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## **Kitchen and Bathroom Designers Institute of Australia**

### **AUSTRALIA'S BEST KITCHEN & BATHROOM DESIGNERS**

#### **Prestigious award won by local designer**

Competing against a strong field, Markus Sawatzki was excited to take out the award for KBDi Kitchen Designer of the Year VIC 2010 and Winner KBDi Large Kitchens VIC 2010 at the prestigious KBDi Kitchen and Bathroom Designer Awards held on Saturday 15 August. These annual awards were part of a glittering gala night that capped off an excellent two day conference for kitchen and bathroom designer and industry professionals.

KBDi Executive Director Alex Milne said the awards recognise the achievements of individual designers represented in Australia who lead the way in kitchen and bathroom design, innovation and technology. This cutting edge approach was evident in Markus Sawatzki's winning entry. The judges commented, 'To meet the clients' brief to create a family kitchen with a 'slick vodka bar' feel, the designer introduced special features such as three chandeliers and a black Murano glass splashback. Another commendable design feature is the use of eco sustainable materials including plantation grown bamboo flooring which blends perfectly with the Thermopal High Pressure Laminate joinery (which is recyclable with no emissions).'

'The quality of entries in this year's awards was outstanding,' Alex Milne said. 'It was exciting to see not just clever, innovative design, but also excellent documentation and most importantly, solutions that matched the needs and aspirations of the designers' clients.'

The Kitchen Designer Awards were sponsored by Smeg with the Conference and Awards well supported by the kitchen and bathroom industry.

KBDi is the only national organisation exclusively for kitchen and bathroom designers. The KBDi Awards acknowledges the excellence in design, innovation, talent and professionalism of kitchen and bathroom designers in Australia.

**For a full list of winners from the 2010 KBDi National Kitchen & Bathroom Designer Awards, email [j.shaw@kbdi.org.au](mailto:j.shaw@kbdi.org.au)**

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