



A roof made from COLORBOND® steel was part of an overall design approach following thermally efficient principles which helped this display home by the Robinson Building Group in Fyshwick win an award for best display home over \$150,000 in the HIA's ACT/Southern NSW 2000 awards.



## One of Canberra's most awarded builders has added to its long list of successes by covering a contemporary display home with a steel roof to win the company's latest housing accolade.

The Hargrave, by the Robinson Building Group in Fyshwick, received the award for the best display home over \$150,000 in the Housing Industry Association's ACT/Southern NSW 2000 awards.

The HIA prize is the 79th award received by the Robinson Group, which has built more than 1,000 houses and extensions since the late 1980s.

The Hargrave features a roof made from COLORBOND® steel as part of an overall design approach which follows thermal efficiency design principles to minimise energy usage.

The home is designed and built to suit the extremes of the region's climate, making it more comfort-

able and less costly to live in.

"This is our first display home to feature COLORBOND® steel, but over the years we have built quite a large number of homes where the roof was made from COLORBOND® steel," said Mr Phil Robinson.

"COLORBOND® steel is a durable product well suited to the ACT region's dry, cold climate.

"We specified Windspray® COLORBOND® steel for the display home because the lighter colours work best from an energy efficiency perspective."

The Robinson Building Group has operated the Hargrave as a display home for 12 months.

During this time Mr Robinson has become convinced of the year-round benefits of its solar and thermally efficient design principles.

"We found that it really made a difference throughout the whole year. We didn't use any heating or cooling during the day when the home was open between midday and 5pm," he said.

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## Award rewards energy efficient display home

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#### **Project:**

The Hargrave display home in Canberra

#### **ESD Award:**

Robinson Building Group managing director Phil Robinson said the ESD design principles helped win the Hargrave the MBA Display Home of 2001 and HIA Home of 2001

#### **Steel solution:**

COLORBOND® steel was part of an overall design approach which follows thermal efficiency design principles to minimise energy use

#### **Architect:**

Robinson Building Group  
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#### **Builder:**

Robinson Building Group

#### **Cladder/roofer:**

James Ashton

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