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Bus-goers greeted with award-winning design at University of Queensland

The University of Queensland's (UQ) prominent walkway, which links the UQ Lakes Bus Terminal to the St Lucia campus, has been recognised for a state award in the 'urban design' category by the Australian Institute of Architects' (AIA).

Named the St Lucia Lakes Link, the project was one of two to win a state award for 'urban design' and was also nominated in the 'Colorbond award for steel architecture' category.

Judges commended the walkway for its thoughtful design, which was created by Cox Rayner Architects and built by The FK Gardener and Sons Group (FKG). The walkway features insulated roofing product, Equideck[®], produced by Bondor.

Bondor's General Manager, Geoff Marsdon, congratulated both companies on their win.

"I was delighted to hear that the St Lucia Lakes Link was recognised at The Institute's Queensland State Architecture Awards," said Mr Marsdon.

"This could not have been achieved without an excellent designer to envisage the project and a skilled builder to bring it to fruition.

"It is fantastic to see Bondor's Equideck[®] product being used in a project of this acclaim."

FKG builder, Adam Finn, said Equideck[®] was selected as it ticked all the boxes.

"Equideck[®] has great spanning capacity and allowed us to reduce steel in the support structure," explained Mr Finn.

"Bondor was also able to provide the product in a custom colour, 'Callisto' (formerly known as 'Big Bang'), which was crucial to the overall design of the walkway."

The project will now vie for recognition at the National Architecture Awards announced in November. For more information about the awards visit www.architecture.com.au

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About Cox Rayner Architects and The FK Gardener and Sons Group

Cox Rayner Architects (also known as COX Architecture) is a multidisciplinary Australian practice with offices across the country and in Kuala Lumpur, Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Muscat. For more information visit www.coxarchitecture.com.au

The FK Gardener and Sons Group (also known as FKG Group) provides integrated construction, engineering and support services and was established in South West Queensland by Francis Gardener and his five sons. For more information visit www.fkg.com.au

About Bondor

Bondor is Australia's leading manufacturer of insulated building panels. Founded in the 1950s, Bondor is constantly working on solutions for industrial, commercial and residential building customers across Australia and offers the most comprehensive range of insulated panel products and systems available.

Having operated in the industry for 65 years, Bondor takes pride in being an Australian manufacturer.

The company's products have been approved and tested to Australian standards, while adhering to the strictest international regulations.

Bondor has technical and support associations with several international building product suppliers, universities and research facilities in Australia and remains up-todate with industry trends and regulations through its involvement with the Insulated Panel Council of Australasia and the FM Approvals International Advisory Council.

Further to this, associations include Bluescope Steel, Dulux, Branz, and the Queensland University of Technology.

Bondor is also a supporting corporate partner of the Australian Institute of Architects, strengthening its ties to Australia's design community. These relationships assist Bondor in remaining at the cutting edge of trends in product development and to retain its industry leader status in construction techniques.

For more information about Bondor or Equideck[®] go to <u>www.bondor.com.au</u>

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