



Winners

Each year, Alpine Style awards best interior and exterior design awards to leading mountain homes. In the period up to January 2008, there were two that clearly stood out – both of them at Dinner Plain and both built by R&R Van Heek. They were Moose Lodge, designed by architect Dale Hubbard and Under The Moonlight, designed by Giovanni D'Ambrosio. We couldn't split them, so have made them both the worthy winners in both exterior and interior divisions.

Under the Moonlight set a new benchmark for alpine design in Australia, with Italian architect Giovanni D'Ambrosio exceeding expectations. A 20-tonne cantilevered fire



Moose Lodge



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place and chimney is one of the standout features of the home, but it was no easy feat to construct; the foundations actually had to be reinforced to cope with its weight. Victoria's strict energy ratings represent a challenge for any alpine development, with solar panels, gutters and rain water tanks not viable because of the snow. So alternatives adopted included double glazed panels to form the home's striking glass peak; they were filled with argon gas to help insulate the home. The roof is also made out of insulated metal.



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Moose Lodge, featured in the last issue of *Alpine Style*, was designed by Colorado architect Dale Hubbard for his brother Mark and his wife Caroline. Dale was awestruck by the Dinner Plain environment, by the “abundant background visual stimulus for a lot of the designers up there at Dinner Plain. Just the way the materials went together and the affects of time on the structures and the way they held themselves within those gum trees were big design drivers for me as well,” he said. Congratulations to the winners. AS



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