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## Milson Island sports hall wins top NSW industry accolades

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Allen Jack + Cottier's innovative Milson Island Indoor Sports Stadium won two major industry awards last week, taking the top honour in the Buildings - Small Projects category at the Australian Steel Institute (ASI) Awards NSW & ACT, and the COLORBOND® Award for Steel Architecture at the 2012 Architecture Institute Awards NSW (AIA).

The Milson Island sports hall is the latest of a number 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.

Michael Heenan, Principal, design and CEO of Allen Jack+Cottier (AJ+C) led the design team for the innovative and site responsive Indoor Stadium for school children, for the Department of Sport and Recreation.

"This is a powerful building which exploits the inherent properties of steel and ply," Heenan said. "Its final form reflects the ideal shapes arising from thermodynamic analysis, the side wind forces and the need to shed leaves and branches and yet collect water."

The Australian Steel Institute awards, which run every two years by the Australian Steel Institute, showcase intelligent solutions and excellence in design and execution.

The AIA jury said of Milson Island "A simple functional brief and modest budget have been translated into a building of great clarity and formal expression that sits exceptionally well in its beautiful natural surroundings."

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