

Kaunitz Yeung Architecture wins multiple awards for its Biripi Aboriginal Health Clinic design at the 2018 NSW Architecture Awards

IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Sydney, Australia, Monday 9 July 2018: Architecture firm *Kaunitz Yeung Architecture* has demonstrated how a design that pays homage to cultural inclusivity and community integration, can outshine some of the most expensive buildings in the state, despite a modest budget of \$1 million and regional NSW location.

The Biripi Aboriginal Health Clinic design, which took home the Premier's Prize for distinguished social merit, as well as the Best Commercial Building Award and Colorbond Award for Steel Architecture, was one of the biggest winners of the night, recognised ahead of other significant projects at Barrangaroo and the International Conference Centre at Darling Harbour.

The jury described it as "A place of community integration, clinical innovation and respect of social and cultural heritage, the Biripi Clinic is more than the joining of volumes, it is a testament to the journey of place, health, nature and people."

David Kaunitz & Ka Wai Yeung, the husband and wife team behind Kaunitz Yeung Architecture said, "The design approach was defined by thorough consultation that incorporated the community, Aboriginal health workers, clinicians and health administrators. This was to identify not only the requirements but the aspects that would assist in creating a culturally inclusive and therapeutic place that broadened and improved health delivery, increasing presentation rates and placing wellness at the centre of community."

"Good buildings are not possible without great clients. Without the dedication of CEO **Brett Cowling**, board chairs involved, **James Glass** and **Janelle Callaghan**, the indigenous board and elders past and present of the Biripi Nation, this outcome would not have been possible. It was our privilege to work with them."

The Biripi Health Clinic is multi award winning architectural project, having previously received two awards at the 2017 European Healthcare Design Awards. It will now progress to the National Architecture awards.

Kaunitz Yeung Architecture have built a strong reputation in collaborating with communities, stakeholders and end users to produce internationally recognised architecture within modest budgets that places people at the centre of buildings.

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Pronunciation: Kaunitz Yeung – "Cow – nits - Yoo– ng"

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High-res image of Biripi Aboriginal Health Clinic– please download via this link

<https://bit.ly/2KPPPxF>

High-res image of David Kaunitz – please download via this link <https://bit.ly/2L0ICfr>

Further details about the Winners of the 2018 NSW Architecture Awards can be found here via this link <https://architectureau.com/articles/2018-nsw-architecture-awards/>

David Kaunitz Bio

David Kaunitz is an Australian architect who is also registered in the UK. Following graduation from UNSW David worked in the UK for 7 years where he ran the London office of a large multi office practice and was a senior architect on the London Olympic Village. Subsequently David lived in the Solomon Islands leading community development and post disaster responses for various governments, agencies and NGOs across the Pacific and South East Asia.

In starting Kaunitz Yeung Architecture with his wife Ka Wai Yeung he has combined his extensive commercial experience with his knowledge of living in and working with communities. This results in architecture that places people at its centre and where good architecture does not need to necessarily be a luxury item.

Kaunitz Yeung Architecture Bio

Kaunitz Yeung Architecture is a multi-award winning internationally recognised practice founded by the husband and wife team of David Kaunitz and Ka Wai Yeung. It combines their extensive commercial experience with David's knowledge of living in and working with communities. The result is architecture that places people at its centre and where good architecture does not need to necessarily be a luxury item. Their projects are bespoke solutions that sensitively respond to clients, stakeholders, end user requirements, site context and the budget.