

Local Builder Wins Prestige Housing Award

Builder Karl Zaarour is a winner in the Master Builders Association of NSW 1996 Commonwealth Bank Excellence in Housing Awards.

The Excellence in Housing Awards are the most prestigious home building awards and have been presented by the MBA of NSW for over 20 years.

Karl Zaarour's entry was in the Home Units Division for a project valued between \$150,001 and \$250,000 and the company submitted its project "The Riviera", located at 8 Benelong Crescent, Bellevue Hill.

The Award was made at a gala presentation event at Sydney's Darling Harbour which brought together over 750 representatives of the State's home building industry. The Guest of Honour for the evening was the NSW Minister for Public Works, Carl Scully.

The President of the MBA, John Fransen, said the judges had described the Karl Zaarour entry as a small block of home units designed with offsets to take advantage of the winter sun and 180 degree views.

"They said a high standard of workmanship had been carried out from the garage concrete to the up-market fittings and finishings in the units," he said.

Mr Fransen said the MBA Awards showcased innovation in design, building standards, practices, materials and customer service.

"In many respects," he said, "it is the homebuyers of NSW who are the real winners at the Awards.

Mr Fransen said the MBA had a long standing commitment to excellence in housing and this had been enhanced with the recent appointment of a specialist Housing Officer.

"Ms Christine Bourne will develop and implement policies which will meet the needs and demands of both builder and homebuyers," Mr Fransen said.

"The first step has been the development of a new housing policy for the MBA which is now under discussion among our members," he said.

Mr Fransen congratulated Karl Zaarour on the win and said the company had developed a project of the highest standard.