

Agreement will boost Kitchen & Bathroom Award opportunities

The Housing Industry Association and the Kitchen and Bathroom Designers Institute (KBDI) have entered an agreement whereby from next year, HIA's kitchen and bathroom designer awards will come under the auspices of the new Institute.

HIA's Executive Director of Kitchens & Bathrooms, Diane Sebbens said the move was an exciting development for the industry. "KBDI is a new organisation dedicated to the promotion of kitchen and bathroom design at a time when there is unprecedented interest in this area by the home-buying and renovating public," she said.

"Good kitchen and bathroom design is of significant importance in the residential home building industry and HIA recognises this further development as supporting designers in the kitchen and bathroom industry to the next level."

KBDI's Executive Director, Alex Milne said HIA's vast experience in the organising and presenting of awards will be an invaluable contribution to the new partnership. "KBDI is planning an exciting range of design categories for both our individual chapters and national awards. KBDI is Australia's only national kitchen and bathroom designers' organisation and we believe a link with the peak body representing the home building industry in the country is an obvious and mutually beneficial development." he said.

During a transition period, KBDI members will be eligible to enter the HIA Kitchen & Bathroom Awards in 2008 with the regional winners going forward to the HIA national awards in 2009. Similarly, HIA K&B members are welcome to enter the KBDI designer awards in 2009. HIA's Kitchen and Bathroom Project category awards are unaffected and will continue to be part of HIA's regional and national awards structure.

"The high calibre of entries in the HIA Kitchen & Bathroom Awards is set to continue in 2008, HIA and KBDI members are encouraged to enter," said Diane Sebbens, "the awards program offers kitchen and bathroom businesses across the industry a unique marketing benefit to promote to consumers". For details and assistance on entering the 2008 awards, just click on the website link:



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