

State of elation

A national awards ceremony has put Victorian builders in the limelight

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Victoria's builders scooped the pool at the recent annual Housing Industry Association's national awards ceremony.

About 700 building industry representatives at the Gold Coast Convention Centre saw Cheltenham-based builder Atkinson Pontifex receive the Home of the Year award for a custom-built house in Beaumaris. The national honour for Atkinson Pontifex follows its state award for the same category late last year.

Major volume builder Metricon Homes picked up the Display Home of the Year gong for its upmarket double-storey Imperial design.

It shared the award with Queensland's Ryan Designer Homes. Metricon also snared the same award at last year's HIA state awards presentation, in Melbourne.

Meanwhile, another industry heavyweight, Porter Davis Homes, was awarded the national

Major Professional Builder of the Year title – for the second time in four years.

Atkinson Pontifex's award-winning home is built on an elevated seaside location with 270-degree views of Port Phillip Bay.

The judges said this house ticked all the boxes. They said it had "a wonderful relationship to the outdoors", made good use of views and fitted in well with the streetscape.



Judges described Metricon's Imperial as "grand and contemporary" and said it represented excellent value for money.

Other notable Victorian winners included Montage Developments, which picked up the Spec Home of the Year award.

The judges praised the quality workmanship and attention to detail in this single-storey spec home.

And a Brian Lee Master Builder project was named Townhouse/Villa Development of the Year, with judges impressed by the external look of the two-house development and its relationship to the existing streetscape. 🏡

Above Porter Davis Homes' Cannonvale
Top right, inset The Imperial by Metricon Homes

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More Victorian winners

🏡 Bathroom of the Year

Bubbles Bathrooms

🏡 Apprentice of the Year

John Gillieron

🏡 Business Partner of the Year

Maz Romandini