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RAFT OF AWARDS HIGHLIGHTS BUCHAN'S GLOBAL DESIGN EXCELLENCE

A recent host of awards for Buchan projects across Australia and New Zealand has reinforced the exceptional pool of creative talent across our studios and the innovative, world class buildings we are designing to help sculpt our cities.

The accolades were led by this year's regional Australian Institute of Architecture Awards across three States.

In Western Australia, the Cloisters Redevelopment took out the John Septimus Roe award for Urban Design,

Emporium Melbourne picked up the Sir Osborn McCutcheon Award in Commercial Architecture in the Victorian chapter of the awards, and Hear & Say Project Possibility in Brisbane received a Regional Commendation in the Queensland Awards.

In New Zealand, the 2016 Property Council/ Rider Levett Bucknall Property Industry Awards also dominated, honouring no less than three Buchan projects. The Brickworks at Lynn Mall in Auckland took out the RCG Retail Property 'Best in Category' Award, the

Wigram Skies development received the Natural Habitats Urban Land Developments Property Award and NorthWest Shopping Centre picked up the RCG Retail Merit Property Award.

Design competitions also featured in our success, with the Melbourne team's entry in The Living Building Challenge taking out the 2016 People's Choice Award and runner up for the Power for Life Award.

See more details on our award winning projects below.



EMPORIUM TAKES OUT AIA'S SIR OSBORN MCCUTCHEON AWARD IN COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURE

MELBOURNE

Buchan's design for Emporium Melbourne has taken out the Sir Osborn McCutcheon Award in Commercial Architecture in this year's Victorian Architecture Awards.

Attracting a high calibre of entrants, the Victorian chapter of the annual Australian Institute of Architecture Awards program celebrates excellence in design and recognises the innovative work of Victorian architects.

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CLOISTERS WINS JOHN SEPTIMUS ROE AWARD

PERTH

Cloisters recently won the prestigious John Septimus Roe Award for Urban Design, announced at the WA AIA Awards, on the 1st of July.

The Jury commented on the project's successful transformation of this formerly desolate area into a vibrant public place:

"The design team has managed to unlock the potential of the ground plane by realigning the former arcade and extending the Shafto lane axis into the development, thereby helping to connect Perth's limited network of activated laneways."

The Buchan Group's design for the Cloisters redevelopment was conceived as a new workplace along with affordable food outlets in the heart of the Perth CBD. The vision included a 5 star Green Star mid-rise office tower above an enhanced retail plaza.

A key urban strategy with the development was to provide direct pedestrian access from Shafto Lane into the new Courtyard. Media screens incorporated into the façade contribute to the Shafto Lane vista, adding warmth to Hay Street's evening ambience.

The courtyard has been enclosed beneath an expansive operable glass roof that enables year-round use. Food and Beverage tenancies spill out into this now activated space.

The Cloisters Redevelopment has become a popular destination for informal meetings as well as the lunchtime CBD crowd. It has added to Perth's network of activated laneways, providing a better connectivity across Perth's East-West orientated city streets.

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PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD FOR LIVING BUILDING DESIGN

The Buchan Group's entry in the Living Building Challenge design competition has taken out the 2016 People's Choice Award and runner up for the Power for Life Award. The entry was one of three finalists chosen at the Living Futures Institute's unConference held in Seattle in May.

Coordinated by the Living Future Institute of Australia (LFIA), in collaboration with Principal Partner Frasers Property Australia, the design competition challenged participants to design a sustainable shopping centre that meets rigorous environmental standards.

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BRICKWORKS TAKES PCNZ EXCELLENCE AWARD

AUCKLAND, NZ

The Brickworks at LynnMall in Auckland has taken out NZ's top Retail Property award, winning the RCG Retail Property 'Best in Category' at the 2016 Property Council of New Zealand/Rider Levett Bucknall Property Industry Awards.

The brief for 'The Brickworks' required provision for the immediate new uses but to not preclude future development onsite. A character environment distinct from the rest of the shopping centre was sought, following the design philosophy that LynnMall should develop towards a series of 'precincts', rather than continuing the homogeneous internalised shopping centre.

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WIGRAM SKIES HONoured

CHRISTCHURCH, NZ

The Wigram Skies development was honoured at the 2016 Property Council of New Zealand/ Rider Levett Bucknall Property Industry Awards, by winning the Natural Habitats Urban Land Developments Property Award.

The Buchan Group's "The Landing", located at the heart of Wigram Skies, provides convenient, modern and thoughtfully designed retail and mixed use space for Wigram Skies residents and greater south west Christchurch.

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FAIRFIELD CENTRAL WINS AT PCA QLD AWARDS

TOWNSVILLE

Fairfield Central Shopping Centre has won Excellence in Design for the Sub-Regional Centres category at the 2016 Queensland Retail Property of the Year Awards.

Strategically located between major infrastructure planning and residential expansion in a rapidly growing southern suburb of Townsville, the master plan for Fairfield Central was designed to

provide local amenity and continual retail growth as the urban context grew to encompass major highway road works and increased local population.

Extensive clerestory glazing allowed natural light to fill internal spaces, enhanced by dynamic curved ceiling features. Good access from the existing major arterial roads to covered on-grade

car parking was key to set the standard for the life of the Centre and the amenity to its growing customer base.

Advances in retail centre development and a modern food retail revolution were also thrown into the mix.

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Victoria Dragas
Architect



Malou Ellis
Senior Associate



Emma Ridings
Associate



Anne Rigby
Associate Director

Congratulations to four of Buchan's emerging leaders from around Australia who are taking part in this year's 100 Women in Property sponsorship program.

Victoria Dragas is being sponsored by Huy Chau in Victoria; Malou Ellis is sponsored by Anthony Palamara in NSW; and Emma Ridings and Anne Rigby are sponsored by Brett Saville in Queensland.

Led by the Property Council of Australia's Diversity Committee, the program aims to recognise and celebrate leading female property professionals around the country. [more ...](#)