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Master Builders provides courses to ensure our members remain up-to-date with industry changes and standards. We look around and are quick to point out illegal works and faulty workmanship but do you really know what's what in an ever changing world? Could someone be pointing the finger at you?

We now have Electrical Testing and Tagging courses running in Kalgoorlie and Esperance. Recent changes to the standards now allows for competent, qualified personnel to test and tag their own equipment.

Entry nominations closed on Friday 22 May and judging commenced on the 22 June for the Goldfields Esperance Master Builders-Bankwest

Building Excellence Awards . This years judges were Charlie Baggetta and Geoff Kirkness from the South West who were very impressed with the quality of workmanship. Mr Baggetta commented that we had some "amazingly talented builders" in the region.

Kalgoorlie Freight Lines (KFL) sponsored our industry forum afternoon on Friday 22 May. KFL, a subsidiary of Esperance Freight Lines, are now available to carry all your general freight needs, specialising in building materials and bricks. KFL can be contacted on **9022 9244**.

Regards,  
**Colleen Horton - Regional Manager**

### Industry forum with the City's Council



**Reed Hartley, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder with Colin Danks, Esperance Freight Lines**

KFL (Kalgoorlie Freight Lines) sponsored our Industry Forum event for the building and construction industry. The topic; delays in planning and building approvals at the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

David Mitchell, Manager of Planning & Building, supported by the Mayor, Ron Yuryevich and CEO, Don Burnett addressed the small contingent at the Kalgoorlie Country Club on Friday 22 May.

Mr Mitchell assured the group that building approval times would, in the next few months, reduce to approx 14 working days if the level of information presented on plans and specifications

is compliant with the current Building Codes of Australia and energy efficiency ratings. The City has developed a new checklist, available on the City's website, [www.kalbould.wa.gov.au](http://www.kalbould.wa.gov.au) to assist with compliance.

"We (Planning and Building staff) have a main focus on reducing the approval times" commented Mr Mitchell.

The meeting was well received by all attendees with a follow-up seminar conducted one week later for Draftpersons and Architects at the CKB covering the finer points of the BCA requirements for Government.

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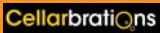
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# Golf day delights



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Members, suppliers, sponsors and supporters of the building and construction industry gathered in force for the biggest regional Master Builders Golf Classic event.

Numbers reached over 100, topping the region's history. John Truman, Deputy Chairman, commented "It's fantastic to see such a big turnout of builders and non builders in this economic climate".

Skills and patience were tested as participants complied with the rules trying



**First Prize: "Spare Screws" team receive their prizes from Deputy Chairman John Truman (front middle)**

to putt left handed with a beer in the right hand while others just prayed to hit the ball. Ambrose is played in true fun for the beginner to the most avid golfer.

The day kicked off at 12noon with a sausage sizzle sponsored by Precision Form Constructions at the Hannans Golf Club.

The winning team receiving prizes donated by Goldfields Sport and Leisure, Sportspower and Cellarbrations went to the "Spare Screws" Alan Bonfield, Cecelia Banfield, Colin Banfield and Stuart. Second prize, donated by Stratco, went to "Scrotum Scratches" Ian Slater, John Truman, Kevin Carrot and Trevor Pippi with third prize donated by Ramm's Building Design going to "Master Builders" Blair Harris, Garry Hall, Nigel Woods and Shaun Farber.



**Stephen Dolan, The Laminex Group presents third prize winners to the "Master Builders"**



**Teo Prka, Boral's Sate Concrete Manager and Matt Foster Boral's Regional manager enjoy a drink after the game.**

Fourteen novelty prizes were presented kindly donated by Boral, The Laminex Group, Active Painters, NRP Building, Goldfields Locksmiths, Midland Brick, RTL Property Developments Reece Pty Ltd, Solomons Flooring, Bankwest and Farr's Painting Services.

Many thanks to all our valuable sponsors and major sponsors; Boral and The Laminex Group.



