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## Riparian Plaza voted Australia's best

*Riparian Plaza has scooped the pool at the 2008 Property Council of Australia Rider Levett Bucknall Awards for Innovation and Excellence – taking the night's overall winner title, the Rider Levett Bucknall Innovation & Excellence Awards Overall Award and the Woodhead award for Mixed Use Developments.*

The exclusive development took out the prestigious awards against a strong field of more than 90 finalists to be awarded the top prize at a gala event held at Melbourne's Crown Casino over the weekend.

By focusing on the issues of liveability, urbanisation and sustainability, Riparian Plaza was proposed as a mixed-use development, with extensive research undertaken prior to construction commencing to determine the expectations of people living and working in the city.

Riparian Plaza is the newest and most prestigious Premium-Grade building in Brisbane featuring high quality design and premium finishes, yielding high returns well beyond initial projections and paying strong financial dividends for the development.

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Riparian Plaza's Premium-Grade tenancy profile showcases its investment appeal in the capital markets, and is also indicative of its status as Brisbane's leading office complex of choice by first class tenants.

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 Riparian Plaza, continues 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)

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- 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 - 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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