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design* 2007 smart state designer of the year

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kirsti simpson

Kirsti Simpson, the Managing Principal of Hassell's Queensland office, is the Design Institute of Australia's Queensland 2007 Smart State Designer of the Year. The Smart State Designer of the Year Award recognises skill, expertise, talent, direction and commitment to design excellence through a specific project, a range of projects, or demonstrated experience. Kirsti has been instrumental in developing what is now one of Australasia's largest interior design practices. She has been involved with several high-profile boards in Brisbane, including the South Bank Corporation. She is currently Chair of Newstead House Board of Trustees and sits on the Board of the Brisbane Institute. She is a former Chair of Artworkers Alliance and Vice President of the Queensland Chapter of the Design Institute of Australia. Kirsti has been an Executive Councillor of the Brisbane Development Association, and Queensland Chapter Committee Member of the Property Council of Australia. She was one of two chairpersons of the 2006 IDAA National Interior Design Awards, having been a judge in 2005. Now, with her travel bursary prize, Kirsti will represent Queensland at the 2008 Milan Furniture Fair, which is Europe's pre-eminent centre for new design and design thinking.

FAVOURITE BRISBANE... EXPERIENCE Commissioning jewellery from Barbara Heath... it is an addiction! **SUBURB** Ascot. **RESTAURANT** Urbane. **CAFE** Vanilla Pod Cake and Deli Cafe. **BAR** Gertie's. **ESCAPE** Watego's at Byron Bay. **WEEKEND ACTIVITY** Time with my two beautiful daughters Tilly and Lulu. **PICNIC SPOT** My parents' backyard.

