

Against the Grain takes top honours

NATIONAL AWARDS

THE workmanship of Katoomba business Against the Grain Windows and Doors was acknowledged at the Australian Timber Design Awards held in Melbourne on October 25.

Against the Grain was contracted by Sydney firm Lipman Pty Ltd to build all the facade panels, windows and doors for the Macquarie University Innovation Hub earlier this year.

The facade panels, windows and doors were fabricated at their Katoomba factory from Accoya (a new innovation in timber), Birch ply and glass and contained operable ventilation hatches integrated into the non-glazed areas of the façade.

Each of the facade panels were manufactured to a 2mm tolerance to fit in between the roof and support structures that were also manufactured off-site by other contractors.

Due to the extreme weight of the large fixed double glazed panels, all glazing was done on-site.



BIG WIN: David Spees and Chris Duncombe from Against the Grain at the Australian Timber Design Awards held in Melbourne. Photo: Australasian Timber Magazine.

The final result was two single-storey pavilions connected by a link corridor.

"The precision required to make sure that everything was delivered on time and fitted together perfectly on-site was thanks to the meticulous co-ordination of our manager, Chris Duncombe and the skills and hard work of the entire joinery team at Against the Grain," said Against the Grain director David Spees.

Against the Grain's contribution to the project was given a significant tick of approval at the award night with Lipman, in conjunction with Against the Grain, tak-

ing away awards for timber panels and timber windows and doors.

Lipman also won another three awards for this project, making it the biggest winner on the night.

Pictured above is, from left, Tim Calpito (Lipman), Bronwyn Foord (Window and Door Industry Council), David Spees and Chris Duncombe (Against the Grain) and Phillip Tondl (Lipman). Photo - Australasian Timber Magazine.

To view photos of the award-winning project visit the website of Against the Grain: www.againstthegrain.net.au.