

DESIGN HONOURS



Houzz Awards went to this swimming pool by Shaun Lockyer Architects (photography by Scott Burrows) and a sunroom by Paul Uhlmann Architects (photography by Christopher Frederick Jones).

Top styles win awards

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Brisbane's top renovation and design specialists have been acknowledged with the latest Houzz Awards recognising some of the best in the business.

Houzz Inc, the leading platform for home renovation and design, announced the Houzz community's picks for Best of Houzz (BOH) 2019, a guide to the best kitchen and bath renovators, architects, interior designers, landscapers and other residential renovating professionals on Houzz.

In Brisbane, the winning pool design by Shaun Lockyer Architects was a stunning

resort-style lap pool. Architect Shaun Lockyer said: "Overlooking acreage, this resort-style lap pool with infinity edge seeks to seamlessly connect water to the landscape".

"The bridge over cascading water leads to an elevated poolside entertainment area surrounded by panoramic bushland," he said.

The winning Brisbane sunroom, the freestanding "man shed", was designed to complement a residential compound on the banks of the Brisbane River.

Paul Uhlmann Architects designed the stunning sunroom "to evoke the primal



qualities of external gathering places the client experienced on a recent trip overseas".

Architect Paul Uhlmann said the fireplace and rich material palette were central to the brief. "The enclosing bluestone walls retain the warmth of the fireplace, while glass either slides away or folds up to allow absolute connection with the river and landscape. The lower level embodies the idea of prospect and refuge," he said.

Louise Roche from The Design Villa transformed a tired and outdated interior of a two-bedroom holiday unit on Belongil Beach, just outside central Byron Bay.

The brief was to create a tropical haven with a sophisticated take on coastal living.

The Best of Houzz badge is awarded annually, in three categories: design, customer service and photography. Design awards honour professionals whose work was the most popular among the more than 40 million monthly users globally on Houzz.

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