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## Milson Island wins 2012 Steel Design Awards NSW / ACT

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Milson Island Indoor Sports Stadium took the top honour in the Buildings - Small Projects category at the Australian Steel Institute (ASI) Awards NSW & ACT last Friday night, in Sydney.

The awards, which run every two years by the ASI, showcase intelligent solutions and excellence in design and execution. The winners go on to vie for national honours to be announced in Canberra this September.

Michael Heenan, CEO and Design Principal of Allen Jack+Cottier (AJ+C) led the design team in creating the innovative and site responsive Indoor Stadium for school children, for the Department of Sport and Recreation. "The shape emerged by morphing the ideal shapes resulting from the thermodynamic analysis, the side wind forces, the need to shed leaves and branches and yet collect water and the enclosure requirements. All building elements had to be sized to be barged across the river to the site" he said. "This is a powerful building which in its frugality demonstrates the essence of shelter and a building that exploits the inherent properties of steel and ply."

The judges were struck by Milson Island's modular design approach. Awards convenor, ASI State Manager, Phil Casey said he was impressed at both the quality and diversity of entries and the level of support at the event. "Despite the challenges the industry is facing from the so-called two-speed economy, the industry came out in force tonight with capacity attendance and the submissions displaying the collaboration of project teams to produce high quality results worthy of the accolades received."

Milson Island is one of the latest additions to a long list of award-winning sporting facilities designed by AJ+C, including the World Architecture Festival Award winning Berry Sport and Recreation Centre, Lake Ainsworth and Broken Bay, Sport and Recreation Centre's, Blue Mountains Aquatic Centre, Blacktown Football Park and the recently completed Western Grandstand at WIN Stadium.

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