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## Trifecta for ACT/Sthn NSW in HIA national awards

The ACT/Southern New South Wales region has won an impressive three categories in the 2009 Housing Industry Association-CSR Australian Housing Awards held in Brisbane today.

The winners from HIA's ACT and Southern NSW region are:

### **HIA-Stramit Building Products Australian Display Home of the Year 2009: Better Building Services/Dowse Norwood Architects**

Birdwood Street, Hughes, is a full-face brick home in central Canberra which, according to the judges, blends 'seamlessly with the suburb and is totally different to your standard display home'. Judges also commented on the display home's high quality and superb functionality.

### **HIA-Corinthian Doors Australian Jim Brookes Apprentice of the Year 2009: John McGown**

John McGown's enthusiasm for his trade impressed the judges, as did his pride in his work, aspirations to excel and aim to be his own boss. He is passionate about the building industry and is keen to establish a good reputation.

### **HIA Insurance Services Australian Professional Small/Medium Builder of the Year 2009: Today's Homes and Lifestyle Pty Ltd**

Today's Homes and Lifestyles is a joint business venture between father and son team Peter and Brendan McCoullough. The company is dedicated to maintaining solid relationships and prides itself on originality.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd attended the awards luncheon at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre and praised the exceptional quality of the award entries.

HIA Managing Director Ron Silberberg said, "This year's HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards are a testament to the strength and resilience of the Australian housing industry.

"Once again, entries were of an exceptional standard and highlight the enormous talent and versatility of the best in the business."

HIA is Australia's peak building industry body, representing 40,000 builders, suppliers and trade contractors in all states and territories. The industry is responsible for development projects, new homes and renovation activity worth about \$50 billion each year and employs more than 350,000 people.

The association's awards acknowledge excellence in housing construction, design, innovation and technology, recognising the talent of builders and building companies involved in the planning and construction of quality housing.

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