

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## THE STATE'S TOP URBAN DEVELOPMENTS PRAISED FORCOMMITMENT TO VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

The best of South Australia's property development projects were last nightcelebratedduring a Gala Dinner at the Adelaide Convention Centre, with innovative urban infill development and quality design for seniors living recognised for setting new standards.

Other top honours presented at the Urban Development Instituteof Australia (UDIA) (SA) Awards for Excellence 2011 included projects committed to improving infrastructure and working closely with communities.

UDIA (SA) President Richard Osborne said this year's entries have shown innovation and a forward-thinking approach to meeting the housing needs of a growing population.

"The winning projects are all making an outstanding contribution to the future of the state and delivering solutions to the challenges of individual projects,"Mr Osborne said.

"The 'On Statenborough' Seniors Livings development on the former Cooper's Brewery site in Leabrook overcame significant obstacles to create innovation in higher density retirement living and was honoured with two awards.

"Developer Forme Projex also took out two awards with both its Aria Apartments and Vespa Apartmentsjudged as impressive examples of city infill developments which offer affordable medium density product while still achieving great functionality and design."

Mr Osborne said this is the third consecutive year Forme Projex has impressed judges.

UDIA (SA) also recognised projects outside of the city with Lanser Communities receiving an award for its Freeling Estate development and the way it worked closely with the local council to improve community facilities for both existing and new residents of this community.

The Cape Jaffa Anchorage residential subdivision in the South East was also honoured for an outstanding contribution to the local community.

## **UDIA (SA) Awards for Excellence 2011 Winners:**

Masterplanned Development (Retirement Villages)

On Statenborough - Simon Chappel/David Smallacombe Joint Venture

Residential Development (50-600 lots)

Freeling Estate - Lanser Communities

Residential Development (less than 50 lots)

Waterfront Living - Qattro Built Pty Ltd

Medium Density Housing (up to five storeys)

Aria Apartments in Daly Street - Forme Projex

High Density Housing

Apartments at 22 Ifould - Department of Families and Communities

Urban Renewal

Westwood - Department of Families and Communities and Urban Pacific

Environmental Excellence

Lochiel Park Affordable Housing - Department of Families and Communities

Affordable Development

Vespa Apartmentsat Storr Street, Adelaide - Forme Projex

Seniors Living

Project - On Statenborough - Simon Chappel and David Smallacombe Joint Venture

(Commendation: Elliot Gardens – Lend Lease)

President's Award

Numerous projects - Department of Families and Communities

**Local Community Development** 

Cape Jaffa Anchorage Marina - Cape Jaffa Development Company

(Commendation: Dension Centre – Lend Lease Communities)

Professional Consulting Award

Woodville Village Masterplan - Jensen Planning and Design

(Commendation: 'The Avenue' Westwood and 'Central Park', Westwood – Greenhill Engineers)

President's Award

Various projects –Department of Families and Communities and Housing SA

UDIA (SA) is the State's most significant body representing the property development industry with more than 300 members. The development industry employs around 55,000 people in South Australia making up 7 per cent of the workforce. UDIA (SA) is a leading source of knowledge on urban development for developers, builders, consultants, government and the community.

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