

# MASTER BUILDER

## GERALDTON NORTHWEST

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## New Skills Workshop for Central West Tafe

Training Minister Peter Collier attended a ceremony at Central West Tafe to celebrate construction of a \$1.9million adaptable skills workshop in Geraldton. The facility will allow more apprentices in the Mid-West and Gascoyne to train locally. Minister Collier "turned the sod" with assistance from Matt Silvester (Construction & Building Academic) director and Nicci Godman, Academic Director (mining, engineering, transport, building & art) on Monday 3rd August 2009 bringing it one step closer and marking the start of construction planning.



**Nicci Godsman,  
Matt Silvester &  
Minister Peter Collier**

"The workshop will provide new facilities for plumbing, refrigeration and air conditioning apprentices with two theory classrooms, a large workshop area, indoor and outdoor plumbing installation bays, a sandpit for trenching and indoor and outdoor plumbing installation bays.

"The building itself will have a strong focus on sustainable building principles, including the use of natural ventilation and energy efficient lighting. To complement the construction of this workshop, Central West TAFE will upgrade the campus to install renewable energy, water harvesting and recycling equipment."

The upgrade is funded through the Federal Government's Better TAFE Facilities element of the Teaching and Learning Capital Fund.

## Cabinet Meet in the Midwest

On Monday 3rd August 2009 Regional Manager Di Gilleland received a personal invitation to meet with the Premier of Western Australia Hon Colin Barnett MLA at Birdwood House in Geraldton. The special event was hosted by Geraldton MLA Ian Blayney.



**Taking time out during  
judging in Geraldton are Conor  
Magill, Water Corporation,  
Judge Trevor Smith and  
Charlie Baggetta.**

Winners will be announced at the Awards dinner in Geraldton on Saturday 31st October.

# Master Builders Midland Brick Golf Day 09



**Best Gross: Paul Kerr, Steve Dicken, Jamie Hood, Ian McLeod**



**Lilly Robson, Andrew Benzie & Lisa Hochuli**

Geraldton's annual MBA Midland Brick Golf day was held on Friday 19th May. The morning began with heavy downpours which dissipated just prior to midday registrations.

Three weeks previously, the day was cancelled due to 'Statewide cyclonic forecasts. "This time someone was definitely looking after us" said regional manager Di Gilleland. Although cloudy there was no rain and all golfers certainly enjoyed the day, many taking advantage of a Bowen therapy massage to release any aches and pains.



**Winners: Ben Crowe, Shane Casselton, Murray Connell & Paul Cocking**



**Runners up: Sean Cray, Brett Prunster, Craig Sherrah, Colin O'Malley**

There were many new faces this year, which is always good to see and, of course, our regulars whose humour always makes the day complete.

Golf Pro Duane Crabbe walked around looking very chic in a purple Bra supporting Breast Cancer and he collected a very healthy amount of donations at the end of the night.

Rob Forbes from Air-Cell once again kept golfers fed with a well cooked snagger or two then headed back to Perth once again!

Next year's event is set for the 21st May 2010 and this time the sun will be shining!!

**Winners:**

Ben Crowe, Shane Casselton, Murray Connell & Paul Cocking

**Runners-Up:**

Sean Cray Midwest Electrical, Colin O'Malley GBSC, Brett Prunster Youngs, Craig Sherrah Midwest Electrical

**Best Gross:**

Steve Dicken, Jamie Hood, Paul Kerr, Ian McLeod

**NAGA:**

Peter Allison, Vince Ramsay & Steve Biglin

**Nearest Pin #2**

Damian Barden

**Nearest Pin #8**

Hayden Dowley

**Nearest Pin #13**

Jon Trotter

**Nearest Pin #15**

Steve Dicken

**Longest Drive #1**

Dean Koltaz

**Longest Drive #10**

Jamie Hood

**Shortest Drive #9**

Tom Fairley

**Shortest Drive #18**

Janelle Dowling

**Tiredest Player**

Terry Crick

**Worst Shot Witnessed**

Kezza



**Allan Shiell, Ian Astill, Dean Coltaz & Andrew Benzie**



**Ron Reddingius & Michael McLean**

## Home in WA Celebrates 10 Years

10 Years and 350 Episodes later Ron "Dingo" Reddingius and his Team celebrated the successes of an emotional journey, sometimes not so good but mostly very good said Ron.

Dingo when speaking of the people who had shared and supported him over the years.

A private celebration was held at the Grand Palace Function Centre in Perth on Friday 24th July.

Special presentations were made to David Grant, also MBA Director Michael McLean, Past and Present Directors and MBA Council 2000 – 2009 and members of his team in appreciation of their continued support.

Looking back at the array of memorabilia photos on the presentation screen, brought back many memories for the emotional

Congratulations Ron and here's to many more great previews of "Home in WA".

# Committee Celebrate Serena's Achievement

Serena Giudice is following in her father Kevin's footsteps. Serena (30) is the first female to achieve her builder's registration in the Geraldton Midwest Region.

