



■ **House, North Kiama Dr (BHI):** This project was a significant renovation to an aged red brick dwelling. There was a need to open the view lines to the rear from both levels, for living areas and main bedroom. The garage was relocated, providing an entry and courtyard. The layout developed around the need for extensive living areas and decks to the upper level connecting down a stair void space to the lower level pool and foyer. The openness towards the beach is a key element of the design.

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■ **Rural house, Foxground (BHI):** The house overlooks rural pasture and rainforest escarpment. The architecture is a collection of "farm" buildings in a contemporary and ordered manner. It includes the main house, the silo building used for guests and as a studio, and the barn for guests and a garage. The materials and colours selected reinforce the rural character.

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Designs on success



■ **Kent development, Gerringong (BHI):** This mixed-use development comprises eight residential units above five shops. The corner is a prominent site in the town and was previously occupied by a dilapidated service station. The building form, material and colours give each unit an individual expression, with roofs and balconies fitting in with the Gerringong village atmosphere.

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Some of the area's most significant new buildings are in line for top architectural awards, writes **DAVID CRAWSHAW**.

SEVEN of the Illawarra's landmark developments have been nominated for this year's NSW Architecture Awards.

The Wollongong Hospital redevelopment, Shell Cove golf course clubhouse, Shellharbour Workers' Club, Adecco building in Wollongong, Gerringong's Kent development and two houses near Kiama are in line for the awards, which have been held every year since 1932.

Sydney firm BHI Architects designed five of the seven nominated projects, which will be on display at the Wharf Theatre, Millers Point, until July 16.

More than 140 projects from across the state have been entered in categories covering residential, commercial, heritage and "public" developments.

Awards spokeswoman Melissa Jones said architectural firms submitted their projects for judging, with a detailed

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description and graphics accompanying their entries.

To be eligible for an award, the buildings must have been completed in the past two years.

The winners will be announced on July 12 at the National Institute of Dramatic Arts.

The *Mercury* has short descriptions from each firm explaining the design of each nominated building project.



■ **Shell Cove Golf Club (BHI):** The clubhouse is a key feature of the Shell Cove development and was designed to fit in with its coastal surroundings. The building overlooks the new Shellharbour Links golf course. It is horizontal in shape, excavated into the hillside and appears to be only single storey when viewed from the main approach. Pavilion style roofs are used in the design and a transparent feel exists throughout the building.

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■ **Adecco, Wollongong (BHI):** The project is a 240m shopfront located in inner Wollongong which serves as the headquarters for the international recruitment firm Adecco. Given the nature of the business, the concept behind the brief was to create spaces that encourage exploration of people's inner potential and to inspire. Adecco's brief was for an aesthetically fresh, modern and vibrant workplace to meet the needs of its large client base and support the everyday functioning of the company.

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■ **Wollongong Hospital redevelopment (McConnell Smith and Johnson):** The design for the nine-storey addition to the existing hospital is a Wollongong landmark. Boldly scaled, cantilevered roof planes, lift walls and stair towers with slender edges form a striking image. The colours connect with Wollongong as a vibrant industrial city, the spirit of the steelworks and for their expression of warmth in a hospital environment. With the refurbishment of the previously bland services block, MSJ has used colour to integrate the old with the new.

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■ **Shellharbour Workers' Club (Caroline Pidcock and Richard Goodwin):** The roof and balcony extension transforms an existing building to accommodate the need for more space and anticipate future smoking laws. The use of a lightweight steel roof for the new verandah was a logical choice. The roof folds and opens to bring light deep into the balcony area. The new verandah provides external areas for the club for the first time, and will largely be used for outdoor seating for 500 people.

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