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City of Whittlesea voted Australia's best in 2009 PCA Awards

The City of Whittlesea has received national recognition after winning the national Award for Government Leadership at the 2009 Property Council of Australia Rider Levett Bucknall Awards for Innovation and Excellence.

Whittlesea took out the prestigious award against a strong field of competitors to be awarded the title at the gala event held at Sydney's Convention and Exhibition Centre over the weekend.

Located in the outer north-eastern suburbs of Melbourne, the City of Whittlesea is a thriving municipality with a population of over 120,000 and covers an area of 489.9 square kilometres, with a strong mix of residential, commercial and light industrial properties.

Mr Michael Kerr, Director of Rider Levett Bucknall Melbourne said that the City of Whittlesea raises the standards of residential development in Melbourne by making our neighbourhoods more distinctive and diverse, sociable and sustainable.

Property Council of Australia National President Daniel Grollo 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 Whittlesea, continue to raise the bar for the industry in setting new benchmarks in excellence, particularly in the area of building better communities," Mr Grollo said.

"With a keen focus on liveability, the City of Whittlesea is a strong example of how sustainable practices and aesthetic design can enhance a City's overall appeal and build its community culture."

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

Mr Grollo said the city supports a number of key initiatives that of which had them recognised at

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this year's awards.

"These initiatives include creating employment programs, encouraging sustainable and creating an ongoing commitment to protecting the environment of the City of Whittlesea," Mr Grollo said.

Other national winners on the night included:

- OVERALL WINNER Rouse Hill Town Centre (NSW)
- BLUESCOPE BUILDINGS Award for Business or Industrial Parks – Quad Business Park (NSW)
- BILFINGER BERGER Award for Emerging Assets – Sir Montefiore Jewish Home (NSW)
- RIDER LEVETT BUCKNALL Award for Office Developments – AXA Centre (VIC)
 - Highly commended – Green Square South Tower (QLD)
 - Highly commended – 7 London Circuit (ACT)
- CITY PLAN SERVICES Award for Residential Developments - Place on Brougham (SA)
- RYAN LAWYERS Award for Tourism & Leisure – The Sebel & Citigate (VIC)
- Award for Heritage & Adaptive Re-use – Home (WA)
 - Highly commended – 88 George (NSW)
- COFFEY Award for Future Leaders – Adam Haddow (NSW)
- PITNEY BOWES BUSINESS INSIGHT Award for Shopping Centre Developments – Rouse Hill Town Centre (NSW)
- CONICS Award for Master Planned Communities – Prince Henry at Little Bay (NSW)
- WOODHEAD Award for Mixed Use Developments – Regent Place (NSW)
 - Highly commended – Campbelltown Catholic Club (NSW)
- MOORE STEPHENS AUSTRALIA Award for Public Buildings - Melbourne Recital Centre (VIC)
- AECOM Award for Sustainable Development – 101 Miller St (NSW)
 - Highly commended – The Bendigo Centre (VIC)
 - Highly commended – The Gauge (VIC)

Winners were announced at the 2009 Property Council of Australia Rider Levett Bucknall National Innovation and Excellence Awards gala dinner held at Sydney's Convention & Exhibition Centre on Saturday 13 June 2009.

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