

Australian Timber Design Awards

The annual Australian Timber Design Awards winners were announced in Melbourne recently, with some stunning entries across all categories. The winner of the Timber Floors category was Bureau SRH, a Sydney-based architecture firm.

The winning design was 'The Birdcage', a residence conceived as two elements - a solid concrete base which is the entry and a perforated brass and timber box which is the private area of the home. Between these two contrasting cool and warm elements is a negative space that forms an open living platform.

The floor joists exposed to the living platform are Douglas Fir LVLs, lightly sanded but left branded and unsealed. These LVLs span over six metres and at one end are hung from a steel truss spanning 15 metres.

The internal walls and ceilings of the timber box are lined with hoop pine with expressed joints and countersunk screw fixings then finished with Intergrain Ultraclear.

The 60mm cover Blackbutt floorboards, supplied and installed by Nash Timber, fold down to clad the lift core and stairs, where the treads are a composite Blackbutt cladding and Douglas Fir LVLs. The solid Blackbutt interior flooring was finished using Livos Ardvos Wood Oil.

This project also featured 60mm cover Blackbutt outdoor decking, also supplied by Nash Timbers and finished with Intergrain Ultradeck.

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