

## National Lifestyle Award Criteria

In addition to assessing each house in its price category, you are also judging these houses for the Lifestyle Awards. The Lifestyle Awards are:

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

Lifestyle Awards will only be awarded to those entrants that achieve a minimum of 450 out of 500, and it awarded to an entrant at the discretion of the judges

Note – Smart home award is out of 450 – so the threshold for the winner is 400 points

It is important to note that the sponsors of these awards are name associations only. Recipients of the Lifestyle Awards are not limited to houses that use the specific sponsors' product – rather for the house that best meets the Lifestyle Award criteria.

There may also be other Local Lifestyle Awards for some regions. This is decided by the RMB Regional Branch on an annual basis and communicated with judges of those regions.

## Kitchen Excellence Award

This award will be given to the home that meets the lifestyle, family, and entertaining needs of its owners.

Judges will look for form and function of the kitchen area including design, workmanship, quality of materials, use of light and space, and overall functionality.

Workmanship	200 points
What is the quality of application and installation and is attention to detail evident	/200
Consider difficulty of some products over others especially on flat and/or curved surface	
Design, Functionality and Style	300 points
Have the right products and materials been used 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/500</b>

### Plumbing World Bathroom Excellence Award

This will be given to the home with a bathroom that meets the lifestyle and family needs of its owners.

Judges will look for the bathroom that best demonstrates obvious workmanship quality, specification and installation requirements have been met, and functionality of design and fittings.

<b>Workmanship</b>	<b>200 points</b>
What is the quality of application and installation and is attention to detail evident	/200
Consider difficulty of some products over others especially on flat and/or curved surface	
<b>Design, Functionality and Style</b>	<b>300 points</b>
Have the right products and materials been used 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/500</b>

### Outdoor Living Excellence Award

The Outdoor Living Award recognises a Registered Master Builder's commitment to creating a quality home and outdoor living environment that suits the style and personality of the owners.

This award will be given to the home that best integrates interior and outdoor living as a seamless expression of the homes design and construction.

<b>Workmanship</b>	<b>200 points</b>
What is the quality of application and installation and is attention to detail evident	/200
Consider difficulty of some products over others especially on flat and/or curved surface	
<b>Design, Functionality and Style</b>	<b>300 points</b>
Have the right products and materials been used 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/500</b>

### APL Environmental and Sustainable Excellence Award

This award will be given to the property that best demonstrates Environmental and Sustainable features in design and construction.

Consideration will be given to synergy with the environment, carbon footprint of product manufacture and transportation, lifecycle reuse, Performance and efficiency of heating and cooling, application and planning for the future, maintenance, and waste management.

Some relevant questions to consider / ask entrants, if not included in submitted sustainable information –

- 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 all the house? (Natural and/ or energy driven)
- Is there good cross ventilation with opening windows?
- 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

**Scores by judging panel discretion. Total Environmental and Sustainable points available: 500**

**Sustainable and Environmental Award Score Breakdown for Judging Panel Reference**

<b>Design/ Performance</b>	
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, Bathroom, Ramps, Lift Internal moisture	/250
<b>Product Selection</b>	
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/ recycle, Rainwater storage Sound insulation	/200
<b>Application and Workmanship</b>	
Quality of the workmanship Location of Outdoor services Onsite Construction Waste Maintenance systems	/50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/500</b>

### 3.6 PDL by Schneider Electric Smart Home Award

**Scores by judging panel discretion. Total Smarthome points available: 450**

<b>Design/system</b>	<b>Architect</b>	<b>Builder</b>	<b>Average Total</b>
Size and scope of project - size of build, full house or main living area only. Elements included in System:			/60

Room control functionality - integration with security, lighting, blinds, fans, energy metering, AV, voice assistance			/60
Additional other Innovative applications eg swimming pool control, irrigation, geofencing, accessibility/assisted living			/40
Visual style - blends in with design of the home, attractive components, hidden installation			/40
Future proof design - reputable product, proven performance, support and service, expandable/modular			/25
<b>Sub Total (A)</b>			<b>/225</b>
<b>Comfort/Convenience</b>	<b>Architect</b>	<b>Builder</b>	<b>Average Total</b>
Ease of use for customer ie simple user interface options, functionality, touch screens, mobile control			/40
Enhances the living experience - scenes, seamless integration with other systems			/40
Training, support & documentation for current and future homeowners/users available			/25
<b>Sub Total (B)</b>			<b>/105</b>
<b>Energy Efficiency</b>			
Blind control/lux sensor - maintain optimal heat/light balance			/15
Passive energy saving - 'scenes' - holiday mode, all-off			/15
Active energy saving - scheduling, off peak power management, load shedding			/15
HVAC occupancy and temp sensor integration - not heating/cooling room if unoccupied			/15
<b>Sub Total (C)</b>			<b>/60</b>
<b>Workmanship</b>			
Quality of application and installation, attention to detail, tidiness of installation that is visible to the eye			/40
Co-ordination of integrators, testing and integration of software and hardware			/20
<b>Sub Total (D)</b>			<b>/60</b>

**Note: What will not qualify as an entry:**

Off the shelf solutions such as wifi enabled lightbulbs, or individual connected devices such as smart appliances or voice controlled/stand alone devices.

The system needs to have been professionally installed and integrate at least two elements.

## Interior Design Award

The Interior Design Award recognises a Registered Master Builder's commitment to creating a quality home interior that suits the style and personality owners.

This award will be given to the home which most demonstrates creative use of interior design, colour and finishes and in doing so reflects the living requirements and personality of the owners. Judges will look for creative use of wall coverings, colours, materials and fixtures and the overall synergy between the different design elements of the home.

<b>Workmanship</b>	
What is the quality of application and installation and is attention to detail evident	/200
<b>Design, Functionality and Style</b>	
Have the right products and materials been used in the right situation? Do the wall/floor covering, 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, colours chosen, 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 coverings? Is there clever use of light?	/300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/500</b>