

***Library at The Dock* named Victorian Development of the Year at Property Council awards ceremony**

Melbourne, 19 May 2016: Australia's most sustainable public building, Library at The Dock, took out the top award at last night's annual Property Council of Australia Victorian awards evening.

A finalist in three categories – innovation, best public building and best new sustainable development, the library took out the prestigious "Development of the Year" award among strong competition.

Delivered through a tri-partnership between the City of Melbourne, Places Victoria and Lendlease and designed by architects Clare Design with Hayball as architect of record, Library at The Dock will now be in the running for the national award, due to be announced in Sydney next month.

Chair of the City of Melbourne's Environment Portfolio, Cr Arron Wood said along with its green design the building offers an extensive traditional library collection, music and sound recording facilities, digital gaming, and a performance space that holds 120 people.

"The library pays homage to Docklands' rich maritime heritage with reclaimed hardwood from the waterfront used throughout the building. It is located in a spectacular setting on the waterfront in Victoria Harbour and is anchored by a new park and children's play space," Cr Wood said.

"Docklands has the highest concentration of green star rated buildings in Australia and this public building is a symbol of the benefits of sustainable design. There is a clear business case for green buildings when it comes to staff attraction and retention."

Lendlease's Managing Director of Urban Regeneration Jonathan Emery said he was thrilled that the Library continues to be recognised.

"Library at The Dock provides a place for culture, community interaction and learning and represents world leadership in sustainable design, but beyond that, it's been critical in fostering a rich and diverse community in Victoria Harbour.

City-shaping projects like the library are crucial in order for us to create the best places for people to live, work, visit and play across our large scale urban regeneration projects."

Places Victoria's General Manager Precincts Simon Wilson said the Victorian Government's development agency was proud to be involved in a partnership that had delivered such an exemplary piece of community infrastructure.

"The first decade of Docklands was about buildings. The focus has now shifted to delivering facilities that are the building blocks of a thriving community," Mr Wilson said.

"The Library at the Dock is a vital part of the emerging civic heart of Docklands which includes Buluk Park and the newly-opened Community Hub at the Dock."

Following its opening in mid-2014, the library has become a favourite place for many Melburnians – seeing more than 123,000 people visit in its first year and over 15,000 attending library events. And despite the fact that it's not all about books at the state of the art library, more than 1.6 million of them were borrowed before the building's first birthday.

The library is only the second building in Australia to be constructed from Cross Laminated Timber (CLT), and the first public building to be constructed from the material. It is also the first public building in Australia to have achieved a six star green star as-built rating from the Green Building Council of Australia's public buildings rating tool.

The building's environmentally conscious design promotes natural ventilation, daylight and fresh indoor air quality, resulting in reduced energy consumption and a healthier, more productive indoor environment.

Further sustainable building benefits of Library at The Dock include:

- CLT is carbon neutral and offers better thermal performance, requires less energy to heat and cool and generates zero waste
- Timber promenade decking made from local, dismantled Victoria Harbour wharf timbers
- Reduced fresh water consumption with water collected from the roof and discharged to a 35,000L tank in the nearby Victoria Green park for reuse within the building
- 85kw solar panels on the roof supply approximately 30 per cent of the building's total operational power.

The national Property Council Awards event will be held at the annual gala dinner in Sydney on Friday 3 June.

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