

MEDIA RELEASE

Finalists for the 2023 Australian Construction Achievement Award announced

The Australian Constructors Association and Engineers Australia have announced that seven projects have been selected as finalists to compete for the prestigious 2023 Australian Construction Achievement Award (ACAA).

Now in its 26th year, the ACAA is the industry's most prestigious award recognising the best construction projects, delivered by the nation's very best construction companies.

Australian Constructors Association CEO Jon Davies said the award is one of the highest forms of recognition for a project because it not only recognises traditional construction excellence such as how physical problems were overcome, but also excellence in initiatives designed to make the industry a more efficient and better place to work.

"These projects have implemented digital tools and processes to improve productivity, training and development initiatives to equip workers with critical skills, flexible working environments to support workers' mental and physical health—and much more. Australia's construction industry will be stronger as a result of this," said Mr Davies.

"The Australian Construction Achievement Award finalists have given us a masterclass in innovation, teamwork and skill while shining a spotlight on the role engineering plays in connecting our communities through construction excellence," said Engineers Australia CEO Romilly Madew AO.

This premier construction industry Award has again been partnered by some of the major businesses connected with the industry including Adbri, Caterpillar, Cbus, InEight and InfraBuild.

Finalists will be honoured, and winner announced, at a black-tie award dinner at The Palladium at Crown Melbourne on Wednesday 3 May 2023 in conjunction with the Future of Construction Summit 2023 (FCON23).

The ACAA Finalists for 2023 are: -

Echuca-Moama Bridge Project – Stage 3

By McConnell Dowell Constructors (Aust) Pty Ltd and Major Road Projects Victoria

Consisting of construction of a second Murray River crossing between Echuca and Moama, together with a bridge over the Campaspe River, earth embankments, and flood relief bridges on the adjacent floodplains. Delivered by Major Road Projects Victoria (MRPV) and constructed by McConnell Dowell in both Victoria and New South Wales on the traditional lands of the Yorta Yorta people.

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Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach Level Crossing Removal Project

By Southern Program Alliance (ACCIONA Rail, WSP, Metro Trains Melbourne, and the Level Crossing Removal Project)

The Southern Program Alliance's (SPA) Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach Level Crossing Removal Project package removed five dangerous and congested level crossings and built three new stations on the Frankston line in Melbourne's south-east. This created safe access across the rail corridor for vehicles and pedestrians, upgraded station precinct surroundings, and improved the commuter experience on the Frankston line.

M4-M5 Link Tunnels Project (WestConnex Stage 3A)

By ACCIONA Samsung Bouygues Joint Venture

The WestConnex M4-M5 Link Tunnels project is a \$3.2 billion mega project in Sydney, constructed in partnership with ASB Joint Venture (ACCIONA Construction Australia, Samsung C&T and Bouygues Construction Australia) and the owner and operator of WestConnex, which is owned by a consortium led by toll road company, Transurban.

The M4-M5 Link Tunnels project constructed two 7.5-kilometre underground tunnels, representing a total tunnel length of 21,580m and connecting the M4 at Haberfield to the M8 at St Peters and integration into the whole of WestConnex Integration Operation and Management Control System (IOMCS). The project involved Excavation, Civil and Mechanical and Electrical (M&) work over three main sites including the construction and energisation of six substations and two low point sumps and construction of surface ventilation buildings, cut and cover structures, local roadworks and a Water Treatment Plant.

M80 Ring Road Upgrade Sydney Road to Edgars Road

By CPB Contractors and Major Road Projects Victoria

The M80 Upgrade widened 5.7 kilometres of the M80 Ring Road between Sydney and Edgars roads, adding additional lanes, ramps, collector distributors and a smart freeway system – all in and around live traffic flows of 165,000 vehicles per day. Clever technical solutions and a strong innovation and sustainability culture saw the project completed a year ahead of schedule and \$122 million under the client's budget.

Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 Infrastructure Contract

By Parramatta Connect (CPB Contractors Downer EDI Works Joint Venture)

Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 connects Westmead to Carlingford via Parramatta CBD, with a two-way track spanning 12 kilometres long, including 5 kilometres within the existing Carlingford and Sandown Lines, along with 16 fully accessible stations and 12 new or refurbished bridges. It is expected to commence services in 2024. Parramatta Connect delivered the Infrastructure works package of the project.

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Parramatta Square Precinct – 3, 4, 6&8 Parramatta Square & PHIVE Parramatta Square

By Built

Built (in JV with Obayashi) was engaged by Walker Corporation and Parramatta Council to deliver one of Australia's largest urban regeneration projects including four commercial towers, civic hub and public domain for the new \$2.8 billion Parramatta Square precinct. Establishing Parramatta as Sydney's second CBD, the works included commercial/retail builds and fitouts, interconnecting basement, integrated transport access and public domain works.

Sydney Football Stadium Redevelopment

By John Holland Group

This world class entertainment venue seating up to 42,500 people was designed for the fans. Offering visitors and patrons an optimal entertainment experience, its enhanced design enables accessibility, safety, sightlines and operational efficiencies.

This complex structure was an integrated engineered solution, delivered to the highest quality, on time and budget as a result of it high performing team culture."

Further details about the finalists and the ACAA are available at <https://acaanet.au/>

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