



Altum Constructions honoured with two regional awards

ALTUM Constructions was the recipient of not one, but two regional Master Builders Awards: the Best Use of Timber and Excellence in Sustainable Living for two different projects.

Both homes were designed by award-winning architect Dan Sparks of Sparks Architects, and featured extensive use of hardwood timbers, light-weight, durable building materials and energy and water efficiency.

The house at Piper Street won the first award of the night, for Best Use of Timber, which reflected the high level of craftsmanship and dedication the carpenters and apprentices showed working on the job.

"All the guys were really proud of the completed product," Altum Constructions' director and green-star accredited builder Rob McCready said.

"They wanted everything to be perfect," he said.

"This award is really for the carpenters who put so much into the job."

The second award was for the very highly contested Excellence in Sustainable Living



award.

Honoured for features such as its light and airy living spaces, reduced reliance on water and electricity and durable timbers, the Egret St house stood out for the judges due to some of the innovative materials used in the house.

"Our goal for this house was to create a relaxed home which was easy to live in, while

also being easy to maintain with low impact on the environment," Rob said.

"The judges liked the use of twin-wall polycarbonate, originally a roofing material, for the cladding of one wall of the house, minimising the need for artificial light.

"We created a green wall on the western side of the house which, when fully grown, will

insulate the house further, providing warmth in winter, shade in summer and a beautiful silhouette on the inside wall of the house all year round.

"They also admired little touches like the marine grade screws we used, the LED lights and the native trees all around the house."

Altum also used sustainable features that it recommends to all of its clients, including solar panels, lots of water storage (20,000 litres) and sourcing materials as locally as possible.

Master Builder Association regional manager Stephen Robinson said Altum Constructions had achieved an excellent result given the level of competition.

"The calibre of entrants in this year's awards was outstanding and resulted in only the best of the best being chosen," said Mr Robinson.

"The enormous effort from members to produce a quality project was certainly evident in the winning projects."

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