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CROWN GROUP RECEIVES COVETED NATIONAL ACCOLADE FOR TOP RYDE DEVELOPMENT

Monday, March 31, 2014 – Sydney-based property developer Crown Group's Top Ryde City Living development has been recognised as Australia's best high density residential development.

Crown Group CEO Iwan Sunito and Development Director Tim Campbell accepted the award at the Urban Development Institute Australia (UDIA) 2014 National Awards for Excellence Gala Dinner held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre in Queensland on Friday March 28.

The UDIA National Award recognises Australia's best in contemporary knowledge, skills and innovation in the urban development industry.

Positioned on one of Sydney's most spectacular vantage points, Top Ryde City Living's high-quality finishes and cutting-edge design embody the building philosophy of Crown Group.

The \$500 million development comprises a total of 653 apartments across seven buildings, ranging from studios to penthouses and features expansive common facilities including a music room, library, media theatres, indoor and outdoor function areas, a children's playground and a pool.

Nine categories of awards celebrate the 'best of the best' the property sector and recognise the significant and positive contribution to the property industry in Australia.

Crown Group was eligible for direct entry to the UDIA National awards after accepting the state's 2013 Best High Density Development for Top Ryde City Living as well as taking home best Concept Design award for its Crown Prosha joint venture project in Eastlakes Town Centre in July last year.

Crown Group Chief Executive Iwan Sunito was delighted for Top Ryde to receive the prestigious national accolade.

"It's an honour to be recognised by such a prestigious award in what is a very competitive market," he said.

"Over the past eighteen years Crown Group has successfully carved itself an undisputed place in the Australian property market and buyers have embraced our developments," he said.

"This award is a testament to the five-star, resort style living Crown Group has become renowned for."

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



Development Director Tim Campbell said the award recognised the high-level of design and development consideration given to every aspect of Top Ryde City Living.

"Top Ryde City Living exemplifies Crown Group's drive to contribute the highest calibre of design and development required to create sustainable urban cities for the future," he said.

"Many people have been involved in delivering the vision for Top Ryde City Living and it has been a collaborative journey," Mr Campbell said.

Other winners on the evening included the Lightsview joint venture comprising CIC Australia Ltd and Renewal South Australia in SA for the Masterplanned Development category and the Gowings and State Theatre Buildings Restoration and Hotel Conversion in NSW for the Urban Renewal Category.

Top Ryde City Living began construction in 2011 and more than 500 residents now occupy the popular development.

Top Ryde City Living has hosted a number of community events in the past 12 months including festive Christmas and Easter celebrations attended by more than 80 per cent of the development's occupants.

"The sense of community at Top Ryde City Living is phenomenal," said Mr Campbell.

The UDIA is Australia's peak representative body for all segments of the urban development industry.

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.

The final stage of Top Ryde City Living, Viva by Crown is due for completion mid-2014.

A selection of one bedroom and two bedroom apartments are remaining.

Prices start from \$613,000.

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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 was recently awarded the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) NSW President's award – considered one of the highest property development accolades in Australia – for its resort-style development Top Ryde City Living.

Top Ryde City Living was also named best High-Density Development in NSW and ACT at the UDIA NSW awards for excellence 2013 and a Master Builders Association Excellence in Housing award 2013.

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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 29-storey residential tower in Parramatta and **Skye by Crown** a 20-storey development in North Sydney launched in June 2013.

Crown group launched **Viva by Crown**, the final stage of Top Ryde City Living in August and will launch **Sydney by Crown** in the heart of Sydney's CBD in 2014.

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