



The Witchcliffe Eco-Village received two major awards at the UDIA gala event. Picture: Frances Andrijich

# Eco-village wins design awards double

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The Witchcliffe Eco-Village has scored two major awards at the Urban Design Institute of Australia WA awards.

The ambitious project which continues to grow on the former Foxcliffe vineyard site nabbed the awards for Sustainability as well as Affordable Housing at the most recent gala event.

Judges lauded the eco-village for its diverse sustainability principles in areas such as

renewable energy, fresh food production, water self-sufficiency, conservation and waste management.

Cheaper lot and building options were also recognised in the final decision.

Sustainable Settlements director Mike Hulme dedicated the Affordable Housing award to his mentor and joint venture partner, the late Stan Perron, with the eco-village project always envisaged as offering affordable options.

The project's "groupie" lots

were designed to have a lower price, with homes limited to 100sqm.

Mr Hulme said financial eligibility criteria were set to make sure those sites were available only to those on lower incomes.

In judging the awards, UDIA said the eco-village was a model for other projects.

"This innovative project is a demonstration for the broader industry that could prompt quantum changes towards more affordable lifestyles," the institute said.