

Sustainability Awards

Sustainability Summit

2026 EVENT REPORT

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Editor’s note

Celebrating 20 Years of Sustainable Design Excellence

For the past 20 years, Architecture & Design has celebrated, honoured and rewarded Australia’s most innovative and responsible projects, products and people through the Sustainability Awards — the nation’s longest-running program dedicated to excellence in sustainable design.

What began in 2006 as a commitment to recognising forward-thinking leadership in the built environment has evolved into something far greater: a platform that reflects not only the achievements of our industry, but also its growing responsibility to the planet, our communities and future generations.

Our 20th anniversary offers a valuable opportunity to reflect on just how far sustainable design has come. The quality and diversity of this year’s entries demonstrate an industry that continues to challenge conventions, embrace innovation and redefine what responsible design can achieve.

Together, they suggest that sustainability is becoming less a specialist architectural discipline and more a fundamental way of thinking about what we build, what we retain and how we live.

Alongside this milestone, the Sustainability Summit celebrated its own significant achievement in 2026, marking ten years of bringing together leading minds from across architecture, design, construction and the broader built environment. What began as a forum for sharing knowledge has grown into a dynamic industry gathering that encourages meaningful discussion, practical learning and collaboration.

Together, the Awards and Summit continue to serve a shared purpose: recognising those leading the way while inspiring others to think differently, aim higher and contribute to a more sustainable future.

As we close out this milestone year, perhaps the most significant message from our 2026 winners is that sustainable architecture is no longer simply about consuming less. It is about creating buildings and places that last longer, waste less, adapt more readily, include more people, respect culture and Country, and deliver lasting value. It is a much bigger ambition, and one that our industry is increasingly embracing.

To our entrants, finalists, winners, judges, speakers, sponsors, partners and the wider architecture and design community, I extend my sincere thanks. Your continued support, commitment and willingness to push boundaries have been instrumental in shaping these programs over the past two decades.

Twenty years is a milestone worth celebrating, but it is by no means the end of the journey. The challenges ahead remain considerable, and the need for thoughtful, responsible and ambitious design has never been greater.

We are proud to have played a part in this journey and look forward to continuing it alongside you.



Branko Miletic
Editor, Architecture and Design

2026 Sustainability Awards

2026 Sustainability Award Program

Shortlisted: 55
Highly commended: 13
Winners: 19

The 2026 Sustainability Awards Gala marked a significant milestone, celebrating 20 years of recognising excellence in sustainable design. Held on 12 November at Sydney's iconic Museum of Contemporary Art, the evening brought together jurors, partners, shortlisted entrants and leading voices from across the built environment to honour the projects, products and people shaping a more sustainable future.

Against the backdrop of this landmark anniversary, the Gala celebrated the innovation, creativity and commitment that have defined the Awards since 2006. More than an evening of recognition, it was an opportunity to reflect on two decades of industry progress, celebrate outstanding achievements and reaffirm the shared ambition to create a more resilient, responsible and sustainable built environment.









2026 Sustainability Summit

The 2026 Sustainability Summit marked its 10th anniversary, celebrating a decade of bringing together industry leaders, innovators and changemakers to advance sustainable design across Australia's built environment. Held in person on 12 November at Sydney's prestigious Fullerton Hotel, the milestone event featured ten thought-provoking sessions led by more than 40 experts, exploring some of the industry's most pressing challenges and emerging opportunities. From regenerative design and circularity to housing, resilience and the transition to a low-carbon future, the program reflected the growing complexity and ambition of sustainable practice. More than a forum for knowledge sharing, the Summit continued to foster meaningful connections, challenge conventional thinking and inspire the collective action needed to shape a more sustainable, resilient and regenerative future.



