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Makeover magic and waterworks at awards



The Gippsland Water Factory Vortex Centre won the API Environmental Award.

GROCON'S leading edge Pixel project and the Myer redevelopment were among the winners at the API Excellence in Property Awards (EIPA) held in Melbourne on Friday night.

Grocon's Pixel development on the Carlton and United Breweries (CUB) site won the President's Award, while Colonial First State Global Asset Management won the **Charter Keck Cramer** Development Award for its Myer redevelopment.

Pixel has achieved a six-green-star office design rating from the Green Building Council of Australia - the GBCA's highest award rating.



The Myer redevelopment nabbed the Development Award. *Photo: Rebecca Hallas*

The Myer redevelopment involved a transformation of the historic Bourke Street store, including the construction of an atrium flanked by escalators. Architects and designers for the latter were NH Architecture, the Buchan Group and Myer's in-house design team led by Megan Foster, while construction was done by Probuild.

The Gippsland Water Factory Vortex Centre, designed by DesignInc, took out the Investa Environmental Award. The centre, in the Latrobe Valley, is in a man-made, 3.5-metre-deep lake, and aims to teach students and the wider public about the value of water, in terms of conservation and recycling.

Other API winners were:

- The Holding Redlich Award - the City of Melbourne for its Transforming Australian Cities project, while Housing Choices Australia received a commendation.
- The Land Victoria Local Government Award - City of Casey for Casey Fields, while Wellington Shire Council was commended for the Gippsland Regional Sports Complex.
- Property View Australia's Heritage Property Award - Burbank Group of Companies for Denton Mills.
- Opteon Property Group Young Achiever of the Year - James Santi from the Gibb Group, while Johanna Baldwin from Opteon and Chris O'Brien from CBRE were commended.