



Australasian Professional Excellence in Social Housing Awards 2009 – The Winners

Late last year, for the first time, the Institute held its awards in six jurisdictions – New South Wales, Victoria, New Zealand, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia. We received a record of more than 200 nominations across the award categories, elevating the event to a whole new level of success, recognition and prestige. This large expansion of the awards process led to the establishment of an Awards Review Committee, which produced a new format for the Institute’s highest honours (see page 4).

This year’s Australasian award recipients were chosen in a tightly contested selection process from among the winners in the six jurisdictions last year. They were honoured at a ceremony in Melbourne on 24 November and we were particularly privileged to have most of the recipients on hand to personally receive their awards.

The list below represents the cream of the housing crop – professionals who provide examples of leading-edge practice, earn the admiration of their colleagues, and most importantly – make a real difference in the lives of their clients. Congratulations to the winners!

Award Category	Recipient
Outstanding Achievement in Social Housing	Peter Willans <i>Local Coordinator, Community Partners Unit, Housing Tasmania</i>
Inspirational Colleague	Mercia Bresnehan <i>Executive Director, Housing Tasmania</i>
Member of the Year	Shirley Trebilcock <i>Manager of Maintenance, Urban Strategy and Asset Investment Housing SA</i>
Excellence in Housing Management	Wodonga Housing Team <i>Department of Human Services, Victoria</i>
Excellence in Asset Management Practice	Philip Bockos <i>Senior Program Manager, New Supply for Greater Western Sydney Division, Housing NSW</i>
Excellence in Delivering Support Solutions	Whangarei Accessible Housing Trust <i>Whangarei District, New Zealand</i>
Outstanding Contribution to Change in Delivering Community Renewal or Urban Regeneration	Afton House <i>(A multi-agency team consisting of Housing SA, the Office of Ageing and Disability Services and Unity Housing.)</i>
Supporting Professional Development in the Workplace	Neila Penny <i>Housing WA</i>
Outstanding Contribution to Increasing Environmental Sustainability	Major Projects Directorate and Central Sydney Housing Services Division <i>Housing NSW</i>



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South Australian and New Zealand award winners

This year the Australasian Housing Institute also held its South Australian Professional Excellence in Social Housing Awards at a special dinner ceremony in Adelaide (in a brand new format). In New Zealand, the awards night was held following the Institute's 'Housing People, Housing Communities' conference in Auckland on 3 December. The winners are:

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Award	Recipient
Inspirational Colleague Award	Lynley Street <i>Project Officer, Strategic Project Development Community Partnerships and Growth Directorate, Housing SA</i>
Leading Innovation Award	City of Salisbury
Leading Practice Award	Land Management Corporation
Special Mention	Angela Rawnsley (<i>Allocations Officer</i>) and Irene Adair (<i>Regional Manager</i>) <i>Housing SA Whyalla</i>
Leading Housing Solutions Award	St John's Youth Services

NEW ZEALAND

Award	Recipient
Inspirational Colleague Award	Alan Bernacchi <i>Programme Manager, Community Renewal, Housing New Zealand Corporation</i>
Leading Innovation Award	The Lifewise Trust
Leading Practice Award	Healthy Housing Programme <i>(A joint initiative of Housing New Zealand Corporation and the Auckland, Counties Manukau, and Hutt Valley District Health Boards.)</i>
Leading Housing Solutions Award	Wellington City Council
Outstanding Achievement in Social Housing Award (Posthumous)	Norma Te'o <i>Community Support Officer, Pasefika Pulse Trust Incorporated</i>

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