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HIA awards local builders for building and design excellence

On Friday local builders were joined by the Mayor, local councillors and the State and Federal Members for Burnett and Hinkler respectively, at HIA's annual Wide Bay Awards held at Rowers on the River, Bundaberg.

The awards that are convened by Australia's peak industry body for residential construction, recognise the achievements of the local housing industry, and covet excellence in design, construction, innovation and housing technology.

The major winner at this year's award event was GJ Gardner Homes Fraser Coast/Bundaberg taking out both Display Home and Wide Bay Home of the Year. In announcing this award the judges made the following comments:

This Display Home at The Esplanade, Pialba is the pinnacle of contemporary design and liveability at an affordable price. The upstairs living space is designed to capture summer breezes and vistas while a huge entertaining room with built in bar and lifestyle balcony and a ground floor featuring open plan family space, office and guest bedroom with ensuite, make this home truly remarkable. We unanimously agree that this home is a worthy winner of HIA Wide Bay Home of the Year.

Other Wide Bay winners to be awarded at the event include:

- **Rick Walters Homes - Bathroom Project;**
- **Steve Bagnall Homes – Coastal Home;**
- **Tapscott Homes – Project Home;**
- **Rick Walters Homes – Kitchen Project;**
- **Breeze Homes - Country Home**
- **Bungalow Homes – Custom Built up to \$350,000;**
- **Gibson Building – Custom Built \$350,001 to \$750,000.**

In congratulating the winners and finalists, HIA Branch Manager – Sunshine Coast/Wide Bay, Stuart Collins said “Each year the Wide Bay Housing Awards attract an outstanding array of entries across a number of different housing forms with this year being no exception”.

He further said “It is difficult enough selecting finalists let alone winners such is the high calibre of the entries received in 2015. This healthy level of competition ensures that new standards in design, workmanship and innovation are achieved across all award categories”.

As in previous years the awards were well supported by the Bundaberg Regional Council, Construction Skills Queensland and the Queensland Building and Construction Commission. Mr Collins noted that “Without the involvement of our partners, important industry events like this would not be possible and thanked them for their contribution in recognising excellence within industry”.

A full winner's list is attached.

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2015 HIA WIDE BAY HOUSING AWARDS



Category	Winner
Kitchen Project	Rick Walters Homes
Bathroom Project	Rick Walters Homes
Display Home	GJ Gardner Homes Fraser Coast/Bundaberg
Country Home	Breeze Homes
Project Home	Tapscott Homes
Coastal Home	Steve Bagnall Homes
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2015 HIA Wide Bay Home of the Year	GJ Gardner Homes Fraser Coast/Bundaberg