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**South West Chairperson
Christine Pidgeon**

Innovest Constructions

New Committee For the Southwest

Dunsborough based Christine Pidgeon has been elected Chairperson of the Master Builders South West Region for the forthcoming year.

Mrs Pidgeon, the General Manager of Innovest Construction, was elected unopposed at the Annual General Meeting of the MBA's South West Regional operations. The AGM took place in the South West Regional office and was sponsored by Air Cell.

Mrs Pidgeon said she was honoured to lead the Association's South West Regional operations in what will be a most exciting year. With the strengthening Western Australian economy and a strong investment starting to take momentum in the South West, the commercial and residential sectors are now set to build on that momentum well into the future.

"With so many projects planned for the south-west region and with such positive sentiment in the local community, Master Builders has an important role to play in ensuring we provide appropriate and adequate training for our industry to maintain high standards of workmanship".

According to Master Builders Regional Manager, Geoff Bosustow, the MBA's focus has strengthened in the last few years through a passionate and committed committee made up of members who are leaders in their respective fields be it residential, commercial construction or the supply of trades, labour and product. The South West MBA committee is truly representative of the entire South West with members operating in areas such as Manjimup, Dunsborough, Busselton and Bunbury. Through their combined commitment the MBA has ensured that members have benefited from quality training tailored specifically to the Building and Construction industry, and were also kept up to date with information surrounding their legal, contractual and employment obligations.

Other members elected to the 2010 Master Builders South West Committee were:

Past Chairman

Andrew McIntyre / Smith Constructions

Vice Chairman

Wayne Oldfield / Building South West

Hon. Treasurer

Rade Ristic / WA Country Builders

Committee Members

Alan Migliore / Plunkett Homes

Adrian Zorzi / Zorzi South

John Buckingham / Bunbury Building Company

John Hovey / Australind Premix

Dean Baker / WA Country Builders

Sam Karamfiles / Karamfiles Builders

Matt Turpin / Pindan Constructions

Michael Gargallo / Civilcon

Daryl Brough / Ventura Homes

Mike Warnock / Midland Brick

Matt Cartright / Perkins Builders

David Nemeth / Dale Alcock Homes

Kurt Hislop / Boral

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When: Monday 3rd of May 2010, 5:00-6:00pm

Where: MBA office Bunbury, suite 34, 24 Bonnefoi Boulevard, opposite "Dome Coffee House"

BCITF - are you eligible?

OVERARCHING OBJECTIVES AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

As a general principle the Fund will strive to support as many people as possible in undertaking training and developing skills.

Although the definition of construction work talks about "on site" this does not mean that programs have to relate only to people working on site.

As a result the general rule is that the Fund will recognise an individual involved in the construction process or any employee of a building and construction company. This includes contractors and sub-contractors and their staff. It does not matter whether they are a Labourer, Tradesperson, Sales Consultant, Manager or Administration Officer. If they are employed by a company involved in the construction process they are eligible to access the subsidies for courses which are listed on the Fund register.

The only exception is a recent decision by the Board to quarantine the new Software Training i.e. excel, access, project etc to industry workers who are directly involved in the construction process. This includes people working on site and directly associated with the construction process such as Estimators, but not general administrative staff of building companies.

IF UNEMPLOYED

- Be able to demonstrate that they were directly employed in the Building and Construction
- Industry in Western Australia within the previous 3 months from the date of course commencement; or
- Where no recent work experience is involved have written evidence of an employment offer
- from a construction company or contractor in the building and construction industry and be
- undertaking a course of training that is specific to the building and construction industry and
- has no application to other industries. This facility is not available for employees of labour hire companies except when hired by a host employer.

RELATED OCCUPATIONS NOT ELIGIBLE

- Employees or individuals working on construction or maintenance projects on mining, gas or oil exploration and process sites.
- Subsidies do not apply to training courses which are financially supported by State, Local or Commonwealth Governments.
- Subsidies can apply to certificate level award qualification courses; however where the course is more than 24 hours in duration and

or involves multiple units of training the level of subsidy will be based on a % of the cost of individual units determined by the Executive Director.

- Professional training and training at Certificate Level 5 or above will not be eligible for BCITF subsidies.
- Individuals or the employees of companies, who manufacture, supply or deliver building products or provide or install non building products on completion of the construction process. For example a person driving a crane to a work site is not eligible, but if they also operate the crane on the site they are involved in the construction process and are eligible.
- Individuals or the employees of companies who provide maintenance or repairs of a minor nature after the construction period.
- Training courses must be delivered by or under the auspices of a registered private training provider. Courses delivered by regional TAFE Colleges in collaboration with a private training provider will be subsidised, subject to prior approval by the Executive Director. Courses delivered by metropolitan TAFE Colleges are not eligible.
- The employees of companies, who install, maintain and repair lifts and escalators or sign writing companies.
- Employees or individuals who intend to work in the resources sector on completion of their training.
- Employees of Telstra or Optus cannot claim subsidy.
- Professional workers such as Architects and Engineers are not recognised. The only exception will be limited to Occupational Health and Safety training and training which assists the person to undertake their work on building sites. Each area to be proved on its merits and approved by the Fund before hand.
- Carpet laying or floor covering contractors.

GREY AREAS

There are a number of situations where an applicant may not fit neatly within the current eligibility criteria and in these circumstances each case will be dealt with on its merits but the general principle, which should apply, is to try and support the request where possible. Current programs funded by the BCITF and accessed by industry continue to be recognised subject to an annual review of relevance and evidence that they are actually being delivered and utilised by industry.

Where an issue or dispute arises out of administration of the program the matter will be brought to the attention of the Board for determination.

