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Mawson Lakes voted Australia's best

Mawson Lakes has been named Australia's best sustainable development after winning the Bassett Award for Sustainable 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 competitors to be awarded the title at a gala event held at Melbourne's Crown Casino over the weekend.

Located in the north of Adelaide, Mawson Lakes is a joint initiative between the South Australian Government and Delfin Lend Lease, and integrates social, economic and environmental sustainability measures to deliver a mixed-use precinct and town centre.

With a total end value of \$1.5 billion, a unique feature of Mawson Lakes is its successful link with the University of South Australia, creating a hive of social and educational activity within the development.

Built around an innovative environmental management system including a recycled water system and solar and photovoltaic lighting, the development's environmental initiatives have achieved water savings of up to 50 per cent and electricity reduction of 4,000 kW per year.

In addition, the project's strategic approach to business development has created over 4,200 full-time jobs for the area since its commencement.

Nominated by Delfin Lend Lease, the award submission reiterates the development's success through growing land settlement values and successful sales - by 2010, there will be 10,000 residents in up to 4,000 homes and facilities for 6,000 workers and 7,500 students.

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 Mawson Lakes, continue to raise the bar for the industry in setting new benchmarks in excellence, particularly in the area of sustainable design and practice," he said.

"With a strong focus on energy conservation, Mawson Lakes is a strong example of how sustainable practices and environmentally friendly design can enhance a development's overall appeal as well as its social and financial 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)

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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 - Kaurana 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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