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## City of Belmont voted Australia's best

*The City of Belmont has received national recognition after winning the national Phillips Group Award for Local Governance Leadership at the 2008 Property Council of Australia Rider Levett Bucknall Awards for Innovation and Excellence.*

The City took out the prestigious award against a strong field of competitors to be awarded the title at a gala event held at Melbourne's Crown Casino over the weekend.

Located just six kilometres from the centre of Perth, the City of Belmont is a thriving municipality with a population of over 30,000, and covers an area of 40 square kilometres with a strong mix of residential, commercial and light industrial properties.

Committed to local governance leadership, the ongoing vision of the City of Belmont is to build a city of opportunity, with a strong focus placed on delivering innovation and excellence to the local community.

Two binding principles of the City's Strategic Plan are Community Wellbeing and Community Satisfaction, and a key strategy component was the annual Community and Business Perceptions Survey undertaken to evaluate and monitor the City's performance levels.

Used to benchmark the City's performance against 12 other Local Governments who use the same annual instrument, the 2007 survey results attest to the success of a broad range of initiatives implemented by the City's leaders:

- Eighty-six per cent of respondents reported they were satisfied with the City's performance with 52 per cent reporting they were delighted.
- Residents' perception of value for money from rates was also high – 72 per cent were satisfied, and 35 per cent were delighted.
- Seventy-three per cent of business respondents reported they were satisfied with the City's performance, with 37 per cent reporting they were delighted.

Based on these figures, it is clearly evident how passionate the City of Belmont is in its role to build better communities and provide quality customer service for both residents and businesses.

Property Council of Australia National President, Mr Nic Lyons, said the awards showcase the finest development projects from around the country and distinguish industry projects that demonstrate innovative practice and design from large-scale multi-million dollar developments to individuals making an impact within the industry.

"This year's winners, including the City of Belmont, continue to raise the bar for the industry in setting new benchmarks in excellence, particularly in the area of building better communities," he said.

Other national winners on the night included:

- BlueScope Buildings Award for Business or Industrial Parks - Optus Centre, Macquarie Park (NSW)
- Award for Emerging Assets - Sydney Airport, Terminal 2 Redevelopment (NSW)
- Rider Levett Bucknall Award for Office Developments - City Central Tower 1 (SA)

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- City Plan Services Award for Residential Developments - Forest Ridge (QLD)
- Pitney Bowes Mapinfo Award for Shopping Centres - Queens Plaza (QLD)
- Ryan Lawyers Award for Tourism & Leisure - Sydney Airport Terminal 2 Redevelopment (NSW)
- Award for Heritage & Adaptive Re-use - Henry Jones IXL Complex (TAS)
- ISIS Award for Future Leaders - Sven De Jonghe (WA)
- Award for Master Planned Communities - Jacksons Hill (VIC)
- Woodhead Award for Mixed Use Developments - Riparian Plaza (QLD)
- Phillips Group Award for Local Governance Leadership – City of Belmont (WA)
- Award for Public Buildings - Karna Building UniSA (SA)
- Overall Winner - Riparian Plaza (QLD)

Winners were announced at the 2008 Property Council of Australia Rider Levett Bucknall National Innovation and Excellence Awards gala dinner held at Melbourne's Crown Casino on Saturday 24 May 2008.

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