There will be occasions when people or organisations outside the construction industry seek access and their applications should be correctly declined, but in doing so the Fund seek to determine whether this person doing this training will result in an increase in skilled workers in the industry?

Contracts Explained

PRELIMINARY WORK CONTRACT Provides for owner to pay builder for preliminary work such as site inspection and preparation of plans and specifications if the parties subsequently do not enter a building contract.

SITE REPORT Checklist to assist in proper assessment of provisional sum for site costs.

PAD VARIATION To provide proper record of variations and to comply with Home Building Works.

ABIC MW-1, SW-1, A range of lump sum contracts administered by an architect.

BW-1, EW-1 for medium to large commercial/industrial projects.

Companion subcontract agreements i.e. MW.SC-1, SW.SC-1 etc. for use with these head contracts also are available.

AS 2124 This contract, produced by Standards Australia, is an alternative to the ABIC range. A Superintendent is named to administer the contract rather than an architect (though, in fact, the Superintendent may be an architect).

Users include DHW and other State and Commonwealth departments. The companion subcontract is AS 2545.

AS 4000 Another Standards Australia contract suited to use on large commercial/industrial projects. An alternative to AS 2124. Part of a wider suite of contracts developed by Standards. The companion subcontract is AS 4901.

South West Awards Dinner 2010



Barry and Elaine Tate of Tate Construction

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Anton Smith, Bluewater Building Company accepts the South West MBA Best New Builder Award from Fiona Nielson of 4HR Recruitment



Geographe Bay Road - Zorzi South



Geoff with Compere Claudia Bertorello-Kell enjoying the evening's festivities



Display Home - WA Country Builders



Retravisation Superstore - Perkins Builders



Quay West Resort Bunker Bay turned on its charm this year with beautiful clear conditions allowing over 300 of the region's best builders, trades and suppliers to enjoy the surrounds of Cape Naturaliste National Park prior to being entertained by the soulful tunes of James Wilson at the 2009 Master Builders Bankwest Building Excellence awards proudly supported by our Major Regional Partner MBA Insurance Services..

Zorzi South represented by Adrian Zorzi received the major award of the residential sector with their entry in Busselton on Geographe Bay Road taking out the Best Regional Home for the South West Region. Zorzi South also received awards for the same project in contract homes \$1.5 million to \$2 million and sponsor awards of Best Appointed Kitchen, Excellence in Carpentry (Internal/External), Excellence in Ceilings, Excellence in Floor and Wall tiling, Excellence in Painting, Excellence in Brick Paving, & Excellence in Building practise.

Perkins Builders excelled in the Commercial sector taking out the region's Best Commercial / Industrial building for the "Retravision Superstore in Bunbury" one of the retail chains largest stores in the Southern Hemisphere.

Congratulations to Zorzi South who will now compete at a state level at the 2011 Housing Excellence awards and Perkins Builders who will also represent the South West building and construction industry at the 2011 Construction Excellence Awards.

Perkins Builders Apprentice Callum MacKean received the South West Regional Apprentice of the year award from Toni Hill from Skillhire who continue with their proud support of regional apprentices.

Master Builder's principal partner, Bankwest represented by Frank Zanotti, presented the 2010 volume Customer Service award to David Hunt of Summit Homes much to the rapturous response of the Summit tables. Sam Karamfiles from Karamfiles Builders in Manjimup also received the Best Customer service award for his company's commitment to demonstrate fair trading principles



Team from Gemmill Homes South West from L-R, Tom Finlay, Shannon Martin, Jack Pleiter, Brett Baker, Andy Wilkinson, Karen King and MBA Regional Manager Geoff Bosustow.

and how a customer service culture is promoted within their company.

Austral Bricks recognised WA Country Builders with the Best Overall Display Home with Rade Ristic hitting the stage to accept the award.

The 2010 Master Builders Building Excellence Awards continues to grow each year strengthening the competition with our judges for the 2010 entries commenting that the quality of all projects was again of such a high standard that in some instances they were hard pressed to find fault.

Master Builders President, George Alingame congratulated South West builders on the quality of building throughout the region.

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The evening concluded under the stars with participants able to network, socialise and party late into the night.



Shaun & Marie Palfrey of Scott Park Homes South West.



David Hunt of Summit South West and his partner Ali McLeod.

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The Director

Our Company and our company Director Eddie Roe, have unique skills in producing high quality assessments. Being the third person in WA to receive accreditation in 2002, Eddie employs five Accredited Assessors.

Eddie is a Director on the National Board of the Association of Building Sustainability Assessors (ABSA) and provides presentations to Industry groups and Rotary Clubs.

Reaching for 6 Stars: Cavity wall insulation system



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Air-Cell State Manager for WA, Mr Craig Burr, says it's a very cost-effective way to improve the energy efficiency of your home.

"As a starting point many WA homeowners are insulating just their east and west walls with Air-Cell. In a typical single story house this may cost as little as \$1000 for the current average size home," he says.

"Of course it's better to insulate all your walls during construction because cavity walls can be very costly to retrofit with insulation once their built."

Air-Cell Technical Manager, Mr Keith Anderson, says Air-Cell Glareshield® installed in cavity walls can have a tremendous effect on the overall energy efficiency of a house.

"Depending on a few variables, Air-Cell cavity insulation could deliver up to a full star rating in your house energy efficiency ratings, possibly taking you from a 5 Star house to a 6 Star house," he says.

Minimum requirements for new homes built in WA are for a 5 Star house energy rating, with the outlook to increase to 6 Stars very soon.

Mr Anderson continues, "With energy costs tipped to rise in the near future, insulating your home now is one of the best investments you can make for both your family budget and the environment."

Air-Cell cavity wall insulation isn't a new thing either. The multi award-winning designers at Solar Dwellings have been using Air-Cell in their designs for many years.

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