire industry by setting benchmarks for others to aspire to. It fosters a spirit of collaboration and growth.

By showcasing your projects and sharing your stories, you contribute to a legacy of excellence and innovation, building a future that reflects our shared commitment to quality, sustainability, and leadership. So join us in celebrating our collective achievements and be a part of shaping the future of construction in South Australia.


**Marcus Rigney**  
**Chairman of Judges**  
**Master Builders SA Building Excellence Awards**





# 2026 Building Excellence Awards


## Why should we enter?


The Master Builders SA Building Excellence Awards shine a spotlight on excellence across the building and construction industry. They recognise outstanding achievements, encourage innovation, and inspire continuous improvement. The 2026 Awards will continue to champion the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, honouring the leaders whose work drives industry success and makes a positive impact on the wider community. By entering, you demonstrate your commitment to quality craftsmanship. Winning an award delivers powerful marketing advantages, elevates your reputation, and positions your business as a trusted industry leader.


 **Enhanced Credibility:** Being recognised by Master Builders SA strengthens your reputation and reinforces your commitment to quality and professionalism.


 **Powerful Marketing Exposure:** Award winners receive year-round promotional opportunities across digital, print, and client communications.

 **Competitive Advantage:** Standing out in a crowded market helps attract new clients, win tenders, and support business growth.

 **Team Pride and Engagement:** Celebrating your team's achievements boosts morale, reinforces a culture of excellence, and helps attract and retain skilled talent.

 **Industry Recognition:** Gain visibility among peers, industry leaders, and potential partners.

 **Feedback and Benchmarking:** The judging process provides valuable insights, helping you benchmark your work and identify opportunities for improvement.

 **Client Confidence:** Awards reassure clients they're choosing a builder with proven workmanship and outstanding project outcomes.

Submissions for the 2026 Building Excellence Awards are to be completed online through the Master Builders SA website [mbasa.com.au](http://mbasa.com.au).

**Online entries open at 9am Monday 9 February 2026 and close at 6pm, Friday 27 March 2026.**

## Entry Fees

### Projects

\$699 Commercial	1st entry
\$499 Commercial	for each additional entry
\$549 Residential	1st entry
\$399 Residential	for each additional entry

### Trade Contractor Series (Residential & Commercial)

\$299	for the 1st entry
\$199	for each additional entry

### Individual Award

\$499	Young Builder
\$499	Young Contractor

### HiViZ Women Building SA Outstanding Women in Construction

Category winners of HiViZ Master Builder Women's Excellence Awards are announced at HiViZ Women's Business Lunch, Friday 19 June 2026. Tradeswoman of the Year is announced at the Building Excellence Awards.

## Awards Gala Tickets

### Ticket Prices - Individual Tickets

\$280pp	Entrant
\$299pp	Non-entrant

### Table Prices - 10

\$2700	Entrants
\$2890	Non-entrants

All prices are inclusive of GST. Maximum of four (4) tables per member. Should you wish to purchase more than 4 tables, contact our Awards Manager Jo Mosenson on 8211 7466 or at [awards@mbasa.com.au](mailto:awards@mbasa.com.au).

# 2026 Building Excellence Awards

## Closing Date

Closing date for receipt of completed entry(s) and full fee(s) by all Entrants is 6.00 pm, 27 March 2026. *No late or incomplete entries will be accepted.*

## Category Criteria

Specific criteria relating to each category can be found towards the end of the Awards Guide from page 15 onwards.

## Judges

The judging panel appointed has expert knowledge and experience in all sectors of the industry. It is completely independent of Master Builders SA. The Association has the right to publicly disqualify award entrants and award recipients and withdraw an entry/award if in the opinion of the judges, misleading or incorrect entry details were provided.

