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Jacksons Hill voted Australia's best

Master planned community Jacksons Hill has been named Australia's best after winning the national Award for Master planned Communities at the 2008 Property Council of Australia Rider Levitt Bucknall Awards for Innovation and Excellence.

Located in Sunbury, 40 kilometres north-west of Melbourne's CBD, Jacksons Hill is a complex master planned community developed by VicUrban - the Victorian State Government's sustainable urban developer.

From the outset, Jacksons Hill was designed to create an enjoyable lifestyle while keeping the environment in mind.

The unique hilltop location provides exceptional views of the Melbourne city skyline to the Macedon ranges and over Sunbury's vineyards. In addition, the urban design framework responds to the site's character and identity, particularly through combining historically significant buildings and environmentally friendly housing innovations.

Since construction commenced in 1997, Jacksons Hill has solidified its reputation as one of VicUrban's most successful developments and there are now approximately 2,000 residents living in tree-lined streets, enjoying the large expanses of parkland, local schools on site, shops nearby and transport connections.

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 Jacksons Hill, continue to raise the bar in setting new industry benchmarks in excellence, particularly in the area of sustainable practices," he said.

"With a strong focus on energy conservation, Jacksons Hill is a strong example of how sustainable practices and environmentally friendly design can enhance a development's community appeal and longevity."

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 - Kaurna 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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