1 Day
10 Sessions
45 Speakers
10 Formal CPD points
371 Attendees

Attendee job function:

Architect	69.8%
Consultant	7.4%
Interior Designer	7.4%
Building Designer	4.2%
Builder / Developer	3.2%
Engineer	2.1%
Government	1.1%
Landscape Architect	1.1%
Estimator	1.1%
Other	2.6%



Sample of Attending Firms

ACOR Consultants
Adapt Architecture
Adriano Pupilli Architects
AHRENS
Akin Atelier
Alexander Symes Architects
Alexandra Kidd Interior Design
Alison Ludwig Building Design
Alkimi Studio
Alpine PassivHaus
Anderson Architecture
Anderson Energy Efficiency
Arcadia
Archidrome
Architects Contempo
Architectural Drafting Services
Architecture in the Wild
Architectus
Art Gallery of NSW
ASBEC
AT Architecture, Planning + Urban Design
Atelier Haefeli
Aukara Architecture and development
Bates Smart
Baxter & Jacobson Architects
betti und knut architecture
Biomimicry Institute
Bliss Architecture
Blue Mountains City Council
Bokor
Borland Architecture
Breathe Architecture
Buchan Group
Building Designers Association of Australia
BVN
C Space Design
Calderflower
Caledonian Landscapes
Cameron Anderson Architects
Carland Constructions
Carter Williamson Architects
Catherine Gilroy Architect
Ciliberto
City of Mitcham
City of Ryde
Climate Energy Finance
Cloudfarms Consulting
CM+A
Cmarc
Collarts (Australian College of the Arts)
Colliers Urban Planning
COOOP.co
COX Architecture
CplusC
Cradle Design
Crest Interiors
Cultivate Construction
DCJ, Homes NSW
De Giorgio Architects
Denton Corker Marshall
DesignInc
DKO Architecture
DUO Architects
EB Interiors
Edge Architecture
Edison Consultants
Efficient Living
Envirotecture
Envision Building Design
Epic Architecture
Ergo Architecture & Interiors
fcjt Studio
Fergus Scott Architects
Firma Studio
FK
Frasers Property Australia
Frost Collective
Fulton Trotter Architects
Fuse Architects
G2B architecture
Gensler
Geyer Valmont
Giles Tribe Architects
Gillian Manning Architecture
Global GreenTag International
Gray Puksand
Green Building Council of Australia
Green Sheep Collective
Grimshaw
GroupGSA
Hammond Studio
Hassell
HATCH Architects
Hayball
Hewson Industries
HIP V. HYPE
Hire & Rental Association of Australia
Hyatt Veenstra Architects
i2C Architects
Ikin Design
Instyle
Integrated Biotecture Design
Jackson Teece
Jacqueline Urford Architect
Jeckra
Jessica Hardwick Architecture
JPW Architects
Karite Consulting
Kaunitz Yeung Architecture
Kieran McInerney Architect
Kirsten Johnstone Architecture
Klaus Carson Studio
Koichi Takada Architects
Lake Macquarie City Council
Lance Workshop Architects
Larcombe + Solomon Architects
Lippman Partnerships
m3architecture
Mackenzie Pronk Architects
Mahalath Halperin Architects
Marra + Yeh Architects
MARS Architects
Marta Eyles
Matt Day Architects
Mbmpl
MDS architects + designers
Me&i
Medhurst Architects
MHNDU
Michelle Harding Architects
Michelle Nurman
Mirvac
MM Architects
Nettletontribe
Nguluway DesignInc
Nick Bell Architects
Nikki Mote Architects
Nina Moric Interiors
Notch design
NSW Dept. of Climate Change Energy Environment and Water
Obsessive Architecture
OH Architecture
One Forty One
PBD Architects
Perth Design Week
Plus Studio
Prefab News
PTW
Rebuilt
redstudio architedts
ResiCentral & Third Ecology
Resiloop
Richard Cole Architecture
Rogers Building Services
Rothelowman
Sam Crawford Architects
Scortis Rajaratnam
Sheldon Interiors
Shelter Building Design
Shift In Design
Shiro Architects
SILK Architects
SINSW
Siren Design Group
site studio
SJB Architects
Sketchlab
SMFA
Snergy Design
Snohetta
Softloud Architects
Steensen Varming
Stewart Armstrong Heritage
Stockland
Stokes Architects
Studio3design
Sustainable Homes Melbourne
Sustainable Quantum Inclusive Design
Suters Arch
Sydney Design School
Sydney Property Realty
TAFE NSW
Tait
Terrigal Uniting Permaculture Patch
Tess OBrien Design
The Design Agency
The Sociable Weaver
The University of Queensland
The University of Sydney
TKD Architects
Tracy Loveridge Architect
Tranquil Architecture
Trella Architecture & Interiors
Troppo Architects
True North Architects
Turner Studio
Uncommon Living
Undercover Architect
UNSW
UTS
Villar Architect
Walter Brooke and Associates
Wayne Miller Building
Western Sydney University
Winya Indigenous Commercial Furniture
WMK Architecture
WOOD architecture
WoodsBagot
X+O
Yerrabingin
Yvonne Haber Architect

