

South West Building News

Upcoming Awards & Events

- ENTRY TO THE 2012 SOUTH WEST BUILDING EXCELLENCE AWARDS ARE NOW CLOSED – JUDGING WILL COMMENCE JANUARY 2012
- MBA INSURANCE SERVICES SUNDOWNER *WITH STATE MANAGER PAUL MENCEV*



L-R MASTER BUILDERS SOUTH WEST CHAIRS THROUGH THE YEARS DARYL BROUGH, ANDREW MCINTYRE, CHRISTINE PIDGEON & CURRENT CHAIR RADE RISTOVIC WITH MANAGER GEOFF BOSUSTOW

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Training – Book NOW!

The southwest office in consultation with our members has arranged training to be conducted through January – June 2012. We would encourage you to review training opportunities on line and should you require any additional training not listed contact your south west team to accommodate your requirements.

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With Geoff Bosustow



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Top 5 priorities for 2012

I was recently asked by a journalist for our top 5 goals and hopes for next year ...

My first is a steady increase in construction activity in the South West in 2012. We are optimistic that there will be increased construction activity levels. The Reserve Bank lowered interest rates twice at the end of 2011, following on from euro-centered fragility in international markets and improved inflation figures. We are also now, finally, seeing the massive investment in mining projects flow through to construction work 'on the ground'. Consequently, WA has assumed the mantle of the state with the fastest growing population in the country. Our resource and engineering projects are expected to continue to attract workers to our state in 2012. Population growth and higher consumer confidence levels are likely to boost construction activity levels.

In fact, there is risk that we could even see a hot market in 2012. The last time we had a strong housing market was in 2007, when builders, trades and supplies were in strong demand. We produced around 24,000 homes. In that environment, home buyers faced long construction times, supply restrictions and substantial cost escalations. A steady increase in activity would be preferred next year, as it will benefit the industry and consumers alike.

Other goals are:

- A smooth introduction of new building legislation.
- Workable new energy efficiency standards
- Continued investment in infrastructure and affordable housing.
- Industrial relations harmony

Building Act Delayed to 2 April

Master Builders successfully lobbied the WA Government to ensure an extension of time was granted as it became clear that additional time would allow our members and regulatory bodies the time they need to adapt to new processes.

The Minister for Commerce, Simon O'Brien, approved the extension, agreeing that the building industry and local governments would benefit from additional preparation time, and be better placed to assist their customers.

Floral Bras & Footy Boots

Master Builders Association held their Annual Presidents luncheon at Vat2 on Friday December 2 with Master Builders President Robert Shaw, Director Michael Mclean & National Treasurer Dan Perkins all in attendance with members of the South West Regional Committee and branch.

Guests were treated to a wonderful luncheon with dynamic speaker Michelle Cowan - Australia's first professional female AFL coach. She bravely entered the most sacred of Aussie male domains.

For pictures from the event [Click Here](#)



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