Champions of the sector

Awards season is here, and the winners have taken excellence to the next level

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The New York-inspired West Residences apartment building has taken out the top award in the Urban Development Institute of Australia (WA) awards.

The Mt Lawley complex was awarded the industry's highest honour, the Russel Perry Award for Urban Development Excellence, after overcoming major site and planning constraints to deliver a unique building.

It comes as awards season begins in Perth, recognising dozens of homes, buildings and communities that have boosted design, development and construction excellence across the State.

UDIA WA chief executive Tanya Steinbeck said the apartment complex showcased how increased density can complement the existing neighbourhood and enhance housing choice.

"West Residences is a fantastic example of urban infill done well," she said.

The Masterplanned Communities category award went to Sienna Wood by Stockland and DevelopmentWA.

It was a good night for DevelopmentWA, which was also recognised for Perth City Link in the Urban Renewal category and in the sustainability category for 1909 Subi East, which included a 99.58 recycling rate for materials from Princess Margaret Hospital.

Riley Brown from the City of Cockburn received the UDIA WA and Stockland young leaders award, while Louise Nazareth from Stockland received the UDIA WA and Construction Training Fund women in leadership award.

The City of Wanneroo, which processed 6651 lots across 2024 and 2025, received the local government authority of the year award.



Great Southern Home of the Year: WA Country Builders.

"Despite challenging market conditions impacted by the ongoing housing supply crisis, global uncertainty, skilled labour shortages and escalating costs, just to name a few of the challenges, the WA property industry continues to deliver to the absolute highest standard," Ms Steinbeck said.

Regional builders were recognised at the 2026 HIA Regional WA Housing Awards, with three main winners — Tallwood Custom Built Homes for its Burnside residence in the South West. WA Country Builders for its Glenfield residence in the Mid West and WA Country Builders for its Ocean Beach residence in the Great Southern.

HIA WA executive director Michael McGowan said country builders continued to produce some of the State's most impressive homes, and was also building increasingly diverse homes.

"We are seeing sophisticated custom homes alongside affordable and project housing, while lightweight, modular and prefabricated construction are increasingly being used to respond to different sites, climates and lifestyles," he said.



The Grosvenor, Trendsetter Homes.

The Master Builder Association's recent awards recognised Tony Tomizzi Builders as the State's best for the second year in a row.

The judges — which include building stalwarts Rob Shaw and Glenn Smith — praised the company for a Trigg home with outstanding craftsmanship, finishes and and materials.

Pilbara-based Timothy Clune of Yurra Building was named young builder of the year, after displaying great leadership in helping to grow Yurra to more than 200 staff.

Multiplex was awarded commercial project of the year for the 66,107sqm ECU city campus..

The complex job included a 27m-high shell-beam structure spanning the Playhouse Theatre, a 261-tonne steel transfer frame connecting into the Perth Busport roof, five link bridges across Karak Walk and four cantilevered levels spanning between Roe and Wellington streets. Trendsetter Homes was recognised in the contract home $1 million–$2m category for a striking Art Deco residence in Mt Lawley, pictured inset.



West Resxidences by Willing.