

INDUSTRY NEWS



SIA Technical Expert Wins Global Award

The Annual Awards for 2015 from the *World Technology Network* took place at a gala evening event at the Time Life Centre on 6th Avenue, New York. These awards span around 18 different technology areas including two which cover use of technology in the arts and many involving medicine, IT including robotics, imaging, space technology, and energy.

Professor Geoff Smith & UTS Dr Angus Gentle were the only Australians corporate or individuals in 2015 to win a category. The night was a glittering affair where some very impressive achievers were present across a wide range of technologies.

The first stage is listing of five finalists in each category & placed Geoff & Angus up against some pretty stiff competition including the super loop transport system (which might be worth considering as Australia's VFT option as in the news of late - much faster and prototyped already, easier for tunnelling) .

The Final Award winners are based on voting by a panel of fellows in each category (about 100 at present which Geoff & Angus will now join) .

The Award was in the *Environmental Category (Individual)* for their *Super Cool Roof Technology* ..

The SIA salutes Geoff & Angus for this truly amazing Award .

Full story click here www.siai.com.au

On Prime Time TV

Recently VELUX were involved in the second series of Reno Rumble a television Reality Show on home renovating. Now I know everyone has their own opinions on reality TV and in particular the time it takes to renovate a home and the speed of which things happen.

All that aside it's still a great way to get people talking about natural light in their homes and in particular skylights. For this current series they renovated two houses per week for the first 3 weeks and then went to one house in week 4 and one house week 5. Each while contestants were being eliminated to reach the final in week 5.



The one thing that wasn't played out as heavily on TV were the people who were receiving the makeovers to their homes. In the first week it was a woman who had been battling cancer for a number of years to be finally in remission. The second week was a woman who had lost all three of her daughters to road trauma in the form of Car Accidents, in all cases they were passengers in the vehicle. Two daughters died in the same car nearly 20 years ago, the third daughter had an accident 9 years ago and survived but was left mentally impaired with a young son. She finally succumbed suddenly to the effects of those injuries two weeks before filming started. All in all they were very deserving families who had their homes and lives changed for the better.

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SIA - DESIGN AWARDS 2016



The *SIA Best Use of Skylights Award* recognises fenestration products that complement and enhance the design of a dwelling or building. The skylights are presented in such a way as to showcase and highlight the way in which fenestration products can contribute to and improve the attractiveness of a building. There are three categories within the SIA Best Use of Skylights Award:

- Commercial: An office building, hotel, motel, boarding house, shop or building used for the sale of goods; building of a public nature (hospital, school).
- **Residential:** A detached house, one of a group of two or more attached dwellings (row house, terrace house, town house, apartment or villa unit); a boarding house, guest house, hostel or the like in which not more than 12 persons would ordinarily be resident.
- Two Residential sub-categories have been introduced in 2016:
 - In a New Construction
 - In an Existing Construction

Entries close thursday, 30 june 2016.

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