

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION SOUTH AUSTRALIA CELEBRATES FEMALE EXCELLENCE AT ANNUAL AWARDS

Inspiring women and innovative companies from across the South Australian construction industry have been recognised for their achievements at the annual National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) Awards for Excellence.

Hosted by the NAWIC, South Australian Chapter, the 2016 Awards attracted 13 entries across 4 award categories. According to Chapter President Anastasia Koutsamanis, more than 150 industry professionals attended the awards night at The Gallery, on Thursday 13th October which was record attendance for the SA Chapter.

“The NAWIC Awards for Excellence celebrate both rising female stars and recognised leaders across all construction and property industry professions, as well as those organisations who support and guide female talent”, Anastasia explains.

A panel of 12 industry experts selected winner’s bases on a strict award criterion.

The prestigious NAWIC Crystal Vision Award for Advancing the Interests of Women in the Construction Industry was presented on the night to Enoki, an award winning multi-disciplinary Design Studio specialising in Visual Communication and Interior Architecture. This award recognizes Enoki who actively promote and encourage participation and career progression of women in the industry. Currently Enoki employs an all female staff of 7 designers and 1 office manager. Enoki’s Founding Owner Susanna Bilardo is regarded as an ambassador for design, women in business, and women in construction. As a Director of a stable, and growing, design consultancy, her employment of young talent has seen Enoki as an incubator of designers in Adelaide.

The winner of the Sarah Construction Young Achiever award was awarded to Alison McFadyn, an Associate at Phillips Pilkington Architects. Alison is a sessional staff member at UniSA and is an active member of the Australian Institute of Architects, participating in the SONA Student Mentor Scheme and as a State Juror for the Sustainable Architecture Category in 2016. Alison aspires to promoting women in the construction industry by having a positive impact through teaching and by being an active member of the industry.

This year’s Starfish Developments Award for Project Innovation and Development Award was awarded to Rachel Kidwell from Kidwell Coordination and TCPinpoint. As a tenancy coordinator Rachel has had a noteworthy impact on the leasing market, launching her own business Kidwell Coordination in 2009. Rachel has worked with an impressive list of Landlords including Adelaide Airport Limited, Woolworths, and Blackstone representing the development of the Brickworks Marketplace and Rundle Place to name a few. Recently Rachel has been busy establishing software called TCPinpoint, a cloud based software system that will enable Landlords and Developers to get more out of retail tenancy delivery.

The Outstanding Achieving in Construction Awards was presented to Brooke Copeland from Hansen Yuncken. Making a significant contribution to the delivery of projects over the past decade, Brooke was the driving force behind producing significant value management initiatives on the \$175m Lyell McEwin Hospital Redevelopment Stage C, resulting in numerous favorable outcomes for the Client.

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Other category nominees include:

NAWIC CRYSTAL VISION AWARD:

Winner: Enoki
Nominees: Brown Falconer
Tegan Dobbie - IA Design

SARAH CONSTRUCTION YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD

Winner: Alison McFadyen, Phillips/ Pilkington Architects
Nominees: Alana Marks, Hansen Yuncken
Dena Van Zyl, Sarah Constructions
Lilian Hyland, APP

STARFISH DEVELOPMENTS AWARD FOR PROJECT INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Winner: Rachel Kidwell, Kidwell Coordination and TCPinpoint
Nominees: Esther Chew, Grieve Gillet Anderson

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Winner: Brooke Copeland, Hansen Yuncken
Nominees: Jacqui Mossop, Mossop Construction and Interiors
Joanne Adler, Hansen Yuncken
Stefi Bong, Aquenta Consulting

Photos of the award winners are available on request.

About NAWIC

Established in 1995, the national association of women in construction (NAWIC) champions and empowers women in the construction and related industries to reach their full potential. NAWIC hosts networking events, educational workshops, site visits and runs South Australia's only female construction industry mentoring program. Working with both public and private sector organisations, NAWIC works to advance opportunities for women working in the Australian construction industry.

About the NAWIC SA Chapter

The NAWIC SA Chapter is a passionate group of women who volunteer their time and expertise to host and deliver a range of events aimed at building relationships, provide industry insights and help further women in the industry. The committee and NAWIC members work in a variety of construction and property fields with all events and activities designed to address the diversity of these groups. Their objective is to celebrate the achievements of female colleagues in the industry as well as inform, educate and provide networking opportunities. To find out more about how you can become part of NAWIC, please visit www.nawic.com.au

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