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‘Crystal Vision’ for the future of women in construction - NAWIC 2005 Excellence Awards winners announced

Highly regarded engineer and project manager for City Design Alex Fisher took out the prestigious Brisbane City Council Crystal Vision Award at the NAWIC Queensland 2005 Excellence Awards held on Thursday night.

With the who’s who in the construction industry present at Brisbane’s Sofitel, Alex Fisher was rewarded for her commitment to advancing and furthering the interests of women in her field through her roles as a civil engineer and project manager for Brisbane City Council’s City Design department.

The National Association of Women in Construction’s (NAWIC) Queensland Chapter President Therese Brockhurst said she was extremely impressed with Alex’s pioneering spirit allowing her to operate in environments within the Queensland construction industry where she has been the first and/or only female.

“I’m honoured to have had the chance to reward some extremely talented and driven women. Alex Fisher has set an example for others to use their position of influence to promote and advance great women in the construction industry. She is a great role model and mentor who will continue to excel in what she does now and for the future.”

“I was particularly impressed by Alex’s initiative in developing support networks for women and donating her time to speak at schools and construction related forums,” Brockhurst said.

Other award recipients include Anne Woolley from Boral for her Achievement in Construction and Director of Kevin Hayes Architects Elizabeth Anderson for her Achievement in Design.

Anderson received her award for her work as the project architect and town planner for the Kevin Hayes Architect’s Linear Auchenflower residential development. Currently one month from completion, the two-towered development will total 70 apartments

Woolley’s exceptional safety, management and cost effective approach to her work as Boral’s Plant Manager during the Gladstone Bechtel Project also impressed judges.

As the 2005 Crystal Vision Award winner, Alex Fisher will qualify with other Australian State and Territory winners to participate in NAWIC’s first National Crystal Vision Awards to be held on 7 October 2005 in Melbourne.

The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) Queensland Chapter was established in 1995 and its rapidly growing membership includes women in a wide range of construction-related industries. Visit www.nawic.com.au for more information.

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