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## Melbourne Recital Centre voted Australia's best in 2009 PCA Awards

The *Melbourne Recital Centre* has been named Australia's best after winning the National Award for Public Buildings at the 2009 Property Council of Australia Rider Levett Bucknall Awards for Innovation and Excellence.

The development was a clear standout amongst category finalists at the gala event held at Sydney's Convention and Exhibition Centre over the weekend.

Mr Michael Kerr, Director of Rider Levett Bucknall Melbourne said that they are pleased to have provided cost and delivery advice for these world-class facilities, which together creates a distinctive, new civic space within the Melbourne arts precinct.

Property Council of Australia National President Daniel Grollo said the Melbourne Recital Centre is an internationally acclaimed performance venue, recognised for its architecture and state of the art acoustics.

"Developed by Bovis Lend Lease and designed by Ashton Raggatt McDougall, this beautifully crafted development is one of a kind, reflecting both a passion for music and design through construction," Mr Grollo said.

"This world class venue opened its doors in February this year and was delivered three months ahead of schedule, allowing tenants more time to prepare for an intense 2009 performance program.

"The Melbourne Recital Centre more than satisfies the needs of its audience, through state of the art facilities spanning 4,000 square metres, while incorporating the very latest in stage technology and performer amenities," Mr Grollo said.

Mr 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 Melbourne Recital Centre, continue to raise the bar for the industry in setting new benchmarks in excellence, particularly in the area of innovative design," Mr

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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)
- PHILLIPS GROUP Award for Government Leadership – City of Whittlesea (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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