

## Media Release

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## University of Tasmania continues to produce country's best design students

A 2013 graduate of the University of Tasmania's School of Architecture & Design has received one of the most prestigious national student architecture awards in the country.

At a ceremony in Melbourne last Thursday Matthew Hyland was announced the joint winner of the BlueScope Glenn Murcutt Student Prize at the Australian Achievement in Architecture Awards, alongside Jin Chen Lee from the University of New South Wales.

The prize is only awarded every two years in recognition of outstanding architectural student work demonstrating excellence in response to place, technology and Australian culture.

University of Tasmania School of Architecture & Design graduates have now won this award on three of the five occasions in which the award has been conferred.

In his acceptance speech Matthew thanked the University and particularly the contribution of his tutor, Geoff Clark, who he said was instrumental in his achievement.

"I moved from Brisbane to Tasmania to attend the School and it was a great decision – the University has a wonderful School and to have the kind of guidance I received from Geoff is invaluable," Matthew said.

"It's an incredibly humbling experience to receive the award and I remain open-minded about my future career in such a diverse profession."

Judging was carried out by a jury consisting of Glenn Murcutt and the respective national presidents of the Australian Institute of Architects and Student Organised Network for Architecture, David Karotkin and Peter Nguyen.

Although each submission responded to different conditions, the jury said both displayed depth of understanding for place-making and each achieved authenticity.

Matthew's winning project "*The Core and the Courtyard*" was described by the jury as "a realisable, well resolved and beautifully illustrated design for an infill housing framework for the city of Launceston".

"It is a speculative proposition that reinvestigates the city's relationship with domestic settings. Hyland observed and mapped the urban inhabitation, circulation patterns and network of corridors of a site within the city. The key design ideas were derived from identified opportunities within the existing cultural patterns."

Matthew, who works for an architecture firm in Brisbane, receives half of the \$8000 cash prize and will be flown to Melbourne in May for the 2015 National Architecture Conference

where he will be hosted at a special VIP event with BlueScope.

Another graduate from the School's Master of Architecture, Bonny Herring, was chosen as one of five recipients of the highly competitive Dulux Study Tour Award.

This is awarded to emerging architects in recognition of their contributions to architectural practice, education, design excellence and community involvement.

Bonny, who works for Breathe Architecture in Melbourne, will take part in a 10-day international tour where the group will visit leading global architecture and design firms in some of the most architecturally-rich destinations.

Acting Head of the School of Architecture & Design Dr Ceridwen Owen said that she was extremely proud of the graduates' achievements.

"This kind of national recognition is testament to the quality of the architecture program at the University of Tasmania."

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