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# Jade design is right on the green target

## GEMMA NISBET

This year's GreenSmart Home of the Year is undeniably impressive in terms of its sustainability credentials: it uses 76 per cent less water and 119 per cent less energy than the average West Australian home, and has an energy-efficiency rating of nine stars.

It incorporates passive-solar design principles, has a greywater recycling system, a 5200-litre rainwater tank, 2kW Conergy photovoltaic cell system and a gas-boosted water heater.

Designer Jade Projects Australia and builder Right Homes have used environmentally friendly

materials such as formaldehyde-free cabiners and low volatile organic compound paint, and recycled much of the waste produced during construction.

Such are the GreenSmart features of the home that the judges said that Right Homes had "taken on the challenge of building low-impact homes for the project building market and hit a bullseye" with this home.

However, the cleverest thing about the project — and the reason that it has won both the Home of the Year and Water Efficiency awards this year — is the way it combines these

## Home of the Year Water Efficiency Award

COMPANY: Right Homes

sustainable design features with a focus on accessibility, both in terms of universal access and price point.

The three-bedroom, two-bathroom home has plenty of living space, with a home office, audiovisual room and open-plan kitchen, dining and living area. Extra-wide door openings, cavity slider doors, flush thresholds and extra-high power points ensure it is user-friendly for those in a wheelchair.

Outside, the Jade 909 has a modernist facade with a skillion roofline. As the judges commented, it looks "just like any other home on the street but will pay its own way as utility costs continue to soar".

"Smart design coupled with innovative use of existing and common building materials make this home a star performer, especially for the first-homebuyer," the judges said.

"Right Homes and Jade Projects are leading the race towards a sustainable future in fantastic form."



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## Partners get together to take out the prize

The GreenSmart Partnership Award commends collaborative approaches to promoting and demonstrating GreenSmart principles, with entries being judged on criteria including achieved environmental outcomes, industry benefit derived from the partnership and the effectiveness of leading positive change.

The winners of this year's award are Jade Projects Australia, Right Homes and Think Brick Australia for their partnership on the Jade 909 carbon-neutral display home in Aveley, which has achieved a 9-star

### Partnership Award

COMPANY: Jade Projects Australia, Right Homes, Think Brick Australia

energy-efficiency rating and also won the Home of the Year and Water Efficiency Award categories.

The double clay brick home was designed by Jade Projects and built by Right Homes, with Think Brick being involved from a research perspective, performing a life cycle assessment of the home.

The partnership stems from a previous one between Jade Projects and Think Brick on the Jade 808 display, which won a number of State and national awards at last year's GreenSmart Awards, including the prize for the best project home Australia-wide.

The judges congratulated the companies on their collaboration, saying they had set a benchmark for others to follow by building the initial display home.

"This makes for a sustainable future for future generations," they said.