## Time Table

Entries Open 9:00am Monday 9 February 2026
All projects entered must have practical completion between 1 April 2025 and 1 April 2026
Entries Close 6:00pm Friday 27 March 2026
Judging Commences Monday 11 May 2026
Judging Completed Friday 26 June 2026
Awards Presentation Dinner 6.30pm Friday 14 August 2026
SA Builder Awards Feature December 2026

Questions regarding your submission or the Awards can be directed to:

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WINNER 2025 Affordable & Social Housing  
TANDEM BUILDING SA - YWCA APARTMENTS



WINNER 2025 Contract Home \$500,000 to \$700,000  
MY HOME BUILD - SOUTH BRIGHTON

# Categories

## COMMERCIAL

1. Commercial Building under \$5M
2. Commercial Building \$5M to 10M
3. Commercial Building \$10M to \$20M
4. Commercial Building \$20M to \$50M
5. Commercial Building \$50M to \$100M
6. Commercial Building over \$100M
7. High Rise Apartments
8. Civil
9. Lifestyle Housing for Seniors Award -Aged Care Facilities
10. Lifestyle Housing for Seniors Award -Retirement Living
11. Commercial Fit-out under \$10M
12. Commercial Fit-out over \$10M
13. Commercial Refurb|Redevelopment under \$10M
14. Commercial Refurb|Redevelopment over \$10M

## INDUSTRIAL

15. Industrial Building under \$10M
16. Industrial Building over \$10M

## RESIDENTIAL

17. Display Home under \$400,000
18. Display Home \$400,000 to \$600,000
19. Display Home \$600,000 to \$800,000
20. Display Home over \$800,000
21. Renovation | Addition \$350,000 to \$500,000
22. Renovation | Addition \$500,000 to \$750,000
23. Renovation | Addition \$750,000 to \$1M
24. Renovation | Addition \$1 Million to \$2M
25. Renovations | Addition –over \$2M
26. Contract Home under \$500,000
27. Contract Home \$500,000 to \$600,000
28. Contract Home \$600,000 to 800,000
29. Contract Home \$800,000 to \$1M
30. Contract Home \$1 Million to \$2M
31. Contract Home \$2 Million to \$4M
32. Contract Home over \$4M
33. Medium Density –2 to 5 Dwellings
34. Medium Density –Over 5 Dwellings

## OTHER

35. Affordable and Social Housing
36. Environmental and Sustainable Construction -Residential
37. Heritage Restoration

## TRADE CONTRACTOR SERIES

38. Building Structure Contractor | Commercial
39. Services Contractor | Commercial
40. Finishes Contractor | Commercial
41. Building Structure Contractor | Residential
42. Services Contractor | Residential
43. Finishes Contractor | Residential

## INDIVIDUAL

44. Young Builder of the Year
45. Young Specialist Contractor of the Year
46. HiViZ Master Builder Women's Excellence Award

## MAJOR AWARDS

47. Master Trade Contractor Series - Residential
48. Master Trade Contractor Series - Commercial
49. Master Builder of the Year - Residential
50. Master Builder of the Year - Commercial

## MAJOR AWARDS

Category winners automatically become finalists for a major award.

Winners are determined by a panel of Judges.

You cannot submit an entry for these awards.

- Trade Contractor Series Residential
- Trade Contractor Series Commercial
- Master Builder of the Year Residential
- Master Builder of the Year Commercial

# Trade Contractor Series

## Residential and Commercial

This category invites entries from specialist contractors who contribute to the structural integrity, operational performance, or final presentation of residential and commercial building projects, including those engaged for renovations or standalone works.

The Trade Contractor Series replace the Builders Choice Award. Subcontractors are strongly encouraged to enter.

### Building Structure

Covers all components that form the foundation and framework of a building.

#### Key Elements Include:

- 1st Fix Carpentry
- Brickwork/Stonework
- Cladding
- Concreting
- Demolition/Asbestos Removal
- Doors/Windows
- Earthworks/Excavation
- Formwork
- Glazing/Curtain Walling
- Masonry
- Pergolas
- Precast
- Roofing
- Steel Fixing
- Structural Steel

### Services

Focuses on the specialist systems that enable a building to function safely and efficiently.

Focuses on installing electrical systems and energy solutions.

#### Key Elements Include:

- Electrical (including communication, automation, integration, energy management, sound & entertainment)
- Generation: (including static & rotating solutions)
- Hydraulics (Plumbing/Gas)
- Fire (including wet, electrical and passive)
- Mechanical (Air conditioning)
- Conveying (Lifts/escalators etc)
- Security (including camera, access control and monitoring)

### Finishes

Recognises the trades responsible for the final presentation and aesthetic quality of the built environment.

