

Media release

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UNSW student village awarded for architectural excellence

Architects for The University of New South Wales' newest student residence have been presented a 2010 NSW Architecture Award at the main industry awards for architecture.

UNSW Village was designed by Architectus for global student accommodation specialists, Campus Living Villages (CLV). Architectus received the award under the Residential Architecture – Multiple Housing category.

CLV Project Manager, Amanda Bock, and Lindsay and Kerry Clare, formally from Architectus, attended the awards last Friday, along with other project team members and dignitaries such as the NSW Minister for Planning, the Lord Mayor and Member for Wentworth.

The jury citation released in the Australian Institute of Architects' Architecture Bulletin says that, as a home to over 1,000 students, UNSW Village "overcomes the institutional to give the precinct warmth and delightfulness."

"[UNSW Village] will receive the joy of many generations of students and be representative of a positive attitude to student housing in our time," it says.

According to Amanda, "UNSW Village is the largest student housing scheme recently delivered in Sydney. The development is intended, not only as a functional piece of modern architecture, but also to enhance student living through quality facilities, well-appointed common spaces and good environmental credentials."

UNSW Village features environmentally sustainable design initiatives such as cross ventilation, generous levels of natural lighting, solar hot water systems, grey water recycling in laundries, stormwater retention and sunshading to windows.

The development also preserves existing University buildings including the Old Tote Theatre and retains heritage features such as the old fig trees that run through the site.

UNSW Village is now in contention for the National Architecture Awards, which will be announced in October.

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About Campus Living Villages

Campus Living Villages (CLV) is a global student accommodation specialist with operations in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States. CLV specialises in working with educational institutions to provide exciting, supportive residential environments designed to enhance the campus experience.

UNSW Village is one of CLV's flagship properties. Opened in January 2010, the Village is experiencing high demand and reached maximum occupancy for semester one in February.

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