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Queens Plaza voted Australia's best

Queens Plaza has been named Australia's best shopping centre after winning the Pitney Bowes Mapinfo Award for Shopping Centres at the 2008 Property Council of Australia Rider Levett Bucknall Awards for Innovation and Excellence.

The retail 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.

Nominated by Colonial First State Property Management (CFSPM), the award entry focused on Stages 1 and 2 of the development - Stage 1 opened in June 2005 and Stage 2 opened in December 2006, coinciding with the structural completion of the centre.

Since opening its doors in 2005, QueensPlaza has experienced door counts of more than 22 million shoppers and is projected to attract even stronger patronage with its high fashion retail offer and the recent opening of David Jones.

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 Queens Plaza, continue to raise the bar for the industry in setting new benchmarks in excellence, particularly in the area of innovative design and practice," he said.

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 Levett 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)
- Phillips Group Award for Local Governance Leadership - City of Belmont (WA)
- Award for Public Buildings - Kaurana 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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