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## **Best in the Business Commended at HIA NSW Apprenticeship Awards**

Housing Industry Association (HIA) apprentices celebrated their success today at the 2012 HIA Stratco NSW Apprenticeship Awards.

The Apprenticeship Awards encourage, and most importantly recognise quality workmanship and the extraordinary talent of HIA Apprentices to the housing industry.

"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. "Each year the bar is raised higher making the judging process all the more difficult."

"I applaud the outstanding achievement of our apprentices. They have displayed passion, enthusiasm and commitment in developing their skills to a high standard in the building industry which will make them exceptional role models for future apprentices. Their 'can do' attitude is to be commended. 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. MC and motivational speaker Darren Isenberg toasted HIA's apprentices, and instilled the message that people learn better when they are enjoying themselves.

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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## 2012 HIA Stratco NSW Apprenticeship Award Winners

1st Year Apprentice Winner	Michael Fell	Host Trainer	Darren Brownlee
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Apprentice Winner	Terrance Edwards	Host Trainer	John Rosser
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Apprentice Winner	Paul Johnson	Host Trainer	Rodney Ardlie
4 <sup>th</sup> Year Apprentice Winner	Bradley Cantwell	Host Trainer	Douglas McDonald
Encouragement Award Winner	Steven Taylor	Host Trainer	Steven Brown Grant Bellamy
School Based Award Winner	Kieran Evans	Host Trainer	Brett Kingham
WHS Award Winner	Sean Emerson	Host Trainer	Paul Govers
Non Carpentry Award Winner	Shane Carroll	Host Trainer	Cameron Lester
Carpentry Award Winner	Damien Pearson	Host Trainer	Bob Herman

Apprentice of the Year Finalist*	Michael Fell
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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 20 October 2012

Host of the Year Winner	Warren Gray
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