The 2026 Sustainability Summit Program

North Room

Keynote - Passive Solar to Regenerative and Circularity

9:00AM - 9:45AM

Speaker:
Deo Prasad (UNSW)

Nature-Based Solutions for Urban Resilience

9:50AM - 10:50AM

Moderated by:
Daisy Richmond-Smith (DKO)

Speakers:
Prof Sara Wilkinson (UTS)
Matt Irvine (Snøhetta)
David Holm (COX)
Kaylee Hussain (Frasers Property Australia)
Neil MacKenzie (Mackenzie Pronk Architechts)
Ella Mudie (GBCA)

Normalising Regenerative Design in the Built Environment

11:20AM - 12:20PM

Moderated by:
Daisy Richmond-Smith (DKO)

Speakers:
Harriet Oswald (Grimshaw)
Ken Yeh (Marra + Yeh)
Amanda Sturgeon (Mott MacDonald)
Russ Ross (HIP V. HYPE)
Taryn Cornell (GBCA)

The Expansion of Data Centres: Implications for Suburbs and Sustainability

12:25PM - 1:25PM

Moderated by:
Sandy Anghie (Perth Design Week)

Speakers:
Dr. Amr Omar (UNSW)
Johanna Lim (USYD)
Andrew Buchel (NABERS)

Designing for Fire Resilience in a Changing Climate

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Moderated by:
Sandy Anghie (Perth Design Week)

Speakers:
Andy Marlow (Envirotecture)
Tone Wheeler (Environa)
Carol Marra (Marrah + Yeh)
Clinton Cole (CPlusC)

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South Room

Keynote - Design for Climate Design for Change - Resilience in Practice

9:00AM - 9:45AM

Speaker:
Carol Marra (Marra + Yeh)

Waste Reduction as an Economic Opportunity

9:50AM - 10:50AM

Moderated by:
Yvonne Haber (Yvonne Haber Architects)

Speakers:
Suzanne Toumbourou (ACOR)
Josh Begbie (GECA)
Jonathan Mountfort (Autex Acoustics)
Taryn Cornell (GBCA)

NSW Housing Pattern Book: 12-month Review

11:20AM - 12:20PM

Moderated by:
Yvonne Haber (Yvonne Haber Architects)

Speakers:
Gabrielle Pelletier (Sam Crawford Architects)
Ben Peake (Carter Williamson Architects)
Ed Lippman (Lippman Partnerships)
Matt Day (Matt Day Architect)
Craig Kerslake (Nguluway DesignInc)

Community Engagement and the Renewable Energy Transition

12:25PM - 1:25PM

Moderated by:
Nigel Mak (Plus Studio)

Speakers:
Tim Buckley (Climate Energy Finance)
David Henderson (COX)
Dr Mark Diesendorf (UNSW)
Dick Clarke (Envirotecture)