**Showing off their winnings are second place getters "Scrotum Scratches" presented by (at rear); Stephen Dolan from sponsors Cullity's - The Laminex Group**



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**Gary Ramm - Multi-award winning Building Designer**

# Calendar of Events

## July 2009

Project Time Management - Kalg 21st  
 Project Cost Management - Kalg 21st  
 Electrical Testing & Tagging - Kalg 22nd

## August 2009

Building Excellence Awards Dinner - Esp 8th  
 Electrical Testing & Tagging - Kalg 31st

## September 2009

Committee Meeting - Kalg 18th

## October 2009

Electrical Testing & Tagging - Esp 22nd  
 Golf Day Classic - Esp 23rd

## Lofts, attics, sloping ceilings...



### ...BCA addresses the ambiguity at last!

On May 1 2009 BCA 2009 was adopted in WA. This year sees a number of new requirements and amendments introduced. Before BCA 2009, the Code set minimum ceiling heights in different parts of buildings based on their use. Lower projections were allowable if they did not interfere with the proper functioning of the room.

This subjective statement has now been revised to include prescriptive measures for acceptable ceiling heights in habitable, non-habitable and attic rooms. These minimum heights need only be provided in 2/3 of the floor area and any part with a height of less than 1.5m is not included in the floor area calculation.

This amendment finally gives designers, builders and approval authorities some certainty and consistency in the application of this clause.

#### Need Technical Support?

Members, if you have a technical question you need answered, contact Master Builders Technical Support Hotline on (08) 9476 9800, or email Technical Manager Romina De Santis - romina@mbawa.com

#### Find out more.

Along with this change, a number of other new requirements have been added for residential and non-residential buildings. Master Builders has a number of Technical Updates courses. Contact your Regional Manager for more information and to register.



**Romina De Santis,**  
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**HBW 2007** (Home Building Works, 2007 Edition) Lump sum contract which complies with the Home Building Contracts Act, for housing projects between \$7,500 & \$500,000. For use between builder and owner when there is no administration by an architect.

**RBW 2007** (Residential Building Works, 2007 Edition) Lump sum contract for housing projects, including multiple units, where the contract sum is more than \$500,000. For use between builder and owner when there is no administration by an architect.

**MWC 2007** (Medium Works Contract, 2007 Edition) Lump sum contract for small to medium commercial work, e.g. factories etc. Also may be used for housing projects where the price exceeds \$500,000 (ie, outside the scope of the Home Building Contracts Act). For use between builder and owner when there is no administration by an architect.

**CP 2007** (Cost Plus Contract, 2007 Edition) Cost plus contract where the builder receives a fee for its services - a fixed sum or a percentage of the cost, or both. For use between builder and owner when there is no administration by an architect.

Note: Cost plus contracts are exempt from provisions of the Home Building Contracts Act.

**SW 2006** (Small Works, 2006 Edition) Lump sum contract for small scale domestic work (up to \$7,500, e.g. pergolas, retaining walls, paving etc.) or commercial work up to about \$50,000. Not to be used for Home Building Contracts Act work.





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2. Want to save money? If you renew your Master Builders membership and you place or renew your insurance with MBA Insurance you can earn a rebate on your membership fee. Contact MBAIS now on **9476 9891** to learn more.
3. MBA Insurance Services has strengthened its staff team with the recent appointment of **Gary Sim** as the Business Development Manager for its WA operations. This role has been specially created within MBAIS to manage and facilitate the growth of the organisation and to add further value to members through the development of innovative risk transfer and insurance solutions. Gary, coming from a background with international broking firms, cites the dynamic and forward thinking nature of MBAIS and its recognised position as a leader in the construction insurance field as key factors for accepting this role.

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



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LandCorp's GreenView at Karlkurla estate is setting new regional benchmarks for the State in terms of sustainability, diversity, quality design and community living.

Design guidelines for the estate ensure housing designs are compatible with Kalgoorlie's unique historical and environmental conditions, and ensure sustainability initiatives are included in all homes.

More than 90% of lots at GreenView are oriented to make the most of passive solar design, with all homes required to have the living areas on the north side of the property. Houses must have light coloured roofs with a pitch of more than 25 degrees, and eaves of 550mm to provide shading from the harsh sun.

Public space landscaping uses native and local species which do not require further irrigation once established.

The estate will achieve almost 100% water reuse through an innovative water recycling system which directs stormwater flows to the city's Piccadilly Street Stormwater Harvesting dam. The water will then be pumped back to irrigate the nearby grass golf course which is currently under construction.

Sewer wastewater will be recycled in the City's treatment plant and pumped back in a re-useable form to water the public open spaces within the estate and to supplement the stormwater supply for the course.

LandCorp is also providing a \$5,000 rebate in addition to the Federal Government rebates to install a Grid Connected Solar Power Supply System. As well as contributing to the home's power supply, these systems feed excess power into the grid.

