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AUSTRALIAN INTERIOR DESIGN AWARDS CELEBRATES 15th ANNUAL PROGRAM WITH STELLAR JUDGING PANEL

The Australian Interior Design Awards, Australia's leading industry-based awards program, has unveiled its highly anticipated panel of expert judges.

Delivered by the Design Institute of Australia and Architecture Media's Artichoke magazine, the Australian Interior Design Awards celebrate excellence in interior design across residential, public and commercial sectors.

With entries now open for 2018, the program welcomes eight jury members to its panel from some of Australia's most well-regarded interior design and architecture practices including StudioGram, Hassell, Cox Architecture and Make.

The 2018 jury is as follows:

Jury, 2018 Awards for Australian Interior Design:

- Dave Bickmore, Director, Studio Gram
- Elizabeth Carpenter, Managing Principal, FJMT Studio
- Sonia Simpfendorfer, Creative Director, Nexus Designs
- Hanna Richardson, Principal, Zwei
- Mark Simpson, Director, DesignOffice
- Donna Wheatley, Head of Workplace & Education Strategy, WMK
- Tracey Wiles, Partner, Make
- Kieran Wong, Director, Cox Architecture

Sustainability Advisor, 2018

- John Gertsakis, Director of Communications, Equilibrium Consultants

Jury, 2018 Award for Interior Design Impact

- Robert Backhouse, Chairman, Hassell
- Roger Poole, Director, Roger Poole Architects
- Sue Wittencoom, Founder, The Soft Build

Jury Convener, 2018

- Geraldine Maher, Principal of Geraldine Maher Design

Jury convener, Geraldine Maher, says the 2018 jury is testament to the calibre of the awards and the national and international recognition that the program receives.

"The 2018 panel is comprised of highly regarded members of the Australian design community. Their stature mirrors the quality of the projects entered and recognised through the program, year-on-year."

Celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2018, the Australian Interior Design Awards has continuously reinforced its positioning as the industry's most respected awards, with the 2017 program receiving a record-breaking 525 entries.

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Last year's program also featured shortlisted projects from each Australian state and territory, a first in the program's history.

Open to all Australian-based designers, the Australian Interior Design Awards welcomes entrants from both established and emerging design firms, regardless of project location or professional affiliation.

The program comprises two award streams – the Awards for Australian Interior Design and the Award for Interior Design Impact.

The Award for Interior Design Impact recognises the significant influence of interior design on the business, social, human resource, environmental and/or cultural outcomes of a project.

The Awards for Australian Interior Design encompass retail, hospitality, workplace, public, installation and residential design categories, as well as residential decoration, and emerging interior design practice. Projects are also considered for the Best of State Awards and overarching awards for Sustainability Advancement and the Premier Award for Australian Interior Design.

The program features a confidential peer-reviewed judging process that conforms to the standards of the International Federation of Interior Architects and Interior Designers.

Entries are now open and will close on Friday, 16 February 2018, with the full shortlist for the Australian Interior Design stream to be announced online by close of business on Thursday, 22 March 2018.

Awards and commendations will be presented at the Awards Announcement Dinner, which will be held in Sydney on Friday, 25 May 2018. A full report of winning projects will also be featured in Artichoke magazine and made available online on Saturday, 26 May 2018.

About Australian Interior Design Awards

Conducted in partnership by the Design Institute of Australia (DIA) and Artichoke magazine, and supported by the Australian Institute of Architects, the Australian Interior Design Awards is the nation's premier program for the recognition of excellence in interior design across the retail, hospitality, workplace, public, installation and residential design sectors.

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