

# Builders raise bar in product excellence

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**G**iorgi Exclusive Homes was the major winner at this year's HIA WA Housing Awards, taking out the overall 2013 HIA Western Australian Home of the Year title for the second year in a row.

The builder also won the Custom Built Home of the Year prize for a luxurious Dalkeith residence at the awards, which were announced on November 29 at the State Reception Centre in Kings Park.

Other companies which found success at the presentation included Grandwood Homes, which took out two prizes, including the Golden Key Award for WA Display Home of the Year, and Bunbury-based Tallwood Constructions, a winner in two categories including Renovation/Addition Project of the Year.

Dale Alcock Homes once again won WA Professional Major Builder of the Year, while sibling company Dale Alcock Home Improvement had another victory in the

Professional Medium/Renovator Builder of the Year category. Amerex Renovations & Additions received the award for Best Small Renovator/Builder for the third year running.

The awards brought together the best projects from around the State, including winners from the HIA's awards programs in the Kimberley, Pilbara, Mid West, South West, Great Southern and Perth.

Categories recognised excellence in a range of housing, from display and project homes to apartments, townhouses and villas, transportable and kit homes.

There were also categories for the most livable and affordable homes, the best customer service and the most innovative product.

The majority of winners came from the Perth metropolitan region but there were also winning homes from as far afield as Esperance and Newman.

Most of the winners will now progress to the HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards, to be announced next year.



**B**uilt for elderly clients keen to continue living in their own home rather than move into institutional care, this residence by Amano Homes was designed and built to be low maintenance, accessible and stylish.

"This is a great example of how to include livable home design features without compromising on style or useability," the judges said. "The design works for everyone and maximises space in key areas of the home."

"The stunning visual appeal is immediate from the street and continues to impress in all areas of the home. It has

a warm, contemporary and spacious feel providing ease of movement from the entry throughout the whole home.

"It is an excellent example of how the industry can meet the challenges of building for an ageing population while keeping the home relevant for residents, their families and friends of all ages and abilities over the lifetime of the home."

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**Category** Liveable Home of the Year

**Company** Amano Homes

**Phone** 9367 1252

**Location** Carlisle



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## Judges go with the flow

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**C**ompetition for the overall HIA WA Home of the Year title was particularly tough this year but this spectacular residence emerged victorious, marking the second year in a row that builder Giorgi Exclusive Homes won the top prize.

"All the entrants, finalists, and the winner presented substantial homes, and we were impressed by the attention to detail and construction quality in each home," the judges said.

"Each of the projects judged demonstrated that the Perth market is very well served by a select group of builders and designers working with enthusiasm and passion to create the homes that represent their clients' dreams and aspirations."

**Category** 2013 HIA WA Home of the Year; Custom Built Home of the Year

**Company** Giorgi Exclusive Homes

**Phone** 9444 8711

**Location** Dalkeith

The two-storey home impressed with its incredible attention to detail and the high level of specification, fit and finish throughout. The judges also liked the sense of flow between the generous indoor and outdoor entertaining spaces.

"The home succeeds in creating a perfect indoor/outdoor living environment so suited to the Perth climate," they said. "The home flows seamlessly from inside to outside with appropriate materials and textures being used continually throughout both zones."

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