#### Key Elements Include:

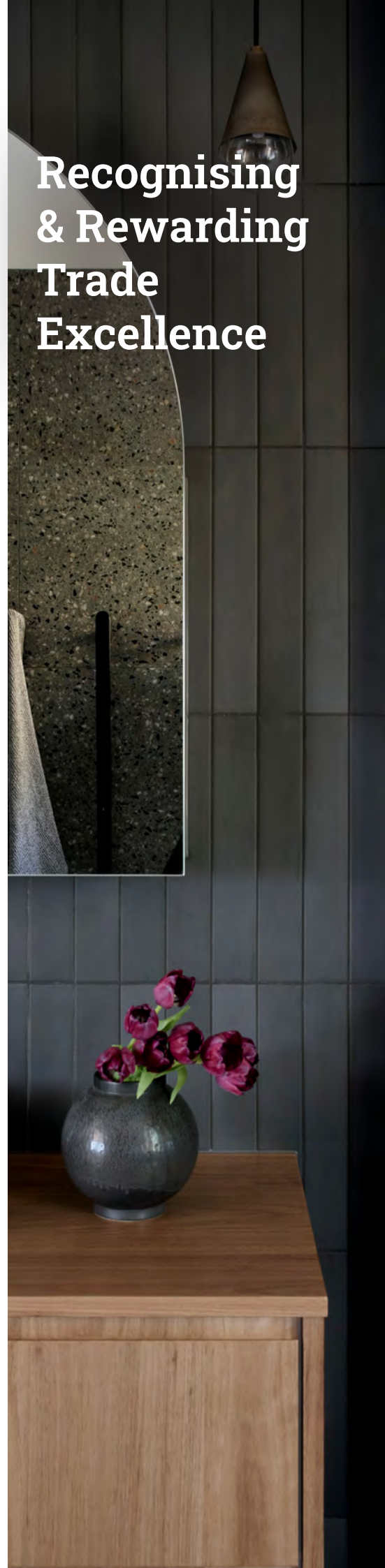
- 2nd Fix Carpentry
- Cabinetmaking
- Concrete/Paving
- Fencing / Gates
- Flooring
- Joinery
- Landscaping
- Linings
- Painting
- Partitions/Ceilings
- Plastering
- Pools

### Finishes

This category covers the final stages of construction, involving a wide variety of trades and specialized skills that enhance the functionality and aesthetic appeal of a project.

**Essential: Photographic evidence documenting the project, along with builder or client references. We recommend high resolution images of the project or images taken by a professional photographer.**

# Recognising & Rewarding Trade Excellence





**Luke Callery - Callery Building**  
2025 South Australian &  
National Young Builder of the Year



**Stewart Connor - Inspired Masonry**  
2025 South Australian Young  
Specialist Contractor of the Year

# Be recognised as one of South Australia's most outstanding rising stars in the building and construction industry

## Young Builder of the Year Award | Young Specialist Contractor of the Year

Master Builders SA's Young Builder of the Year Award celebrates the rising stars of South Australia's building and construction industry.

- Entrants are to be 40 years of age or under
- Self-nominate or nominate someone else

### Applicants will be assessed based on the following criteria:

Must be a financial member of Master Builders SA

- Hold a Building Work Contractor's Licence
- Operate a financially sound business
- Demonstrate sound business management and ethical conduct
- Have at least two (2) years' experience in the building & construction industry
- Demonstrate a high-level of client satisfaction and customer service
- Demonstrate innovation

- Ability to lead change within their business
- Supply evidence of continuous professional development
- Commitment to grow the industry and supporting excellence
- Be actively involved in Master Builders and contributing to the betterment of the industry
- Contributes to their community
- Interview with judging panel

If this sounds like you or someone you know, don't miss the opportunity to enter.

# HiViZ Women Building SA Outstanding Woman in Construction Award

## Celebrating women in South Australia's building and construction industry

For women defining the gold standard in our industry

Latest figures show that women accounted for 13.2% of Australia's construction workforce during November 2025 (the share was 10.0% in SA). For construction trades workers during November 2025, women accounted for 3.4% of the total nationally (n breakdown available for South Australia).

This award recognises women who inspire others, drive positive outcomes, and contribute significantly to their teams, organisations and the broader industry through their vision, influence and commitment.

