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### **Port Macquarie Designer takes out top HIA Awards**

Michelle Burton of Designing Divas took out the titles of HIA Northern NSW Kitchen Design of the Year and HIA Northern NSW Bathroom Design of the Year at the 2015 HIA Northern NSW Housing Awards on Friday.

The judges said, "Michelle, a previous winner in these categories from 2013, continues to design modern and breathtaking kitchens and bathrooms."

Kitchen and Bathroom Design categories are judged first and foremost on the design, innovation and flair demonstrated by the designer. Category entries are also judged on the quality of technical elements, compliance and presentation of drawings, plans and specifications.

The awards were held during a luncheon at the Novotel Pacific Bay Resort, Coffs Harbour. Special guest included Deputy Mayor Sally Townley from Coffs Harbour City Council.

Congratulating Michelle on such an outstanding achievement, HIA's NSW Executive Director, David Bare, said the awards were an excellent display of the housing industry's capacity, innovation and resilience in regional areas of NSW.

"It is encouraging to see that in challenging market conditions HIA's builders and designers have maintained their commitment to excellence. The calibre of entries this year shows yet again the strong support for these awards. Each year the bar is raised higher making the judging process all the more difficult. The Northern region continues to set a high standard within NSW."

"Winners can look forward to progressing to the state housing awards in Sydney in October and we wish them every success."

The Association's awards acknowledge the talent of builders, designers and building companies who plan and construct quality new housing, renovations, kitchens and bathrooms.

HIA is the leading industry association in the Australian residential building sector, supporting the businesses and interests of builders, contractors, manufacturers, suppliers, building professionals and business partners.

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