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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **LEADERS IN CONSTRUCTION ANNOUNCED BY THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF BUILDING**

The NSW and ACT Chapter of the Australian Institute of Building (AIB) last night (Friday 8 June 2018) announced the Professional Excellence in Building Awards for 2018.

At a sold out dinner presentation, guests heard how the judging panel was at times '*immediately impressed*' with the quality of many of the submissions.

"The stand out to the judging panel this year was the lack of women on the project teams which to the AIB as the peak body for the building and construction professional, is a real concern. However on the other hand, the increased use of technology in the projects we saw was impressive" said Jury Chair John Smolders.

"This year's judging again reinforced a number of achievements including the ability of the delivery teams to accommodate often unplanned changing needs of project requirements and objectives by having collaborative working cultures in place across the contracting, consulting and proprietor groups. The delivery of sustainable outcomes for environmental engineering standards and the ability to deliver good financial results relate to these changing needs.

The ability however that has been developed over recent years to address and digest 'project changes and problems' successfully, could be tempered with more forward looking initiatives to better address whole of project and culture needs including more attention for socially inclusive and sustainable outcomes. As projects become more turnkey, the responsibility of contracting organisations will require more leadership in this area.

While the capability and composition of the project staff is now excellent, there is very poor gender balance in these teams and organisations must address this issue to further improve capability and balance in the delivery process" said John.

AIB National President, Paul Heather said "The Awards recognise the contribution and leadership shown by individuals to the successful completion of a construction project, reinforcing that the success of any building firm can be attributed to those responsible for construction projects"

The judging criterion for the Awards weights the contribution of individuals and the challenges that they face. It is based on the complexity of the project in its construction phase as opposed to the characteristics of the completed structure.

The Australian Institute of Building went on to congratulate the 2018 NSW Building Professional of the Year, Andrew Buchanan from Lendlease for his work on Hunter Correctional Centre.

Winners of **Professional Excellence Awards** from the night will now go on to the National Awards to be held in Canberra on Saturday, 7 September.2018.

**Photos from the night can be viewed here (please allow 5-7 working days after event):**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/aibnational/sets/>

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The list of recipients is detailed on the attachment. Most recipients are available for interview, please contact the Australian Institute of Building on 02 6253 1100 to organise.

## **2018 AIB NSW Chapter Building Professional of the Year**

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**Winner: Andrew Buchanan**

Company: Lendlease Pty Ltd

Project: Hunter Correctional Centre

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## **2018 AIB NSW/ACT Chapter Professional Excellence in Building Award Recipients**

### **Category: Commercial Construction Up to \$5 Million**

**Winner: Philippa Seldon**

Award: Professional Excellence

Company: Manteena Commercial Pty Ltd

Project: Australian Peacekeeping Memorial

### **Category: Commercial Construction \$5 Million to \$25 Million**

**Winner: Vargha Zare**

Award: High Commendation

Company: Lahey Constructions

Project: Harbord Public School - New Facilities

### **Category: Commercial Construction \$25 Million to \$100 Million**

**Winner: Jonathan Russell**

Award: High Commendation

Company: Hansen Yuncken

Project: University of Newcastle - NeWSpace

### **Category: Commercial Construction \$100 Million Plus**

**Winner: Justin Clark**

Award: High Commendation

Company: J Hutchinson Pty Ltd

Project: Global Switch Data Centre Sydney East, Stages 2 & 3

**Category: Commercial Construction \$100 Million Plus**

**Winner: Ben Winter**

Award: High Commendation  
Company: John Holland Group  
Project: 1 Parramatta Square (1PSQ)

**Category: Commercial Construction \$100 Million Plus**

**Winner: James Terry**

Award: Professional Excellence  
Company: Lendlease Building Pty Ltd  
Project: Helicopter Aircrew Training System Facilities

**Category: Residential Construction \$5 Million to \$25 Million**

**Winner: Peter Sukkar**

Award: High Commendation  
Company: Growthbuilt  
Project: Griffiths Teas, Surry Hills

**Category: Residential Construction \$100 Million Plus**

**Winner: Jayson Barnaby**

Award: High Commendation  
Company: J Hutchinson Pty Ltd  
Project: University of Wollongong Student Accommodation

**Category: Infrastructure**

**Winner: Andrew Buchanan**

Award: Professional Excellence  
Company: Lendlease  
Project: Hunter Correctional Centre

**Category: Infrastructure**

**Winner: Ross Greenup**

Award: Professional Excellence  
Company: Shaw Building Group Pty Ltd  
Project: The Canberra Hospital “Continuity of Services – Essential Infrastructure (COSEI)”

**Category: Research, Development & Technology**

**Winner: Charlie Versi**

Award: High Commendation  
Company: Buildcorp Group Pty Ltd  
Project: Onsite™ – The development and implementation of Buildcorp’s quality management app software



**Category: Research, Development & Technology**

**Winner: Alan Jeary**

Award: Professional Excellence

Company: STRAAM Group

Project: Risk Management and Assessment

**Category: General**

**Winner: Roger Poels**

Award: Professional Excellence

Company: Shaw Building Group Pty Ltd

Project: Refurbishment of the Captain Cook Memorial Jet (CCMJ)