Skills, Supply Chains, and Capacity in Sustainable Construction

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Moderated by:
Nigel Mak (Plus Studio)

Speakers:
Joel Williamson (GH Commercial)
Alison Scotland (ASBEC)
Simon Clark (Sustainable Builders Alliance)
Robyn Simpson (HRIA)

The 2026 Sustainability Awards Winners









Best of the Best

Cowper Street Housing
JPW and GroupGSA as delivery architects





Editor’s Choice

Twelve Apostles and Poombeeyt Koontapool Lookouts
Denton Corker Marshall

People



Emerging Sustainable Architect/Designer

Jasmine Lawrence
Grimshaw



Lifetime Achievement

Mahalath Halperin
Mahalath Halperin Architects

Innovation



Sustainable Architectural Practice of the Year

The Sociable Weaver



Sustainable Builder / Developer of the Year

Carland Constructions



Green Building Material / Product

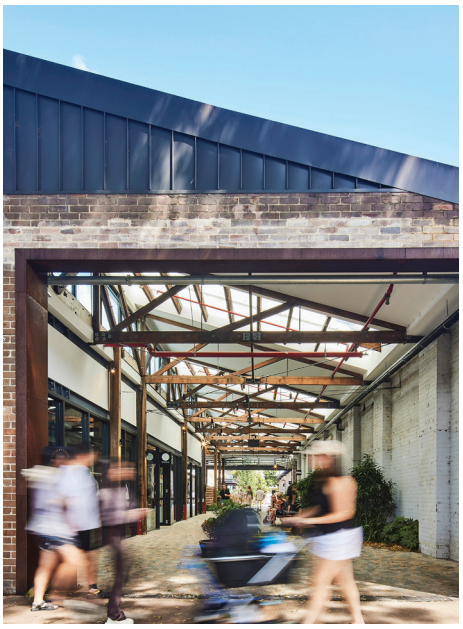
Hydrowood- New Reclaimed timbers
Hydrowood

Projects



Adaptive Reuse

BAAKA Cultural Centre
KYA



Commercial

Rosebery Engine Yards
GroupGSA



Community & Social Impact

Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation Facility
COX Architecture



Hospitality & Tourism

Uluru-Kata Tjuta Signature Walk
Troppo Architects and HIP V. HYPE



Institutional & Public Buildings

Maribyrnong Civic Centre and Community Hub
DesignInc



Interior Design

Nudie Jeans Repair Store, Fitzroy
X+O Pty Ltd

Projects



International Design

Tak Fa Regenerative Landscape Destination
Aukara Architecture and development



Landscape & Urban

Twelve Apostles and Poombeeyt Koontapool Lookouts
Denton Corker Marshall



Multi Residential Dwelling

Cowper Street Housing
JPW and GroupGSA as delivery architects



Prefab & Modular

Sydney Fish Market
3XN GXN Architects in association with BVN Architecture and Aspect Studios



Single Residential Dwelling

Ample House
Green Sheep Collective



Single Residential Dwelling

Pigeon Passive House
Carland Constructions

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AWS ARCHITECTURAL WINDOW SYSTEMS

Single Residential Dwelling

Billi

Commercial

CSR

Prefab & Modular

DECO EFFORTLESS, BEAUTIFUL LIVING

Editor's Choice

ecooutdoor

Adaptive Reuse

EQUITONE by etex

Hospitality & Tourism

Haymes PAINT

Community & Social Impact

HVG façades

Sustainable Architectural Practice of the Year

KNAUF

Emerging Sustainable Architect/Designer

KNOTWOOD

Multi Residential Dwelling

Nero | American Standard

Institutional & Public Buildings

NeXTimber by Timberlink

Sustainable Builder/Developer of the Year

StoneSet

Landscape & Urban

weathertex

Green Building Material/Product

Wood Solutions

Strategic Partners

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AUSTRALIAN WALKING COMPANY

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