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CROWN WINS TOP ACCOLADE FOR ITS TOP RYDE PROJECT

September 16, 2013 - Crown Group has taken home the state's most sought after urban development prize.

Crown Group's resort-style residential development Top Ryde City Living has been awarded the President's Award – the most sought after prize in the urban development sector - by the Urban Development Institute of Australia NSW.

Crown Group CEO Iwan Sunito accepted the award at The Annual UDIA President's Luncheon held in Sydney on September 5.

Mr Sunito said it was an honour to receive the President's award from UDIA NSW, the state's leading property industry group.

The President's award pitches the state's best new developments against each other, from retail and commercial developments to master-planned residential communities in Sydney's outer suburbs.

"The UDIA President's award is highly-coveted in the property development industry and we are honoured Crown's Top Ryde City Living has been named this year's winner," Mr Sunito said.

"It is a testament to the meticulous attention to detail at Top Ryde City Living from the design phase and development phases through to development and after sales service."

Mr Sunito went on to say the award recognised Crown's success and growth from a relatively-small \$28 million project 17 years ago to a development pipeline worth \$3 Billion today, achieved without compromising the company's principle of good design.

"These awards are proof growth, quality and design excellence do not have to compete with one another, they can exist together," Mr Sunito said.

The recipient of the competitive *UDIA NSW President's award* was selected from the *UDIA NSW Austral Bricks Awards for Excellence winners 2013 presented in July*.

UDIA NSW President Simon Basheer said Top Ryde City Living by Crown Group is the best-of-the-best in current NSW urban development projects - and while it was difficult to select a winner from the 14 outstanding projects, Top Ryde City Living proved exceptional.

"Located above a shopping centre, Top Ryde City Living presents the ideal model for urban consolidation – a model that is often aspired to but rarely achieved," Mr Basheer said.



"Crown also overcame significant logistical challenges to create quality apartments and facilities for than 1000 people above a fully-functioning shopping centre.

"The end result is a rare model of a typology that comfortably serves a growing Sydney."

Positioned on one of Sydney's most spectacular vantage points above Top Ryde City Shopping Centre, Top Ryde City Living features expansive common facilities including a music room, library, media theatres, indoor and outdoor function areas, a children's playground and a pool.

"Top Ryde City Living was designed to take maximum advantage of the available space and views - and to utilize natural light and cross-ventilation in each apartment," Crown Group CEO Mr Sunito said.

Crown Group's other award-winning developments include a joint venture with Prosha Pty Ltd, The Eastlakes Town Centre, awarded UDIA NSW best Concept Design 2013, the innovative, waterfront development Sanctum by Crown, awarded a Master Builders Association Excellence in Housing award 2012 and the hugely-successful ICON at Homebush, awarded HIA (Housing Industry Association) CSR Housing Awards 2007 Apartment Project of the Year.

Top Ryde City Living was awarded best High-Density Development in NSW and ACT at UDIA NSW awards for excellence

The final residential stage at Top Ryde City Living, Viva by Crown was launched on August 31.

The Viva by Crown display suite is located at:

Shop 3019, Top Ryde City Shopping Centre
Corner of Devlin Street & Blaxland Road, Ryde
(Ground Floor next to the Post Office)

Viva by Crown display suite is open Monday to Saturday 9am – 5pm and Sunday 10am – 5pm.

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About Crown Group

Crown International Holdings Group (Crown Group) is a leading Australian property group, active in property development and property investment in Sydney.

The company was co-founded by architect Mr Iwan Sunito and engineer Mr Paul Sathio in 1996.

Iwan Sunito graduated with Bachelor of Architecture (Hons) and Master of Construction of Management from University of NSW. In 1993 Iwan became a Registered Architect in NSW and was awarded the UNSW Eric Daniels award for excellence in residential design.

Paul Sathio graduated with a Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering from University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and a Masters of Engineering Science from University of NSW. Paul has more than two decades' experience in the construction and development industry.

Crown Group has received a number of awards over the years including the Master Builders Association Excellence in Housing award 2012 for its innovative, waterfront development Sanctum by Crown and the HIA (Housing Industry Association) CSR Housing Awards 2007 Apartment Project of the Year for the hugely-successful ICON at Homebush.

Most recently, Crown Group was awarded best High-Density Development in NSW and ACT at The Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) NSW awards for excellence 2013 for its resort-style development Top Ryde City Living and the Group's joint venture with Prosha Pty Ltd, The Eastlakes Town Centre was awarded best Concept Design at the same awards.

Since the company was founded 17 years ago, Crown Group has successfully completed major developments in Sydney's best locations including Bondi, Bondi Junction, Parramatta, Ashfield, Epping, Homebush, Newington, Pennant Hills and Rhodes.

Today, Crown Group boasts a \$3 billion portfolio of projects under development and in the pipeline and is currently developing four major projects, **Top Ryde City Living**, a seven-tower development in Top Ryde, **Viking by Crown**, a 10-storey residential complex in Waterloo, **V by Crown**, a 27-storey residential tower in Parramatta and **Skye by Crown** a 20-storey development in North Sydney launched in June 2013.

Viva by Crown, the final stage of Top Ryde City Living was launched on August 31.

Crown Group plans to launch a residential tower on **Clarence Street** in Sydney's CBD in 2014.

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