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AWARDS HIGHLIGHT ALLEN JACK+COTTIER'S ROLE AS DESIGN PIONEERS

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Allen Jack+Cottier's pioneering approach to design and the environment continues to win industry awards, cementing a reputation as the leader of Ecological Sustainable Design (ESD) in Australia.

The practice received design awards for two residential-based projects at this year's Urban Development Institute of Australia's (UDIA) NSW Awards for Excellence. Allen Jack+Cottier Director, Michael Heenan, believes that industry is accepting ESD as fundamental to development, enhancing commercial objectives by increasing profitability within the property market.

"While this area seems relatively new in the public realm, environmental principles have evolved through a tradition of research and innovation at Allen Jack+Cottier," says Heenan.

'The Waterfront', a high density housing development at Homebush Bay, won the category of 'Masterplanned Development - Mixed Use Development'. 'Motto' (pictured), a redevelopment project comprising of 157 apartments and townhouses in Erskineville, claimed the category of 'Urban Renewal'. Both projects represent the new school of 'lifestyle' - design that reconciles environmental and social responsibilities with personal space.

UDIA Judges described Motto as "a model for future development", contributing significantly to the urban renewal of Erskineville. The apartments harness cross-ventilation to provide a high level of comfort without resorting to air-conditioning, and are well lit by natural means to reduce energy consumption.

According to project architect, Colin Janes, "Allen Jack+Cottier views residential streetscapes as vibrant, active and safe places that extend beyond the home. Healthy living demands both private spaces and the support of balanced community."

The 'Northcliff' house, in Sydney's West, has also won accolades, including 'Best Exhibition Project Home' for Cosmopolitan Homes at the recent Master Builder Awards, and as a finalist in the National HIA Greensmart awards.

Heenan attributes Allen Jack+Cottier's leadership in ESD to a process of investigation that began years ago. "We set out to explore and develop a method of architecture that had no precedent in Australia," he says. "Houses and smaller projects became the source of ideas and principles that were later incorporated into large scale residential developments."

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