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Victorian mother wins Business Partner of the Year

Victoria's Maz Romandini is the winner of the 2010 HIA Australian Housing Awards' Business Partner of the Year award.

The winner was unveiled today before a crowd of hundreds of industry leaders at the prestigious awards ceremony held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre.

The HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards recognise the nation's top builders and designers. Winners are selected from a list of state-based finalists, with awards delivered in 18 separate categories (see full list below).

This award, partnered by Vodafone, recognises the nation's best business partner in residential building.

Maz Romandini is both office and marketing manager at Romandini Cabinets. She started the company 12 years ago with her husband.

Maz isn't afraid to take on a hands-on approach to the job. Before the business was big enough to hire staff, she took on tasks such as assembling drawer units herself.

Maz also keeps busy outside work with three young children, charity work and as a music reviewer for Universal Music.

The judges described Maz as a 'well-rounded individual who fits into every aspect of the business'.

HIA Managing Director Shane Goodwin said the HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards were growing in popularity each year and reflected the increasingly diverse and competitive Australian housing industry.

"I would like to congratulate all our award winners who really do represent the 'best in the business'," Mr Goodwin said. "Each year a higher calibre of entries is presented, making the judging process tougher, and reflecting general improvements in quality and design."

"The Australian home is no longer a standard brick veneer on a big block. The common link with all our award winners is architecturally innovative designs, the attention to quality, detail and workmanship and a genuine focus on sustainability," Mr Goodwin said.

HIA is Australia's peak building industry body representing more than 40,000 builders, suppliers and contractors involved in residential construction.

The housing awards are held annually. This year's guest at the awards was Housing Minister Tanya Plibersek.

Judged by industry professionals, the awards acknowledge the talent of designers, builders and building companies who plan and construct quality new housing, apartments, renovations, kitchens and bathrooms.

For images of the winning entrant visit: media.hia.com.au

A full list of award winners is below.

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2010 HIA-CSR Australian Housing Awards Winners

2010 HIA-CSR Australian Home of the Year	Atkinson.Pontifex
Apartment Project of the Year	Sam Sgherza Group
Custom Built Home of the Year	Atkinson.Pontifex
Display Home of the Year	Metricon and Ryan Designer Homes
Outdoor Project of the Year	Ecogroup Cairns
Project Home of the Year	Ash Moseley Homes
Renovation/Addition Project of the Year	Olympic Holdings Pty Ltd
Spec Home of the Year	Montage Developments Pty Ltd
Special Purpose Housing Project of the Year	Goodwin Aged Care Services and Capezio & Co Pty Ltd
Townhouse/Villa Development of the Year	Brian Lee Master Builder Pty Ltd
Bathroom of the Year	Bubbles Bathrooms
Kitchen of the Year	Best Kitchens
Professional Major Builder of the Year	Porter Davis Homes
Professional Small/Medium Builder of the Year	Ausmar Homes
Professional Renovator Builder of the Year	Cape Cod Australia Pty Ltd
Jim Brookes Apprentice of the Year	John Gillieron
Most Innovative Use of Steel	20*20
Business Partner of the Year	Maz Romandini