### Nominate yourself or a woman in the industry you believe deserves recognition

The finalists for this Award will be announced at the 2026 HiViZ Women Building SA Luncheon, being held on Friday 19 June, at the Adelaide Oval. The award winner will be announced at the Building Excellence Awards, Friday 14 August, at the Adelaide Convention Centre

Applicants will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Must be a financial member of Master Builders SA
- Demonstrate sound business management and ethical conduct
- Two (2) years' experience in the building and construction industry
- Demonstrate professional growth, organisational impact, demonstrates leadership, problem solving and workplace contribution
- Interview with judging panel

**If this sounds like you or someone you know, don't miss the opportunity to enter.**



Winner 2025 HiViZ Women Building SA –  
Outstanding Woman in Construction  
Rebecca Lamont - Lendlease (Southern)

**HiViZ** Women  
Building  
SA

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# Conditions of Entry

## 1. Eligibility

- Projects entered must have reached practical completion between 1 April and 1 April of the relevant award year.
- Entrants must hold all appropriate and current licences applicable to the project.
- Entrants must be financial members of Master Builders SA (MBASA) for the duration of the awards program.
- No award will be issued to a non-financial member.
- All entries must be based on price on completion (GST inclusive).
- Price per square metre (building footprint only) on completion, and category value must all be stated GST inclusive.
- Projects must be located within South Australia.
- A project can be entered in multiple categories, where appropriate.
- No more than four (4) entries per sub-category is permitted.
- Each entry must be completed in full providing all required information.

## 2. Category-Specific Requirements

All entries must be based on price on completion (GST inclusive).

- Display Homes: must be accompanied by the current list of all inclusions of the home to full specification as displayed and state as displayed construction costs, exclusive of furniture, furnishings, landscaping.
- Contract Homes: must be based on the value paid by the client on completion. Submissions must highlight any works not done by the builder.
- Owner/Builder (No Contract): Projects built or managed without a formal contract ARE NOT ELIGIBLE
- Heritage Restoration: (Insert required evidence, e.g., conservation methodology, heritage consultant reports, before/after documentation, exclusive of furniture, furnishing and landscaping}
- Renovation | Addition: At least 50% of the original dwelling (GFA-Gross Floor Area) is not demolished.

## 3. Entry

- Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted.
- Master Builders SA reserves the right to refuse any entry at its discretion.
- No refunds will be provided for entries withdrawn or cancelled after the closing date.
- All submitted documents and photographs become the property of Master Builders SA.
- Entrants must obtain the owner's written permission to:
  - Submit the project into the Awards
  - Allow judges access to the property (1-2 inspections)
  - Permit filming and photography
  - Release floor plans and images for promotional purposes

- Owners must provide reasonable access for judging. If access is denied, the entry will be automatically disqualified and entry fees forfeited (make owner aware before entering).
- Judges must have internal access to the building at any time on the day agreed for judging
- Master Builders SA and its media partners accept no responsibility for incorrect details or spelling provided by the entrant. The Trading Name supplied will be used in all promotional materials.
- Master Builders SA reserves the right to pass on any additional costs incurred to ensure the entry complies with requirements.

## Attachment Expectations - General Submission

Supporting information to be either uploaded where required in the online application or verified by judges during the project assessment. Failure to supply this information may result in disqualification or a significant reduction in score.

- Certificate of Occupation from the Building Certifier (commercial and industrial)
- Compliance Certificate Documentation (residential and Other)
- Images (10) high resolution
- As Build Plans (judges will ask client if they have received a copy)
- Statutory Declaration
- General Authority Form
- Project Plans
- Elevations and relevant drawings
- Development Approval
- Testimonials.

## Judging and Project Assessment

- Judging times cannot be altered once scheduled. Check with owner to identify any periods **NOT** suitable for inspection (i.e: client on holiday, working, unavailable etc). **Advise event manager no later than 30 March 2026**
- Judging teams are formed based on relevant **experience and qualifications**, and projects are allocated accordingly.
- All judging is conducted collaboratively by the whole **assigned team**, supporting consistency and fairness in scoring.
- Scorecards are tailored to each category's criteria and supported by a rubric to ensure consistent and reliable scoring.
- Judges record scores and provide written comments on the scorecard, supporting their assessment
- Completed scorecards are uploaded to **Award Force** as the official record.
- Judges may determine whether an entry has been submitted in the correct category.
- Judges may reassign an entry to a more appropriate category if required.
- Judges may request and review a copy of the building contract at any time.

