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AUSTRALIA'S BEST OF DESIGN ANNOUNCED AT THE 2018 AUSTRALIAN INTERIOR DESIGN AWARDS

An infinitely flexible and genuinely experimental project, Space & Time by Russell & George, has been presented with the 2018 Premier Award at the Australian Interior Design Awards (AIDA).

Celebrating its 15th anniversary this year, the 2018 Australian Interior Design Awards' entries echo the same premium standard of the program since the award's inception. Featuring game-changing public designs, convention-challenging workplaces and meticulously detailed retail spaces, this year's winners elevate Australia's design reputation to new heights.

On Friday 25 May, the 15th annual Australian Interior Design Awards were presented at a gala celebration in Sydney, with more than 500 of Australia's most esteemed interior design and architecture practitioners and professionals in attendance.

Delivered through a partnership between the Design Institute of Australia and Architecture Media's Artichoke magazine, the Australian Interior Design Awards is Australia's foremost awards program for the sector.

The way in which Russell & George's Space & Time challenges the temporality of contemporary design was a key factor in securing the Premier Award for Australian Interior Design. Dubbed a 'genuine laboratory' by the jurors, the uniqueness of Space & Time lies in its ability to morph into a restaurant, café, gallery, showroom, office, function centre or workspace.

"This project is as unexpected as it is rigorous, and its design sets a new precedent for encouraging innovation and not merely copying what's been done before," said the 2018 jury.

The prestigious Award for Interior Design Impact has this year been received by Grimshaw in association with The Buchan Group for the Highpoint Shopping Centre, North East Precinct Development. An award that celebrates the transformative effect that design can have on organisational outcomes, this year's winner sees the world of retailing re-invigorated by design.

The project captivated the jurors with its 'considerate and thoughtful design'. The jury identified that intuitive retailers understand shopper comfort is imperative for customer retention and this precinct offers patrons a reprieve with an outstanding parents room, sun-bathed deckchairs and an adventure playground.

Achieving a triple accolade with wins in the Public Design, Sustainability Advancement and Best of State Commercial Design (NSW) categories, Wynyard Walk by Woods Bagot has been lauded by the jurors as 'a public project of infrastructural significance'.

Jurors of this project championed the innovative attention to detail, commenting "the robust material palette makes the interior incredibly tactile and this cleverly plays on ideas of connection and engagement".

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The awards also named Ritz & Ghougassian the ones to watch, receiving the 2018 award for Emerging Interior Design Practice. Having only just seen its second anniversary, the jurors praised Gilad and Jean-Paul's firm noting that it was "particularly refreshing in an age of social media that its co-directors are designing by principles not Pinterest".

2018 AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

Premier Award for Australian Interior Design

Russell & George for Space & Time, Vic

Interior Design Impact Award

Grimshaw in association with The Buchan Group (Masterplanner: Civitas, Construction Partner: Probuild) for Highpoint Shopping Centre, North East Precinct Development, Vic

Sustainability Advancement Award

Woods Bagot for Wynyard Walk, NSW

Emerging Interior Design Practice

-Award

Ritz & Ghougassian, Vic

-Commendation

Pattern Studio, NSW

Residential Design

-Award

Bicker Design for Canning Cottage, Vic

-Commendation

Breathe Architecture for Nightingale 1, Vic

Madeleine Blanchfield Architects for Coogee House II, NSW

Ritz & Ghougassian for Highbury Grove, Vic

SJB for Darlinghurst Residence, NSW

Residential Decoration

-Award

Arent & Pyke for Curatorial House, NSW

-Commendation

Golden for South Yarra Mirror Apartment, Vic

Robson Rak Architects & Interiors for Elwood2, Vic

Robson Rak Architects & Interiors for Stables House, Vic

SIBLING Architecture for Frenches Interior, Vic

SJB for Beach House, NSW

Hospitality Design

-Award

Alexander & CO. and Tribe Studio Architects for Sean Connolly at Dubai Opera, United Arab Emirates

-Commendation

Carr for Jackalope, Vic

Genesin Studio for Viet Next Door, SA

George Livissianis for Chin Chin, NSW

studio-gram for Shobosho, SA

Retail Design

-Award

Chris Connell Design for L'eclisse, Vic

-Commendation

Acne Studios Design Team and H&E Architects for Acne Studios, Sydney, NSW

George Livissianis for BEC & BRIDGE, NSW

Russell & George for Space & Time, Vic

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Public Design

-Award

Woods Bagot for Wynyard Walk, NSW

-Commendation

Collins and Turner for Guardian Early Learning Centre Barangaroo, NSW

FJMT for Bunjil Place, Vic

Workplace Design

-Award

BVN for The Customer Experience Company, NSW

-Commendation

Hassell for Pepper Sydney, NSW

Redgen Mathieson for The Agency, NSW

Studio Kate for Hordern House, NSW

Installation Design

-Award

Russell & George for Space & Time, Vic

-Commendation

Folk Architects for Watchmaker, Vic

Gloss Creative Pty Ltd for Myer Autumn Runway 'It's Not Just Fashion', Vic

Studio Wonder for Maticevski: Dark Wonderland, Vic

Best of State Awards for Residential Design

New South Wales - Madeleine Blanchfield Architects for Coogee House II

Queensland - Deicke Richards for Crescent House

South Australia - studio-gram with Kate Russo for Millswood House

Victoria - Bicker Design for Canning Cottage

Western Australia - Robeson Architects for King George

Best of State Awards for Commercial Design

Australian Capital Territory - Guida Moseley Brown Architects for Canberra Airport – International

New South Wales - Woods Bagot for Wynyard Walk

Queensland - Cox Architecture for 259 Queen Street Main Lobby Refurbishment

South Australia - Genesin Studio for Viet Next Door

Tasmania - JAWS Interiors & JAWS Architects for Pumphouse Point Shorehouse Addition

Victoria – Russell & George for Space & Time

Western Australia - Woods Bagot Perth Studio and Schiavello Construction for Dentsu Aegis (DAN)

Best International Design Award

Alexander & CO. and Tribe Studio Architects for Sean Connolly at Dubai Opera, United Arab Emirates

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