

THE 2014 HOUSES AWARDS WINNERS

A hidden hilltop retreat; a new home that engages with its heritage context using imaginative brick work, and a multi-residential apartment complex centred on community and self-sufficiency, were among the winners of this year's Houses Awards, an annual celebration of Australia's best residential design.

Excellence has been awarded in eight categories, with one project receiving the premier accolade of 'Australian House of the Year'. The winning projects in 2014 are a testament to the impressive work being produced across Australia. All states were represented in the shortlist - the first time ever in the awards program's history.

A sight to behold, the *Invisible House* by Peter Stutchbury Architecture was named 'Australian House of the Year'.



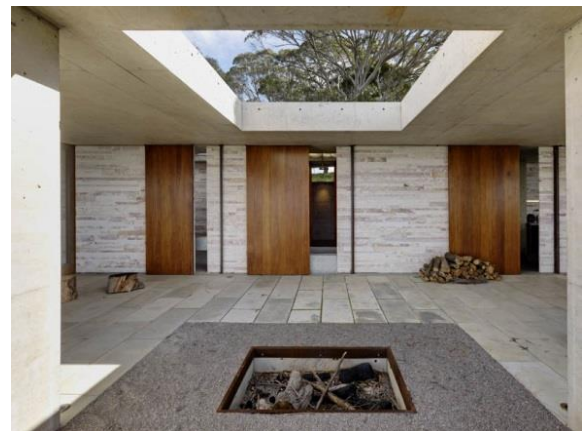
Australian House of the Year
'Invisible House' by Peter Stutchbury Architecture NSW

"There is something absolutely Australian about this project, not just its connection to an undeniably spectacular setting, but also its modesty, clarity, resourcefulness and consequential delight. Being (another) rural retreat with a jaw-dropping view, this project needed to convince the jury that all the moves made to create it are in harmony with its location, and that it is a great piece of architecture in its own right, and this it has. Its magic is created through balance, such as the gridded rigour of the plan balanced with the bloated curve of the long section, or the transparency of the simple exterior balanced with the solid, albeit sliced, nature of the interior rooms. The form, materials and details are mastered in this house, running from inside to out and then into the landscape as one. From both inside and out, changes in nature are apparent, in wet and dry, hot and cold and through the seasons of the year. This elegant building, looking out from its position nestled into the hilltop, has left us drawn to see more." - **From the Houses Awards Jury.**

The award category winners are as follows:



New House under 200 m²
'Dogtrot House' by Dunn and Hillam Architects NSW



New House over 200 m²
'Invisible House' by Peter Stutchbury Architecture NSW

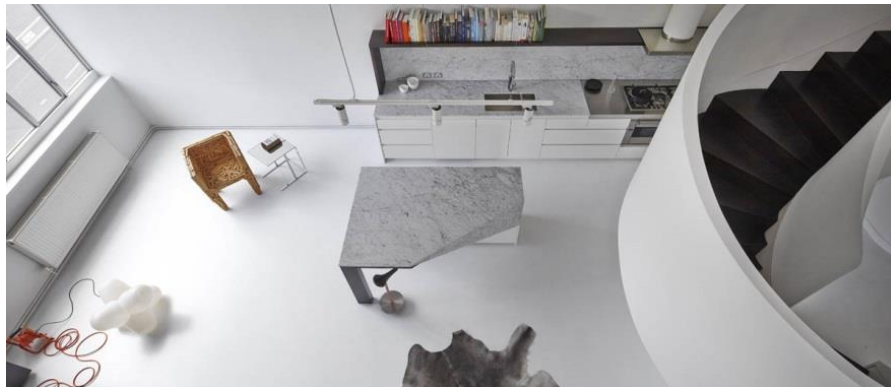
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House Alteration & Addition under 200 m²
'Cabin 2' by **Maddison Architects VIC**



House Alteration & Addition over 200 m²
'Skylight House' by **Andrew Burges Architects NSW**



Apartment or Unit
'Loft Apartment West Melbourne' by **Adrian Amore Architects VIC**



House in a Heritage Context (joint winner)
'Middle Park House' by **Jackson Clements Burrows VIC**



House in a Heritage Context (joint winner)
'Westgarth House' by **Kennedy Nolan VIC**

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Sustainability
'The Commons' by **Breathe Architecture VIC**



Outdoor
'The Garden Project' by **Welsh + Major Architects NSW**

The Houses Awards attracts Australia's leading architects and designers to form a highly qualified jury. The jurors for 2014 were: Brian Donovan, Principal, BVN Donovan Hill (QLD), Maggie Edmond, Founding Director, Edmond and Corrigan (VIC), William Smart, Creative Director, Smart Design Studio (NSW), Emma Williamson, Co-Founder, CODA (WA), and Katelin Butler, Editor, Houses magazine (VIC). Architectural advice in Heritage category provided by Peter Williams of WilliamsBoag Architects on behalf of the Heritage Council of Victoria.

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