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## The Bendigo Centre voted one of Australia's best in 2009 PCA Awards

**The Bendigo Centre has achieved a Highly Commended Award for Sustainable Developments at the 2009 Property Council of Australia Rider Levett Bucknall Awards for Innovation and Excellence.**

The development took out the prestigious award against a strong field of competitors at the gala event held at Sydney's Convention and Exhibition Centre over the weekend.

Property Council of Australia National President Daniel Grollo said this ambitious upgrade of the existing Fountain Court, and the creation of the new Bendigo Centre building, is linked by a glass-walled skywalk displaying both chic design and innovation at its best.

"The six-storey office building accommodates almost 1000 staff and incorporates new retail stores and restaurants," 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 high commended winners, including The Bendigo Centre, continue to raise the bar for the industry in setting new benchmarks in excellence, particularly in the area of sustainable design and practice," Mr Grollo said.

"This Five Star Green Star design is just one of many developments to be recognised at this year's award ceremony."

Mr Michael Kerr, Director of Rider Levett Bucknall Melbourne said that as the only Australian bank to position its head office outside of a capital city, and one of the first 5 Star Green Star designed buildings to be built in a regional city, Bendigo Centre is tonight officially recognised as a landmark development.

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)

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- 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)
- MOORE STEPHENS AUSTRALIA Award for Public Buildings - Melbourne Recital Centre (VIC)
- AECOM Award for Sustainable Development – 101 Miller St (NSW)
  - 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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