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Forest Ridge voted Australia's best

Residential development Forest Ridge has been named Australia's best after winning the City Plan Services National Award for Residential Developments at the 2008 Property Council of Australia Rider Levitt Bucknall Awards for Innovation and Excellence.

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

Developed by Heritage Pacific, Forest Ridge is an estate which aims to create a 'sense of place' through smart, low cost valuing adding initiatives, maximising its open spaces and conserving the natural environment and resources surrounding the development - including Burpengary Creek which contains areas of riverine rainforest and significant wildlife corridors .

The estate features a town centre boasting a child care facility, healthcare, education, retail and entertainment services, as well as its own 'Police Beat', with an ambulance centre set to open in late 2008 .

Since commencement in 2002, Forest Ridge has achieved an average of 150 sales per year, further highlighting its community appeal and innovative design.

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 Forest Ridge, continue to raise the bar for the industry in setting new benchmarks in excellence, particularly in the area of sustainability and building better communities," he said.

"With a strong focus on community, Forest Ridge is a strong example of how sustainable practices and environmentally friendly design can enhance a development's overall appeal and build its community culture."

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 Levitt Bucknall Award for Office Developments - City Central Tower 1 (SA)
- 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)

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- 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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