



Clockwise from left: Tribeca Loft by Nexus Designs; Teneriffe Warehouse Apartment by Wrightson Stewart; Hazelwood Park Residence by Genesis Studio; Park House by Leeton Pointon Architects + Interiors and Allison Pye Interiors; John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School kindergarten by Brooking Design Architects.



## Designs with an inside edge

The prestigious Australian Interior Design Awards celebrate the nation's most beautiful and functional spaces. CY CLAYTON reports.

A timeless Victorian home and a sustainably designed Perth kindergarten are among the winners of the 10th anniversary of the Australian Interior Design Awards, which were announced in Melbourne last month.

Co-presented by the Design Institute of Australia, designEX and design and architecture magazine Artichoke, the annual awards recognise the nation's most impressive interior design talents, with 13 categories ranging from residential decoration to sustainability advancement to commercial and public design.

The ultimate accolade, the Premier Award for Interior Design Excellence and Innovation, went to Leeton Pointon Architects + Interiors and Allison Pye Interiors for their Park House project in Victoria.

Jury member Steve Woodland, of WA firm Cox Howlett & Bailey Woodland, said the home was beautiful and elegant, "without pretension or fad".

"I think it will prove to be a very timeless outcome, and most importantly, very liveable," he said.

The Park House also took out the Residential Design category as well as the Best of State gong for Residential Design.

A sophisticated loft in Tribeca, New York City, by Melbourne's Nexus Designs was named winner in the Residential Decoration category, also taking out the Best International Design award.

WA's Brooking Design Architects won the Sustainability Advancement Award for the John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School kindergarten in Beechboro.

The kindergarten, which also won Best of State for Commercial Design, features a Nordic-inspired design with colourful cabinetry, birch plywood lining and extensive natural light that the jury said helped promote learning.

Mr Woodland said the project

was one of his personal highlights from this year's awards. "Not simply because it is Western Australian, but because it represents an outstanding piece of design in an extraordinarily important field," he said.

"Creating stimulating, compelling environments for our children to learn and develop in is crucial to our future. It is an area that hasn't received the design attention it should, and this project is an exemplar of what is possible.

"It illustrates that we can design spaces that are at once beautiful, humane and environmentally responsible."

Local firm Design Theory was recognised with a commendation in the Emerging Interior Design practice category.

Mr Woodland said he noticed two key design trends from this year's award entrants, including an increasing focus on workplace design.

"Designing successful workplaces is not simply about seats and desks — it is the creation of a holistic social environment which supports people and corporate aspirations," he said.



There was also a shift in retail design as designers sought to adapt to the challenges of the retail environment.

"It is now much more than just the physical display of goods — it is very much an experiential undertaking," Mr Woodland said.

For more information on the awards and to view all the winning projects, visit [australianinteriordesignawards.com](http://australianinteriordesignawards.com).

## The winners

### PREMIER AWARD, INTERIOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION

Leeton Pointon Architects + Interiors and Allison Pye Interiors for Park House, VIC

### SUSTAINABILITY ADVANCEMENT

Brooking Design Architects for John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School Kindergarten — Beechboro Campus, WA

### EMERGING INTERIOR DESIGN PRACTICE

Genesis Studio, SA

### WORKPLACE DESIGN

Elenberg Fraser for Slattery

Australia office, VIC

### HOSPITALITY DESIGN

Zwei Interiors Architecture for

Code Black Coffee, VIC

### INSTALLATION DESIGN

Gloss Creative for Shadow Lands

Myer Spring/Summer Collection

Launch 2012/2013

### PUBLIC DESIGN

Brooking Design Architects for John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School Kindergarten — Beechboro Campus, WA

### RETAIL DESIGN

Tobias Partners for Tongue

+ Groove, NSW

### RESIDENTIAL DESIGN

Leeton Pointon Architects + Interiors and Allison Pye Interiors for Park House, VIC

### RESIDENTIAL DECORATION

Nexus Designs for Tribeca Loft, NYC

### BEST INTERNATIONAL DESIGN

Nexus Designs for Tribeca Loft, NYC

### BEST OF STATE

#### COMMERCIAL DESIGN

QLD — Wilson Architects +

Donovan Hill Architects in

Association for Translation

Research Institute

WA — Brooking Design Architects

for John Septimus Roe Anglican

Community School Kindergarten —

Beechboro Campus

NSW — Tobias Partners for

Tongue + Groove

ACT — Carr Design Group for

Boston Consulting Group Canberra

VIC — Elenberg Fraser for Slattery

Australia

SA — David Hicks for Kings

Adelaide

#### BEST OF STATE

#### RESIDENTIAL DESIGN

NSW — Stephen Collins Interior

Design for ABU House

VIC — Leeton Pointon Architects +

Interiors and Allison Pye Interiors

for Park House

QLD — Wrightson Stewart for

Teneriffe Warehouse Apartment

SA — Genesis Studio for

Hazelwood Park Residence