The Bates Smart Award for Architecture in the Media is Australia's most prestigious media award for journalists, editors, producers and others reporting on architecture and design. It is an annual award to encourage and recognise media discussion of architecture.

Established in 1986 the Award has become an integral part of the Australian Institute of Architects annual awards program in Victoria with Bates Smart sponsoring the Award since its inception.

The Bates Smart Award for Architecture in the Media is designed to increase media coverage of the work of the profession as well as encouraging high-quality debate about architecture in Australia.

The Award recognises the role and contribution of people who:

- bring architecture to the attention of the general public
- create awareness of architectural practice
- generate quality public debate about architectural issues
- provide information for relevant professionals and specialists in the areas of architecture, interior design and environmental design

2016 Bates Smart Award

The 2016 Bates Smart Award for Architecture in the Media was announced at the 2016 Victorian Architecture Awards Presentation Dinner on Friday 24 June. Congratulations to the recipients of both National and State Awards and Commendations.

National Award
Places Women Make | Jane Jose

National Commendations
The Diplomat, the Artist and the Suit | Renegade Films
Take me to the River: The story of Perth's foreshore | Dr Julian Bolleter

State Award
Episodic Urbanism: The RMIT Urban Spaces Project 1996-2015 by Peter Elliott Architecture + Urban Design | Peter Elliott

State Commendation
Monash Steps / Stawell Steps | Nigel Bertram (Author), Virginia Manning (Author), Hiroshi Nakao (Author), Peter Bennetts (Photographer)

2016 Bates Smart Award Jury

Kristen Whittle | Bates Smart (Chair)
Clare Kennedy | Freelance Journalist
Mark Raggatt | ARM Architecture

2015 Bates Smart Award Winners:

National Award
Parlour Guides to Equitable Practice - Parlour (Justine Clark, Naomi Stead, Susie Ashworth, Catherine Griffiths & Neph Wake)

State Award
Mongrel Rapture: The Architecture of Ashton Raggatt McDougall - ARM Architecture

Commendation
Talking Design Radio Podcast, RMIT University - Stephen Crafti

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2014 Bates Smart Award Winners:

The 2014 Bates Smart Award for Architecture in the Media was announced at the Vic Awards Presentation Dinner on Friday 20 June 2014. Awards were awarded as follows:

**National Awards**

Public Sydney: Drawing the City - *Philip Thalis and Peter John Cattrall*
Furniture, Structure, Infrastructure: Making and Using the Urban Environment - *Nigel Bertram, NMBW Architecture Studio*

**State Award**

Dr Caligari moves to the Suburbs: The Architecture of Edmond & Corrigan – *Nerovega Reed Architecture*

**Commendations**

minimo Issue 1: Paul Morgan Architects – *Uro Publications*
New Suburban - Remaking the Family Home in Australia and New Zealand - *Stuart Harrison*

2014 Bates Smart Award Jury:

Kristen Whittle  
Director - *Bates Smart*

Tobias Horrocks  
Director - *Fold Theory*

Fleur Watson  
Curator - *RMIT Design Hub*