

Goom wins Gold!

The Goom Landscapes team had a fantastic time at the recent Registered Master Landscapers Landscapes of Distinction Awards held in Dunedin at the beginning of the month. It was wonderful to be in a room with so much talent and a feeling of success for the betterment of the industry overall.

Our Landscape Architects dedication to creating beautiful outdoor spaces that harmonize with the surrounding environment and working alongside our clients is vitally important. Our Merivale project titled "The Vibe" won the Premier Best Design. The judges said one of the most outstanding features of this project is the incorporation of white lines, which skilfully create shelter without compromising the influx of natural light into the house. The crowning jewel is the bespoke louvre-style roof, using glass and slats to provide control over the amount of sunlight and shade. A cosy gas fire instantly transforms the outdoor area into a welcoming sanctuary during chilly evenings for either relaxed solitude or socialising. The Vibe also won Gold medals for Landscape Construction and Landscape Horticulture.



There was a also a Judges Special Recognition Award for a Heritage project named "Mid-Century Cool" for a Fendalton property that integrates indoor



outdoor flow. "The outdoor living space created goes beyond functionality that enhances everyday life" the judges noted. Whether to relax with a book in a cosy corner, entertain guests in an inviting patio area, or become immersed in natures tranquillity, this stunning design has it all. They said they loved the deceptively simple design which demonstrates a clear appreciation of mid-century aesthetic. Mid-Century Cool also won a Gold medal for Design and Construction.

The team also celebrated hard when Caleb Washington, son and nephew of both Directors, Ant Washington and Tim Goom respectively, won the Young Landscaper of the Year award. Caleb presented a great speech on the on going sustainability of forestry slash and did exceptionally well in the plant ID, interview and practical skills tests. "I'm so proud of my achievement in winning this award. I am really passionate about the industry and hope to share my learnings and experience with the younger members of the team to encourage them to lean into making a great career choice". Caleb will continue his upskilling in the hope of being a competitive delegate in the Young



Horticulturist Competition in November which pits the best candidates from each of the Horticultural sectors to win Young Horticulturist of the Year.

By entering and supporting the awards, we strive for continual growth and innovation. Our team work together to create these amazing spaces, and we love to recognise and acknowledge everyone involved in all these projects and are very excited to get into our upcoming projects.

