JUDGING CRITERIA – LIFESTYLE AWARDS

In addition to assessing each house against its category criteria, you are also judging for the Lifestyle Awards:

- Kitchen Excellence
- Plumbing World Bathroom Excellence
- Outdoor Living Excellence
- Interior Design Excellence
- APL Environmental and Sustainable Excellence
- PDL by Schneider Electric Smart Home

Lifestyle Awards are awarded at the discretion of the judges, and only when an entrant has met the minimum points threshold.

Homes do not need to use a sponsor's products to win a Lifestyle Award - the award goes to the home that best meets the criteria.

KITCHEN EXCELLENCE AWARD – 500 POINTS	
WORKMANSHIP (40%)	200 points
• What is the quality of application and installation? Is attention to detail evident? • Consider difficulty of some products over others especially on flat and/or curved surface	/200
DESIGN, FUNCTIONALITY, AND STYLE (60%)	300 points
• Have the correct products and materials been used, and in the right situation?	/60
• Is the kitchen well designed and functional?	/70
• Is there good use of space?	/50
• Is the light and ventilation suitable for the layout and location of the kitchen?	/50
• Is innovative use made of products or materials?	/35
• Is there a good flow into the rest of the house and living areas and is the kitchen in harmony with the rest of the house?	/35
	/300
TOTAL	**/500**

PLUMBING WORLD BATHROOM EXCELLENCE AWARD – 500 POINTS	
WORKMANSHIP (40%)	200 points
• What is the quality of application and installation? Is attention to detail evident? • Consider difficulty of some products over others especially on flat and/or curved surface	/200
DESIGN, FUNCTIONALITY, AND STYLE (60%)	300 points
• Have the correct products and materials been used, and in the right situation?	/50
• Is there clever use of light and space and has privacy been a consideration?	/50

• Is the design and layout reflective of the functional requirements?	/80
• Have innovative solutions and products been used?	/40
• Is there good ventilation?	/40
• Has safety been taken into consideration?	/40
	/300
TOTAL	**/500**

OUTDOOR LIVING EXCELLENCE AWARD – 500 POINTS	
WORKMANSHIP (40%)	200 points
• What is the quality of application and installation? Is attention to detail evident? • Consider difficulty of some products over others especially on flat and/or curved surfaceS	/200
DESIGN, FUNCTIONALITY, AND STYLE (60%)	300 points
• Have the correct products and materials been used, and in the right situation?	/75
• Do the outdoor areas, shade or roofing, colours, materials and fixtures around the home suit the overall home design and display style?	/75
• Has there been consideration given to the different elements of the home's interior and exterior?	/75
• Do the outdoor living spaces take into consideration shelter from weather, privacy and available views?	/75
	/300
TOTAL	**/500**

INTERIOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD – 500 POINTS	
WORKMANSHIP (40%)	200 points
• What is the quality of application and installation? Is attention to detail evident? • Consider difficulty of some products over others especially on flat and/or curved surfaceS	/200
DESIGN, FUNCTIONALITY, AND STYLE (60%)	300 points
• Have the correct products and materials been used, and in the right situation? • Do the wall/floor coverings, colours, materials and fixtures in the home suit the overall home design and display style? • Is there synergy between the different elements of the home's interior (e.g. furniture, accessories, colour palette, artwork, lighting?) • What degree of innovation has been achieved in the interior of the home? • Is the overall use of colour reflective of the style of the house and its owners? • Is there creative use of paint finishes, papers, colour palettes, fabrics, service, textures and wall/floor	/300

coverings? • Is there clever use of light?	
TOTAL	**/500**

APL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABLE EXCELLENCE AWARD – 500 POINTS	
DESIGN/ PERFORMANCE (50%)	250 points
• Local environment design and local materials • Carbon footprint materials manufacture • Carbon footprint materials transportation • Certification of products • Energy consumption thermal efficiency • Energy operating cost assessment • Solar gain, Thermal store, shading • Cooling natural air conditioned • Cross flow ventilation multiple rooms • Thermal bridging minimised, Slab edge, windows concrete, or steel structures other • Accessibility; doors & halls, bathrooms, ramps, lift • Internal moisture	/250
PRODUCT SELECTION (40%)	200 points
• Lifecycle and reuse of construction materials • Low Voc or natural coatings • Insulation; Roof R, Walls R, Floor R, Other • Window frames, glazing • Energy generation and storage, Kw battery / other storage • Water consumption/ recycling, rainwater storage • Sound insulation	/200
APPLICATION AND WORKMANSHIP (10%)	50 points
• Quality of workmanship • Location of outdoor services • Onsite construction waste • Maintenance systems	/50
TOTAL	**/500**

