

## AUSTRALIA'S BEST OF DESIGN ANNOUNCED AT THE 2019 AUSTRALIAN INTERIOR DESIGN AWARDS

A genuinely clever concept with a daring aesthetic that's memorable, hair salon USFIN by George Livissianis, has been presented with the 2019 Premier Award at the Australian Interior Design Awards (AIDA).

Celebrating its 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the 2019 Australian Interior Design Awards boasts a stellar line-up of the country's very best interior design projects. Maintaining the high standards the awards are known for, this year's entries exhibit a fearless design approach that pushes boundaries to reinvent typologies, experiment with spatial planning and innovate to improve the user experience.

On Friday 31 May, the annual Australian Interior Design Awards were presented at a gala celebration in Melbourne, with 550 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 most prestigious and respected awards program for the sector.

The way George Livissianis' USFIN has reinvented the standard hair salon typology and given considerable thought to the customer experience and employee satisfaction was a key factor in it being awarded the Premier Award for Australian Interior Design, as well as the Award for Retail Design. A juror described the project as sophisticated and "a bit sexy," which is exactly how you want to feel after leaving a hairdressing salon.

The jury unanimously agreed USFIN was very deserving of the Premier Award from a field of outstanding contenders. "It stands out because it is so complete as a concept and interior, and has a real joyfulness to it, despite its futuristic laboratory aesthetic," said the 2019 jury.

The prestigious Award for Interior Design Impact has this year been received by BVN for Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School. An award that represents exceptional and transformative outcomes through rigorous design thinking, this year's winner demonstrated an approach to genuine collaboration and experimentation and is an exemplar of what can be achieved when a client and design team work together.

This year's jury unanimously agreed this project represented the spirit of this award through its physical transformation from a dark, somber 1970s Telstra training centre to an open, light and energetic primary school.

2019 has seen the Award for Residential Design awarded to joint winners, Oak House by Kennedy Nolan and Edsall Street by RITZ&GHOUGASSIAN. Both projects manage an exceptional and seamless balance between inside and out, through cohesive material application and a compelling use of colour.

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The jury has noted both residences exceeded the brief, taking design to the next level by making it appear unabashedly personal, as though they've been designed specifically for the people who live in them.

The awards also named Victorian design practice, Pierce Widera as the ones to watch, receiving the 2019 award for Emerging Interior Design Practice. The jurors praised the definite diversity of their portfolio and confident detailing and thoughtful use of materials across all their hospitality projects.

Establishing the practice in 2017, co-directors Amy Piece and Nat Widera have a wealth of architecture and design experience across a variety of sectors. Completing six projects in their first year, they have a distinct creative approach and clear design identity, articulated through their strong aesthetic which evokes a particular mood and memorable experience for patrons.

## **2019 AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS**

### **Premier Award for Australian Interior Design**

George Livissianis for USFIN, NSW

### **Award for Interior Design Impact**

BVN for Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School, NSW

### **Award for Sustainability Advancement**

HASELL partnered with Arup for Arup Melbourne, VIC

### **Emerging Interior Design Practice**

#### **-Award**

Pierce Widera, VIC

#### **-Commendation**

Adele McNab Architect, NSW

Studio Esteta, VIC

### **Residential Design**

#### **-Award**

Kennedy Nolan for Oak House, VIC (Joint Winner)

RITZ&GHOUGASSIAN for Edsall Street, VIC (Joint Winner)

#### **-Commendation**

Hogg&Lamb for B&B Residence, QLD

Renato D'Ettorre Architects for Italianate House, NSW

Retallack Thompson for Challis Avenue Apartment, NSW

Robert Simeoni Architects for Powell Street House, VIC

### **Residential Decoration**

#### **-Award**

Arent&Pyke for Under the Tree, NSW

#### **-Commendation**

Alwill Interiors for Tribute House, NSW

Chelsea Hing for Yarra Valley House, VIC

GOLDEN for Wattle House, VIC

### **Hospitality Design**

#### **-Award**

Carr for United Places Botanic Gardens South Yarra, VIC

#### **-Commendation**

Amber Road for Edition Roasters, NSW

Jackson Clements Burrows Architects for Sable Drop, VIC

Pierce Widera for Shinbashi, VIC

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## **Retail Design**

### **-Award**

George Livissianis for USFIN, NSW

### **-Commendation**

Carr for Gaggenau Melbourne, VIC

HASSELL for StylecraftHOME Melbourne, VIC

Herbert & Mason for Paramount Recreation Club, NSW

Mim Design for e&s Showroom, VIC

SJB for The UNSW Bookshop, NSW

## **Public Design**

### **-Award**

Cox Architecture for Waltzing Matilda Centre, QLD

### **-Commendation**

Bates Smart for 161 Collins Street, VIC

JCY Architects and Urban Designers, Cox Architecture and Billard Leece Partnership with HKS Inc. for Perth Children's Hospital, WA

Spowers for RMIT University School of Fashion and Textiles City Campus, VIC

## **Workplace Design**

### **-Award**

BVN for BVN Sydney Studio, NSW

### **-Commendation**

Branch Studio Architects, Piazza Dell'Ufficio, VIC

Cox Architecture for Cox Architecture Brisbane Studio, QLD

HASSELL for Origin Workplace Brisbane, QLD

HASSELL partnered with Arup for Arup Melbourne, VIC

## **Installation Design**

### **-Award**

National Gallery of Victoria and nendo for *Escher X nendo: Between Two Worlds*, VIC

### **-Commendation**

Anna Tregloan for ACMI for *Wonderland*, VIC

Liminal Spaces for Dust, QLD

## **Best of State Awards for Residential Design**

New South Wales – Renato D'Ettore Architects for Italianate House

Queensland – Hogg&Lamb for B&B Residence

South Australia – Williams Burton Leopardi for Malvern Residence

Victoria – Kennedy Nolan for Oak House and RITZ&GHOUGASSIAN for Edsall Street

Western Australia – Lahaus Studio for The Villa

## **Best of State Awards for Commercial Design**

New South Wales – George Livissianis for USFIN

Queensland – Cox Architecture for Waltzing Matilda Centre

South Australia – Exhibition Studios for Birds and Bees Exhibition

Tasmania – Liminal Architecture for Freycinet Lodge Coastal Pavilions

Victoria – National Gallery of Victoria and nendo for *Escher X nendo: Between Two Worlds*

Western Australia – JCY Architects and Urban Designers, Cox Architecture and Billard Leece Partnership with HKS Inc. for Perth Children's Hospital

## **Best International Design Award**

Templewell Studio in collaboration with Rezen & Lahaus Studio via Design Stables Platform for Wanderlust, SG

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