- Awards are not automatically granted in every category. Entries must achieve a minimum **benchmark score of 85** to be eligible for an award.
- Judges must have internal access to the building at any time on the day agreed for judging
- A Builder's representative with expert knowledge of the project entered is required to attend the judging appointment. It is preferred that the owner/client also be in attendance.
- Supplementary information presented at your judging appointment may not be considered by the judges. All vital information should be provided as part of your entry.
- Judges advise against sit-down presentations at judging appointments.
- **The Judges' decision is final.**
- Entrants may request general feedback post announcement of Awards, however:
  - Scoresheets will not be released.
  - No correspondence will be entered into regarding judging outcomes.

### Assessment Process for Judges

The following process confirms that all entries in the Building and Construction Awards are evaluated consistently, impartially, and to the highest professional standard.

#### 1. Pre-Assessment Preparation

- Judges receive all project information: entry application, category description, criteria, and relevant scorecards ahead of assessment.
- Judges are put into teams and assigned categories they are qualified and experienced to assess. They are required to familiarise themselves with the judging criteria, benchmark expectations, and scoring processes.
- Any conflicts of interest must be declared immediately. Judges with a conflict will be reassigned and excluded from related discussions or site visits.

#### 2. Team-Based Site Inspections

- All projects are assessed by the full judging team assigned to the category.
- Judging with a partial team is not permitted. If the full team cannot attend, the visit must be rescheduled to provide fairness and consistency.

#### 3. Independent Scoring and Documentation

- Each team completes an individual scorecard for every project, providing both numerical scores and written comments.
- Comments must be clear and reference specific criteria.
- Scorecards are tailored to the category and criteria, supported by a rubric to maintain consistent interpretation of standards.

#### 4. Determining Category Winners

- Scores are compiled and reviewed to identify excellent entries.
- Following the completion of all site visits and individual scoring, the judging teams will convene to collectively review the entries. During this meeting, judges will discuss their assessment, compare insights and reach a consensus to determine the overall category winner.
- Awards are not automatically presented in every category; entries must achieve a minimum benchmark score (85 points) to qualify for an award.
- Judges reserve the right to recommend:
  - No award in a category, if benchmark standards are not met.
  - Transfer of an entry into a more appropriate category, where justified.

#### 5. Major Award Winners

- A meeting is convened by the event manager after all projects have been assessed.
- Discussions from judges regarding entrants, category winners and the judging processes take place for the benefit of the event manager and other judges.
- To determine the winners of the major awards, judging teams are brought together in their Category Groups {Commercial, Residential and Trade Contractor Series, residential and commercial) and Major Award Winners are agreed between the judges in that Category Group. Should there be no agreement between the judges, the Chair of Judges will attempt to mediate a decision. If this fails, the Chair of Judges will make that decision, giving consideration to the views of the judges for the category.

#### 6. Review & Analysis

- Judges provide feedback on the criteria, process, and administration to support ongoing refinement of the Awards program.
- Master Builders SA may review judging methodologies annually to uphold industry relevance and integrity.

# Category Descriptions

## Commercial

Refers to new build and construction of a Class 2 to 9 building. Entrants will showcase high quality, safety, navigation of complex challenges and methodology, innovation inherent in construction to deliver a successful project.

## High Rise Apartments

A building that is more than three storeys and built to conform with typical commercial construction methods for the purposes of residential living.

## Civil

Refers to public / civic spaces, railways, bridges, tunnels, car parks and utility infrastructure. Urban space development.

## Lifestyle Housing for Seniors - Aged Care Facilities

Innovation to be assessed in the following ways: The use of new construction approaches to building; the use of new materials in a ground-breaking way; and the way in which significant construction challenges are overcome.

## Lifestyle Housing for Seniors Award - Retirement Living

A range of accommodation types, these include a large or small village community with two or three bedroom villas, units, apartments and serviced apartments.

## Commercial Building Fit-out

New work on an existing property/site without major structural change to the existing building.

## Commercial Refurbishment / Redevelopment

Refers to the renewal of an existing building.

## Industrial

Refers to new build and construction typically of Class 7. Entrants will showcase high quality, safety, navigation of complex challenges and methodology, innovation inherent in construction to deliver a successful project.

