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Australian Construction Achievement Awards announces seven project finalists

The Australian Constructors Association together with Engineers Australia has today announced seven project finalists to compete in the Australian Construction Achievement Awards, (ACAA).

"The Australian Construction Achievement Awards recognises Australia's elite construction projects. The projects are delivered by some of Australia's top construction companies and their highly skilled teams comprising of engineering professionals," said Lindsay Le Compte Executive Director Australian Constructors Association.

"The seven projects selected as this year's ACAA finalists each play critical roles in the daily lives of Australian society. One overall project winner will be selected at the ACAA 2013 dinner on Thursday May 16, 2013 at Sydney Town Hall.

The Australian Construction Achievement Awards Finalists 2013 include:

The **RMIT Swanston Academic Building** entered by Brookfield Multiplex is the university's newest educational faculty in the centre of Melbourne. The new facility includes leading-edge teaching and specialist learning spaces and is home to 850 academic and administration staff with a student capacity of 6000.

The **Northern Sewerage Project** by Yarra Valley Water was one of the largest wastewater tunnelling projects in Australia. Overcoming challenging geology and complex site conditions in a dense urban environment, the \$650 million project involved construction of 12.5 kilometres of sewer tunnels in Melbourne's north. The fully commissioned new sewers provide for 70,000 new homes across north Melbourne. The Northern Sewerage Project was delivered by Melbourne Water and Yarra Valley Water. Other project partners included John Holland, Aurecon, Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM) and Jacobs Associates.

One One One Eagle Street entered by Leighton Contractors is a 57 level office tower located in Brisbane's Golden Triangle. The building embraces best practice in sustainability and has pushed the boundaries in design, aesthetics and construction due to its complex, shifting geometry setting.

Brookfield Place by Brookfield Multiplex involved the refurbishment of five heritage buildings in Perth's CBD, as well as the construction of the first major steel framed high-rise building; the first of its kind to be constructed in Western Australia in over 25 years.

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The **New Royal Children's Hospital** project entered by Lendlease is one of Australia's largest hospital redevelopments. The new hospital facility in Victoria offers 357 hospital beds and applies new innovative models of care for treating patients. The project has set new benchmarks for health care facilities in Australia.

The **Southbank Cultural Precinct Redevelopment (SCPR)** by Baulderstone includes a \$128.5m redevelopment for the banks of the Yarra River and delivers a long term vision for Melbourne's cultural precinct. The project includes upgrading a diverse range of cultural facilities, improved accessibility by the public, as well as enhanced acoustics for auditorium performances.

The **Ipswich Motorway Upgrade** project entered by Origin Alliance and Abigroup Contractors was considered a high risk project to upgrade 8 kilometres of the Ipswich Motorway. The widening of the motorway and introduction of new service roads has improved connectivity for this busy stretch of motorway.

"Engineering professionals are in high demand across Australia's construction industry due to their proven expertise in leading world-class construction projects around the world. The ACAA celebrates the accomplishments of the construction industry with the engineering profession.

"Engineering and construction work hand-in-hand to develop new sustainability practices and innovative application techniques, which transforms the way we deliver Australia's major construction projects," said Mr Le Compte.

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