Some relevant environmental and sustainable questions to consider / ask entrants, if not included in entry submission:

- How was the local environment considered with the design process and material use?
- Were materials selected for low carbon footprint – manufacture?
- Were selected materials available locally?
- Is the transport carbon footprint for materials generally better than average?
- Do you have proof of certification of products?
  Eco label, certification
- How was thermal efficiency of the house considered for energy consumption?
- Has consideration been given to natural heating, solar gain, shading, thermal store?
- How has thermal bridging been minimised?
  Slab edge, Windows, structural members
- Is heating and cooling efficient for the whole home?
  Natural and/ or energy driven
- Is there good cross ventilation with opening widows?
- Is the insulation above standard?
  Average min Roof R3.2, Walls R2.2, Floor R1.3
- What is the thermal value and type of window frames and what glazing was used?
- Have low Voc coatings been used?
- Is internal moisture effectively removed and controlled?
- Has appropriate accessibility for the house been considered?
- Is sound insulation / design within the house appropriate?
- Is there appropriate scaled energy generation and or storage?
- What are the energy operating costs?
- What is the lifecycle and reuse of constructed materials?
- Is water consumption controlled?
- Is there rainwater storage and is it above environmental requirement?
- How was construction waste controlled?
- What are the maintenance requirements of the cladding?
- Are systems and outdoor services appropriately located?
- What is the quality of the workmanship?
- Imbedded Carbon footprint - guide for manufacture – How many trees need to be planted to offset manufacture?
- Low – minimal treatment or manufacture such as wool, timber, plant-based products, natural stone, earth, recycled materials
- Medium - moderate energy and processing – Engineered wood products, plasterboard, tiles, low Voc paint, mineral insulation,
- High - High levels of energy and processing – concrete, Aluminium, steel, Glass, PVC, Polystyrene

PDL BY SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC SMART HOME AWARD – 450 POINTS

NOTE - to be eligible for this award, the system needs to have been professionally installed and integrate at least two elements.

Off the shelf solutions such as wifi enabled lightbulbs, or individual connected devices such as smart appliances or voice controlled/stand-alone devices do not qualify.

DESIGN / SYSTEM (50%)	ARCHITECT	BUILDER	**AVERAGE**
• Size and scope of project - size of build, full house or main living area only. • Elements included in system:	/60	/60	**/60**
• Room control functionality – integration with security, lighting, blinds, fans, energy metering, AV, voice assistance	/60	/60	**/60**

• Additional other innovative applications eg swimming pool control, irrigation, geofencing, accessibility/assisted living	/40	/40	**/40**
• Visual style - blends in with design of the home, attractive components, hidden installation	/40	/40	**/40**
• Future proof design - reputable product, proven performance, support and service, expandable/modular	/25	/25	**/25**
DESIGN / SYSTEM SUBTOTAL			**/225**
COMFORT / CONVENIENCE (23%)	ARCHITECT	BUILDER	**AVERAGE**
• Ease of use for customer ie simple user interface options, functionality, touch screens, mobile control	/40	/40	**/40**
• Enhances the living experience - scenes, seamless integration with other systems	/40	/40	**/40**
• Training, support & documentation for current and future homeowners/users available	/25	/25	**/25**
COMFORT / CONVENIENCE SUBTOTAL			**/105**
ENERGY EFFICIENCY (13.5%)	ARCHITECT	BUILDER	**AVERAGE**
• Blind control/lux sensor - maintain optimal heat/light balance	/15	/15	**/15**
• Passive energy saving - 'scenes' - holiday mode, all-off	/15	/15	**/15**
• Active energy saving - scheduling, off peak power management, load shedding	/15	/15	**/15**
• HVAC occupancy and temp sensor integration - not heating/cooling room if unoccupied	/15	/15	**/15**
ENERGY EFFICIENCY SUBTOTAL			**/60**
WORKMANSHIP (13.5%)	ARCHITECT	BUILDER	**AVERAGE**
• Quality of application and installation, attention to detail, tidiness of installation that is visible to the eye	/15	/15	**/40**
• Co-ordination of integrators, testing and integration of software and hardware	/15	/15	**/20**
WORKMANSHIP SUBTOTAL			**/60**