## Display Home

A residential project built for the specific purpose of displaying or showing a builder's product to the public. The project must be intended

for reproduction as displayed or with standard variations to suit the client's needs. The Price Category entered is to represent the repeatable price of the project as displayed at the time of judging inclusive of fixtures, fittings and variations, not inclusive of furniture furnishings or landscaping.

To be eligible the Display Home must be open to the public regularly for viewing.

Supporting advertising information showing when the home was open must be provided.

## Renovation / Addition

Refers to the structural building work to alter, extend or renovate an existing dwelling. At least 50% of the original dwelling (GFA - Gross Floor Area) is not demolished.

## Contract Home

Is one designed and built in consultation with owners or architects from a non-standard or heavily modified standard design. "Costs" must be based on the value paid by the client on completion. Submissions must highlight any works not done by the builder. Projects built or managed without a formal contract ARE NOT ELIGIBLE. Relationship needs to be at arm's length.

## Medium Density

Refers to row dwellings, independent living units, multi-unit dwellings such as apartments. It does not include single courtyard homes/ cluster homes built on a standard house block. This category can include commercial or residential projects.

## Affordable & Social Housing

Refers to house, house and land packages, apartments or units specifically built for medium and low-income earners for purchase or rental.

## Environmental & Sustainable Construction (Residential)

Refers to a new build house, house and land demonstrates achievements in sustainable practices. This category honours projects that demonstrate a commitment to environmental responsibility, resource efficiency and long-term sustainability in residential building design, construction and operation and serve as models for

the industry, inspiring others to adopt environmentally conscious approaches to residential construction.

## Heritage Restoration

Represents the restoration of a heritage building or works undertaken on a heritage building. A heritage building means a structure that requires preservation because of its historical, architectural, cultural, aesthetic or ecological value.

It must incorporate the period features of the building by either restoring the original or matching the original period with new work. Projects may include the adaption of modern fixtures and fittings for compliance requirements. Required to be Heritage listed under a Planning Authority Certificate.

## Trade Contractor Series

Inviting entries from specialist contractors who contribute to the structural integrity, operational performance, or final presentation of residential and commercial building projects, including those engaged for renovations or standalone works.

- Building Structure
- Services
- Finishes

**Essential: Photographic evidence (we recommend high res or professional photography) documenting the project, along with builder or client references**

# Criteria

Projects will be assessed based on the following criteria

## Commercial/ Industrial

- **Categories 1-16**

Internal Standard  
External Standard  
Quality Assurance or Systems  
Safety System/ Performance  
Innovation in Construction  
Environmental Systems/ Procedures  
Difficulty of Site/ Job  
Contractual/ Time Performance  
Client Relationship  
*Certificate of Occupation from the Building Certifier*  
Subcontractor  
Professional Relationships

## Residential

- **Categories 17 - 34**

Internal Standard  
External Standard  
Quality Assurance or Systems  
Safety System/ Performance  
Innovation in Construction Methodology  
Innovation of Design  
Value for Money (cost per sqm) Contract value - versus gross floor area (GFA)  
Client Relationship  
Subcontractor  
Professional Relationships  
*Compliance Certificate Documentation*

## Affordable & Social Housing

- **Category 35**

Internal Standard  
External Standard  
Quality Assurance or Systems  
Safety System / Performance  
Innovation in Construction  
Environmental Systems/ Procedures  
Difficulty of Site/ Job  
Contractual/ Time Performance  
Value for Money (cost per sqm)  
Client Relationship  
Subcontractor  
Professional Relationships  
*Compliance Certificate Documentation*

## Environmental & Sustainable Construction (Res)

- **Category 36**

Energy Efficiency 6-10 star Rating  
*Compliance Certificate Documentation*  
Building Fabric  
Alternative Energy  
Environmental Policies/ Implementation Water Consumption Levels  
Waste Management of Construction Materials Internal Standard  
External Standard  
Quality Assurance/ systems  
Safety System/ Performance  
Difficulty of Site/ Job  
Contractual/ Time Performance  
Client Relationship  
Subcontractor  
Professional Relationship  
Landscaping

## Heritage Restoration

- **Category 37**

Internal Standard  
External Standard  
Project (Care of Original Building Fabric)  
Quality Assurance or Systems  
Safety System/ Performance  
Innovation in Construction Methodology/ Delivery  
Environmental Challenges  
Difficulty of Site/Job  
Contractual/ Time Performance  
Client Relationship  
Subcontractor  
Professional Relationships  
*Compliance Certificate Documentation*

