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Optus Centre voted Australia's best

Optus Centre at Macquarie Park has been named Australia's best business park after winning the Bluescope Buildings National Award for Business or Industrial Parks 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 three finalists to take out the prestigious title at a gala event held at Melbourne's Crown Casino over the weekend.

The Optus Centre, which is owned and managed by Stockland, is the largest single tenant campus workplace built in Australia and provides an international benchmark in design through the use numerous technology features tailored to the needs of technology giant, Optus.

The development consists of six low-rise A-grade buildings in a purpose-built campus style workplace which houses more than 6,500 Optus employees and includes a landscaped lake, retail facilities and food court, child care centre, gymnasium and underground car parking.

The campus is designed to integrate environmental sustainability with features that include sun screening, detention of rain water on the site, partial natural ventilation of car parks, selection of building materials with recycled content and use of energy efficient light fittings.

Property Council of Australia National President, Mr Nic Lyons, said the awards showcase the finest development projects from around the country and distinguishing industry projects that demonstrate innovative practice and design from large-scale multi-million dollar developments to individuals within the industry.

"This year's winners, including Optus Centre, continue to raise the bar for the industry in setting new industry benchmarks in excellence, particularly in the area of sustainability," he said.

"With a strong focus on energy conservation, the Optus Centre 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:

- 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)
- Award for Master Planned Communities - Jacksons Hill (VIC)
- Woodhead Award for Mixed Use Developments - Riparian Plaza (QLD)

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- Bassett Award for Sustainable Development
- Phillips Group Award for Local Governance Leadership – City of Belmont (WA)
- Award for Public Buildings - Kaurna Building UniSA (SA)
- Overall Winner - Riparian Plaza (QLD)

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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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