At a recent MBA Committee Meeting in Geraldton, Chairman Andrew Crothers praised Serena for achieving such high recognition in a male dominated industry which he said "is a difficult thing to do". He went on to say that she should be proud of where she is today, running a successful building company established 35 years ago by her father Kevin, and having the respect and support of her peers. When her father passed away from cancer earlier this year Serena was very close to gaining her registration which took two years to complete. Her registration allows her to construct both housing and commercial projects which as she said was "the icing on the cake".

Serena's only disappointment is that her father was not there to share her accolades, but we know that he never doubted her ability to do so.

Congratulations Serena from the MBA and members.



**L R Martin Matthews, Ross Conti, Michael Hopkinson, Todd West, Peter Bisby, Jon Davies, Derena Giudice, Tim Rogers, Mark De Martini & Chairman Andrew Crothers Photographer Di Gilleland**



**Margo Keating & Todd West**

## Midwest Industry Sundowners

In June BCITF and Aus Industry & Enterprise Connect visited Geraldton and met with MBA members and City of Geraldton Greenough staff to "Talk to Industry" Margo Keating, BCITF Manager of Research & Development posed the question – "We want you to ask the question, tell us what you want, what are your problems and.... we will listen!"

BCITF Director Allan Davis asked the questions. "What are the big concerns you face in your business, key issues now and in the short / medium term. Do you have enough skilled people available now and for the future & what skills do people need for the future?" Additionally he discussed aspects of training – availability, quality, or opportunities, apprenticeships and traineeships for the industry up-skilling in the industry, safety training issues and training services in the area.

Additionally Angela Dayle from Enterprise Connect and Giselle Stone representing AusIndustry gave a brief overview of the many opportunities available to business owners. Regional Manager Di Gilleland met with their company representatives at the North West Expo in Broome in May and thought the members could benefit. AusIndustry is the Australian Government's principal business program delivery division in the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

AusIndustry delivers a range of more than 30 business programs - including innovation grants, tax and duty concessions, small business development, industry support and venture capital - worth about \$2 billion to more than 10,000 businesses and about 100,000 individuals every year.

Di said that these Sundowners are a great way for members to meet other members, network and learn more about improving their business and the many opportunities available. She thanked the sponsors for hosting such a positive event.

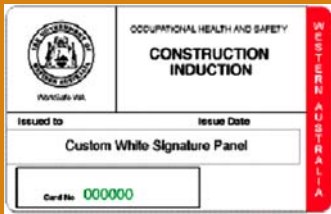


**Dave O'Meara, Leif Molgaard, Allan Schiell & Paul Lalor**



**Dave O'Meara and Rob Forbes Air-Cell**





# Blue to White Cards

WorkSafe has changed the design of the construction induction cards from 'blue' to 'white'.

Across all States and Territories both blue & white cards are accepted by the regulatory authority as evidence that induction training has been completed. Those people who have completed the course 51466 Course in "Safety Awareness Training" will not have to repeat the training as it was nationally recognised training, equivalent to the new unit of competence.

All cards already issued will remain valid under the regulations and no longer have an expiry date.

The course name will change to "Construction Induction".

NSW 'green cards' are no longer valid in NSW and are not recognised in WA.

VICTORIAN 'red cards' are not recognised in WA.

QUEENSLAND 'blue' and 'white cards' are recognised in WA.

TASMANIAN cards are recognised in WA.



## New Legislation for RCD's

Builders should be aware of new requirements that all residential properties sold or leased now require the mandatory installation of two RCD's.

The new legislation will apply to people selling their homes and landlords. Every home sold or leased will need to be

fitted with a minimum of two RCD's, which must protect all power point and lighting circuits.

Follow this link for further information <http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/energysafety/RCD/index.htm>

## Building Designer to be trained by Al Gore

Master Builders Association trainer building designer Ken Bezant from Duncraig was selected from more than 2000 Australasian applicants to be trained by former US Vice President Al Gore at The Climate Project - Australia Asia Pacific Summit (A-P Summit) in Melbourne in 11 – 13 July.

Ken has been in Geraldton recently conducting MBA training courses for the building Industry, held at the City of Geraldton Greenough.

Building on the work of The Climate Project – Australia, the A-P Summit will bring together 300 people representing a diverse cross section of industry, advocacy and broad social groupings from Australasia and the Asia Pacific region. Mr Gore and a panel of international experts will provide the training hosted by the Australian Conservation Foundation.

As a delegate Ken Bezant had the chance to help focus and re-invigorate the Asia Pacific's regional response to climate change in the lead up to the critical UNCCC Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December 2009.

"I hope my role at the A-P Summit will mean I can work to inspire and create change in order to avoid catastrophic climate change here in Australia. I plan to be an advocate for this work in the important five month lead-up to the Copenhagen climate change negotiations," Ken said.

"The A-P Summit has a specific focus on the unique window of time to act on climate change, particularly with the Copenhagen negotiations at the end of this year. Together A-P Summit delegates will inspire people from the region to make a difference at global level," said Angela Rutter, Manager of The Climate Project Australia. One in seventy five Australians have now seen a presentation delivered by the 250 Al Gore trained Climate Project Presenters working throughout communities in Australia.