## Trade Contractor Series

- **Category 38 - 43**

Job Standard & Detailing  
Quality Assurance or Systems  
Safety System/ Performance Innovation in Construction Methodology Environmental Consideration  
Difficulty of Site/ Job  
Contractual/ Time Performance  
Client Relationship  
*Compliance Certificate Documentation*

# Criteria Descriptions

## 1. Internal and External Standards

The Judges will be looking for a project that has been finished to an excellent standard. They will also take into consideration the complexity of the project including the design and finishes. Method of protection of works: Sequence of trade works impacted, etc. The attention to construction detail which consider future risk and maintenance will also be assessed (this is part of safety in design).

## 2. Quality Assurance or systems

Builders will be required to have a comprehensive quality assurance system in place and be able to demonstrate how it has been applied on the project. Use of ITP's; commissioning and testing plans (for large commercial) and process of monitoring all workmanship and defect free work prior to inspections by the Client or Superintendent. Builder to confirm the O&M manuals and Handover procedures for PC. Demonstration of the training to the Client / End user, as part of handover.

## 3. Safety Systems / Performance

The performance of on-site safety to be judged on tracking, monitoring and reporting incidents, the number of LTI's experienced, the quality of the safety systems, and the way they have been implemented. For commercial projects completed and confirmed application of SWMS for activities and Safety in Design. For commercial the establishment of site mobilisation to maintain workforce site amenities and safe access.

## 4. Innovation in Construction

Innovation to be assessed in the following ways: The use of new construction approaches to building; the use of new materials in a ground-breaking way; and the way in which significant construction challenges are overcome.

## 5. Environmental Systems / Procedures

Builders will be required to have environmental system and procedures in place and demonstrate how they have been applied. They should confirm such items as waste management; environment protection; recycling of waste materials; noise control; procedures for handling of contaminated materials, management of surface water and removal of ground water. For commercial an Environmental Management Plan is required.

## 6. Difficulty of Site / Job

This should cover items such as restricted site, limited access for the delivery of materials; protection requirements for adjoining sites; difficult site excavation; high risk demolition; ground conditions; electrical wire proximity and adjoining inground services. For commercial the establishment of site mobilisation to maintain workforce site amenities and safe access.

## 7. Contractual Time Performance

Time performance will generally be judged on the completion of the project within or before contractual dates. It will also take into consideration the efforts made to overcome delays and achieve on time completion or early completion.

## 8. Value for Money (Cost per sqm)

This will generally relate to the building footprint (excluding furnishings and fittings, professional and consultant fees) cost per square metre; the amount of external works; and the complexity of the project. The initial contract value vs the cost on completion. How the variations are managed based on the type of Contract used.

## 9. Client Relationship

The Client relationship is extremely important therefore the Judges to ask the Judges if the Builder has met their requirements including good communications; value for money; time performance; quality standards; and if the Client received the Certificate of Occupation from the Building Certifier and received As Built Documentation, Warranties and Manuals.

## 10. Subcontractor Relationships

The builder will be required to provide names and contact details of at least 3 Subcontractors who have worked on the site. This enables the judges to contact (at their discretion) informed stakeholders who can comment on how successfully the project was run.

## 11. Professional Relationships

The judges to evaluate the effectiveness of relationships between the main contractor and the consultants involved in the project. Judges should consider factors such as communication, collaboration, conflict resolution and overall relationship management. This criterion recognises those who not only deliver excellent construction results but also foster healthy, productive and respectful relationships within the industry.

## 12. Innovation in Restoration Techniques

Entrants will need to demonstrate how they have gone about restoration works using innovative ideas including the approach taken when they have blended new works into a heritage property. Confirm the process of ITP's with the heritage consultant.

## 13. Environmental Consideration / Challenges

Judges will evaluate the effectiveness in addressing environmental issues and overcoming related challenges. They will consider use of sustainable resources, energy efficiency, waste reduction and green technology integration, and how they managed environmental challenges like weather, landscape or biodiversity.

## 14. Project / Care Original Building Fabric

The entrant will be required to explain and demonstrate how renovation and restoration works have been undertaken in a sympathetic manner which maintains as much of the original fabric as possible.





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