

# Apartments dominate in Development Excellence Awards

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South City Square, Brisbane  
by Pellicano & Perri Projects



Eighty Eight, Kensington, Sydney  
by Luxcon



Banksia, Melbourne  
by MAB Corporation

Seven of the thirteen Development Excellence Awards for 2018 have gone to apartment buildings across Australia, says the Urban Taskforce.

"The boom in apartments across Australia has led to more than half this year's Development Excellence Awards going to apartment buildings in Sydney Melbourne and Brisbane," says Urban Taskforce CEO, Chris Johnson. "Clearly apartments are the way of the future."

"The Development of the Year Award for 2018 went to Meriton's 54 and 36 storey Altitude Towers in Parramatta that give a ring of confidence to the city that is becoming Sydney's second CBD."

Jury chair and NSW Government Architect, Peter Poulet said "We were very impressed with the quality of apartments being developed around Australia. There seems to be a good balance between design quality and affordability as well as a good focus on the public realm and the spaces between buildings. As our cities move to more apartments as populations grow we will need to learn from the winning examples in this year's Urban Taskforce awards."

Urban Taskforce CEO Chris Johnson said "Melbourne's Banksia Apartments by MAB Corporation won the High Rise City Apartments Development award with the jury acknowledging that the building broke out of the usual apartment mould with its round shape and interesting façade. It does seem that Melbourne apartment design is more innovative than many Sydney apartments that must comply with the many rules in the NSW Apartment Design Guide"

"Brisbane's South City Square by Pellicano and Perri Projects won the Mixed Use Development award for an exciting mixed use development with a hotel, 860 apartments and 13,000 sqm of retail as well as creating a new public square."

"The affordable Housing Development winner was Harts Landing by PAYCE and Evolve Housing with a mixture of affordable, social and market apartments as well as a Social Enterprise Cafe."

"Eighty Eight Kensington by Luxcon Group are well mannered apartments that provide the street edge of Anzac Parade with more height on the corner. The project won the Medium Rise City Apartments Development award. The jury saw this as an excellent example of medium rise apartments in an urban setting."

"Woolooware Bay Apartments by Capital Bluestone are located adjacent to the Cronulla Sharks Football Club with superb views over the bay. The jury was impressed with the roof top cinema as a shared facility for the residents."

"A Highly Commended Mixed Uses Development award went to Esprit by Bridgehill Group where almost 500 apartments are planned around elevated streets with natural light and two storey features."

"The awards were presented to the winners at an industry Development Excellence Awards celebration that was ably hosted by comedian Vince Sorrenti in front of an audience of over 400 people."

The jury for the 2018 Urban Taskforce awards was Peter Poulet, NSW Government Architect; Carolyn Cummins, journalist with the Sydney Morning Herald; John Wynne of Urbis; John Ferrarin, Quantity Surveyor and David Tanevski, Secretary Treasurer of the Urban Taskforce.

See below list of all winners:

**Winner of Development of the Year**

Altitude, Parramatta by Meriton Group

**Winner of Retail Development**

Narellan Town Centre by Greenfields Development Company & D.Vitocco Constructions

**Winner of Commercial Office City Development**

Commonwealth Bank, Darling Square by Lendlease

**Winner of High Rise City Apartments Development**

Banksia by Mab Corporation

**Winner of Medium Rise City Apartments Development**

Eighty Eight, Kensington by Luxcon Group

**Winner of Medium Rise Metro Apartments Development**

Woolooware Bay Stage One by Capital Bluestone

**Winner of Mixed Uses Development**

South City Square by Pellicano & Perri Projects

**Winner of Urban Renewal Development**

Kensington Street & Spice Alley by Greencliff & Frasers Property Australia

**Winner of Masterplanned Community Development**

Willowdale by Stockland Development

**Winner of Seniors Living/Retirement Development**

St Basil's Randwick by St Basil's Homes

**Winner of Affordable Housing Development**

Harts Landing by PAYCE & Evolve Housing

**Winner of Sustainable Development**

International House Sydney, Barangaroo South by Lendlease

**Highly Commended Mixed Uses Development**

Esprit by Bridgehill Group

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