**Master Builders Association  
trainer building designer  
Ken Bezant**



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# Calendar of Events

## September 2009

- 21/9 Broome  
Electrical Tool Tagging
- 22/9 Broome  
Electrical Tool Tagging

- 23/10 Karratha  
MS Project Introduction & Project Cost Budget
- 26/10 Broome  
Project Scope & Project Time Management
- 27/10 Broome  
MS Project Introduction & Project Cost Budget

## October 2009

- 16/10 Geraldton  
JSA - (Job Safety Analysis)

- 31/10 Geraldton  
Building Excellence Awards Geraldton

- 22/10 Karratha  
Project Scope & Project Time Management

## November 2009

- 24/11 Geraldton AGM

Name:

Email Address:

## What it takes to win awards

The Master Builders-Bankwest Building Excellence Awards are conducted five times a year across WA and assess the quality of construction of single and multi-residential developments, plus commercial projects.

For residential projects, judges assess workmanship in the following areas:

- Brickwork/ render finish
- Carpentry finish and fixing
- Internal plastering finish
- Roof alignment and neatness of finish
- Cupboard finishes
- Floor and wall tiling
- Ceiling fixing
- Internal and external painting
- Integrity of structure
- Proficiency of supervision

For alterations and additions, further criteria are:

- integration with the existing structure,
- fixing (old to new), and
- marrying internal and external building materials.

For commercial projects, judges assess:

- quality of construction
- project management
- value for money
- innovation
- site management
- form and function



Each judge records a score out of ten against the elements. A mark of 10 is for "superior" work, down to 3 "unacceptable". The highest scoring project in each category wins, provided a minimum standard of construction has been met.

The minimum standard requires that ALL judged elements score at least 6 – that is, all elements must be judged acceptable on average. This is important: if one part of the job is not up to standard, the whole is considered substandard.

For sponsors' awards, such as Excellence in Plastering, the entry with the highest score for that element is judged the winner, provided the minimum standard has been met on the entire project.

For overall awards (Best Country Home and Best Commercial Building), the winner is the project with the highest score. The winner of these awards will represent their region at the Housing Excellence Awards and the Excellence in Construction Awards respectively.

If you have queries on the judging process, or would like to volunteer to assist, contact Gavan Forster or Mel Farley on 9476 9800.

## WALL FRAMES - GET EM UP BY FRYDAY

FryDay Construction have expanded their services to be fabricators of timber wall frames (as per AS1684) for all of your building needs, whether it's an extension or a whole house. The frames can be fabricated on site or delivered to site readymade to erect which will save you time & money.

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## Welcome New Members

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Triton Building Co Pty Ltd

Teakle & Lalor

Greg Rowe and Associates (Geraldton)

Geraldton Freight Lines

SRM Construction Pty Ltd

## Di's Brag Book!



Daughter Rebecca Gilleland and Paul Essenson married in Bali 16th July 2009





## New Showroom

Its official, Master Builders new office and display showroom in Geraldton is underway.

The new building, in Walton Place, just off Northwest Coastal Highway, will be easily accessible to both the public and building industry contractors and businesses. The successful contractor is Geraldton Building Services & Cabinets.

Preliminary site works already are complete and the whole project is expected to be finished by mid-2010.

“The showroom will provide an excellent opportunity for anyone considering building, renovating or simply contemplating an upgrade to their existing home to view the latest products and services first hand. The showroom, which will feature building products and services, will be a plus for the region.

Businesses in the region will be able to use the up-to-date training venue. It will have modern facilities and has been designed to allow for larger groups as well as small.”

Interest in the new showroom has been far reaching with Suppliers keen to promote their products in the Midwest.



# Important insurance news for all Master Builders members



1. You can improve your profitability by reducing your insurance costs. Contact Gary Sim now on 9476 9891 to discuss your premiums and service levels.
2. MBA Insurance Services add significant value to members through the development of innovative risk transfer and insurance solutions. MBAIS are recognised as the market leaders in the construction insurance field and as part of your own organisation you should give Gary or Barry a call.

**Barry Hennigan,  
Western Region Manager, MBA Insurance Services**



## LANDCORP

## Community Votes in the REAL Challenge

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## LANDCORP

Recognising the issues facing the regional housing market of escalating prices and an historic lack of climate responsive design, LandCorp issued a unique challenge to Western Australian home builders, designers and architects in May this year: create more affordable and climate-responsive housing in regional WA.

Dubbed the 'REAL Challenge' - standing for 'Regional Environmental Affordable Living' - the competition was conceived by LandCorp to encourage architects and builders to collaborate and come up with innovative, affordable designs that were ideally suited to the local climates of Kununurra, Karratha and Collie.

The team behind each short-listed design would receive \$15,000, with the winning entry for each region, as voted for by the community, being allocated a lot in a LandCorp development to build their house. The three winners would also receive \$20,000 towards documentation required for development approvals.

The overall aim of the Challenge was to raise the bar for more affordable and less energy demanding homes in the future.

Last month, following a short-listing process by a panel of industry experts, including representatives from the architectural, building and design industries as well as regional development commissions, the short-listed entries were presented to local residents to vote for their preferred designs.

Voting in the People's Choice Awards has now closed and winners will be announced shortly.