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2011 HIA NSW Apprenticeship Awards Celebrating the Best in the Business

Housing Industry Association (HIA) apprentices celebrated their success today at the 2011 HIA Stratco NSW Apprenticeship Awards.

The Apprenticeship Awards acknowledge, encourage and, most importantly, recognise the extraordinary talent of HIA Apprentices.

“I would like to congratulate all our award winners and finalists who represent the best in the business”, said HIA Executive Director, NSW, Mr David Bare. “The bar is raised higher each year making the judging process all the more difficult.”

“I applaud our apprentices for such an outstanding achievement. They have displayed passion, enthusiasm and commitment in developing their skills to a high standard in the building industry. These young men will be exceptional builders, and I wish them every success in their future endeavours,” added Mr Bare.

This year’s event was held at HIA’s auditorium in North Ryde. Guest speaker, Andrew Morello, winner of the first season of *The Apprentice Australia* and Head of Business Development, Yellow Brick Road toasted HIA’s apprentices and encouraged them to strive to always achieve their best.

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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Full list of award winners attached.

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2011 HIA Stratco NSW Apprenticeship Award Winners

First Year Apprentice Winner	Sean Emerson	Host Trainer	Paul Govers
2 nd Year Apprentice Winner	Paul Johnson	Host Trainer	W. Ardlie Builders
3 rd Year Apprentice Winner	Clarke Andrews	Host Trainer	Ben Wheeler
4 th Year Apprentice Winner	Jack Lander	Host Trainer	Dave Lander
Encouragement Award Winner	Rhys Hunt		
OH&S Award Winner	Nicholas Kellie	Host Trainer	Rob Cossettin
Brick/other Award Winner	Gavin Perry	Host Trainer	Grant Perry
Carpentry Award Winner	Andrew Brent	Host Trainer	Albert Morini

Apprentice of the Year Finalist*	Sean Emerson	Host Trainer	Paul Govers
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*Finalists for the HIA Roger Pysden NSW Apprentice of the Year – winner will be announced at the HIA CSR NSW Housing Awards in Darling Harbour on 22 October 2011

Host of the Year Winner	Mark Farrugia		
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