



Australian Institute of Architects

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### Innovations signal shift in Tasmanian architecture and construction

The Institute of Architects' annual awards program recognises the finest accomplishments of Tasmanian architects. This year's entries range from innovative new homes to airports, bars, a child care centre and even a toilet block.

In a year dominated with headlines about housing affordability, 2017 jury chair Genevieve Lilley has identified that this year's awards "signal demographic changes with implications for both residential buildings and residential sites. Many entries signaled the emergence of a new type of small affordable residence, models of co-investment deriving from the needing to share costs across multiple generations of families."

Lilley also noted that "regulations relating to energy (now in place for a while) are achieving great results, with energy saving being combined with comfort. It's great to see that these regulations are no longer being seen as punitive."

Lilley is excited about the quality and character of Tasmanian architecture. "There is a creativity about resourcefulness vs the architectural tendency in the past to make 'all things new'. We have seen an increasing fascination with purity of living, with doing away with unnecessary space and chattels, and with valuing authenticity above fashion in building design. In a way, Tasmanian architects, and their clients, are leaders in resourcefulness and authenticity - forever fashioning big ideas into pivotal buildings with modest budgets, and this is especially evident in the common-sense-craft being presented this year for consideration."

The 2017 awards program features 28 entries from Tasmanian architects – our largest ever field. This year's awards comes amid hot debate about architecture in Tasmania, chiefly about the scale and type of development in Hobart. Tasmanian architects again demonstrate their renowned skills for authenticity and ability to deal with real problems at a small scale, working to limited budgets, reducing waste and preserving our historic built environment while delivering contemporary architecture.

All entries are on show at Design Tasmania in Launceston until 20 June, and at Brooke Street Pier in Hobart from 22 June to 10 July. The Hobart exhibition will be launched at 6pm Thursday 22 June by Tasmanian architecture ambassador Elise Archer MP and includes jury chair Genevieve Lilley in conversation with Institute of Architects, Tasmanian Chapter President Yvette Breytenbach.

The annual people's choice prize invites Tasmanians to take vote for their favourite new Tassie architecture at the exhibition or online at [wp.architecture.com.au/tasawards](http://wp.architecture.com.au/tasawards)

2017 Tasmanian Architecture Award winners will be announced Saturday 24 June. Awards results will be published in a special lift-out in the *Sunday Tasmanian* on Sunday 25 June 2017. The People's Choice Prize will be announced by Tuesday 18 July.

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### 2017 Tasmanian Architecture Awards entries

<b>Category</b>	<b>Project name</b>	<b>Entry practice name</b>
Small	Princes Park Toilets	Terroir
Small	Milkman's Cottage	Preston Lane
Small	Southern Christian College Mezz	S. Group
Small	Picnic Island Freycinet	Debox Geographic Architecture
Small	Lighthouse	Room 11
Small	Bennell Way Writers' Retreat	Birrelli
Public	Hobart Airport -Stage 1	Misho
Interior	St Albi	Cykel Architecture
Interior	UTAS Executive Workplace Renewal	Liminal Spaces
Interior	St Luke's Health Insurance	Birrelli
Interior	Fertility Tasmania	BYA Architects
Interior	Hobart Airport -Stage 1	Misho
Heritage	Captain Kelly's Cottage	John Wardle Architects
Res-Alts & Adds	Captain Kelly's Cottage	John Wardle Architects
Res-Alts & Adds	Campsite - Douglas River Residence	Birrelli
Res-Alts & Adds	The Black House	S. Group
Res-Alts & Adds	Minallo Residence	JAWS Architects
Res-Alts & Adds	Longview Ave Garden Room	Taylor & Hinds
Heritage	Launceston Sub-Station	S. Group
Heritage	Laroona	Rebecca Fullerton Architect
Res-New	Cross House	Taylor & Hinds
Res-New	River's Edge	STA -Stuart Tanner
Res-New	Spring Beach Getaway	Preston Lane
Res-New	Sunnybanks House	Core Collective
Res-New	D'Entrecasteaux House	Room 11
Res-New	Nelson House	Room 11
Commercial	Shambles Brewery	Room 11
Commercial	Launceston Airport Retail Transformation	Buchan Group
Education	Lady Gowrie South Hobart	Cumulus Studio
Education	Lauderdale Primary School - Kinder & Classroom adds	Preston Lane