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Rouse Hill voted Australia's best in 2009 Awards

Rouse Hill Town Centre has taken top honours at the prestigious 2009 Property Council of Australia Rider Levett Bucknall Innovation and Excellence Awards.

Located in Sydney's north-west, Rouse Hill Town Centre is an initiative of The GPT Group and has been recognised for its excellence in innovative design and ecologically sustainable solutions.

The 65,000 square metre development is made up predominantly of retail, entertainment and dining space, with multi-storey dwellings and a community library, all reflecting a consistent eco-friendly design using brick, timber and steel.

With its colourful design and award-winning aesthetics, Rouse Hill Town Centre has become a popular destination for Rouse Hill and surrounding communities.

Property Council of Australia National President Daniel Grollo said the awards showcased the finest development projects from around the country.

"This year's winners, including Rouse Hill Town Centre, continue to raise the bar for the industry in setting new benchmarks in excellence, particularly in the areas of innovative and sustainable design and practice," Mr Grollo said.

Mr Grollo said the winning award is at the forefront of town centre development. By focusing on the issues of livability, urbanisation and sustainability, this contemporary market town will satisfy the needs of the local community for many years to come.

Stephen Mee, Director of Rider Levett Bucknall Sydney, said Rouse Hill Town Centre is Australia's first regional shopping centre to demonstrate a comprehensive approach to world class social and environmental sustainability.

"The Centre's tagline 'where life unfolds' is fitting, with precincts such as Town Square, Main Street, Civic Way, Market Square, The Backyard playground and the Secret (rooftop) Garden, Rouse Hill Town Centre, successfully weaving into the fabric of the community," Mr Mee said.

Other national winners on the night included:

- **BLUESCOPE BUILDINGS** Award for Business or Industrial Parks – Quad Business Park (NSW)
- **BILFINGER BERGER** Award for Emerging Assets – Sir Montefiore Jewish Home (NSW)

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- 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
- 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)
- MOORE STEPHENS AUSTRALIA Award for Public Buildings - Melbourne Recital Centre (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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