



# 2012 National


## MBA Award Win

On Friday 16th November 2012 the National MBA Awards were held in Canberra. Hansen Yuncken are pleased to announce that the Cairns Botanic Garden Visitor Centre was awarded the National Commercial Construction (\$5 million to \$10 million) award.

Uniquely designed to reflect its natural environment, the Cairns Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre was intended to create a new landmark for locals and tourists. Finished in mirrored panelling and shaped to mimic the natural contours of the gardens' landscape - the Visitor Centre is an iconic building featuring meeting facilities, an undercover amphitheatre, tourist information services, a cafe and offices for 30 staff. Besides being visually striking, the Centre is also environmentally outstanding. More than 100 solar panels generate electricity that exceeds the buildings requirements for operations. Concrete block walls and honed concrete flooring provide a natural cooling system while the buildings design encourages natural airflow and ventilation. Excellent project management allowed the construction to overcome several difficulties to deliver a quality execution of a challenging design and time frame. Bespoke solutions were created to achieve the mirrored finish to the curves and contours of the design. Oversights surrounding the design of the rooftop solar panel arrays and delays due to the tropical wet season and a category five cyclone were overcome to meet the clients needs.

The project team involved in this project should be pleased with not only receiving the State MBA Award for this project, but now also the National MBA Award. Congratulations to Derek Collins, Tracy Steinhardt and Craig Strongman on this outstanding result.



  
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