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Master Builders Association of Western Australia now has 1377 members.

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EXPO 2009

Next Edition

The Great Southern is making its mark in WA. ALAC will host the 2009 Expo on 18,19th April. Be a part of it.



THIS YEAR'S MASTER BUILDER -
BANKWEST BUILDING EXCELLENCE
AWARDS - THE HOMES, THE
PEOPLE, THE FOOD, THE
FUN AND MUCH
MORE!



A diamond in the rough...

The Great Southern is shining in all it's glory. This month has provided our builders, tradesmen and apprentices to show the rest of WA and Australia what we are made of.

The Master Builders BankWest Building Excellence Awards, held on the 25th October at PCYC here in Albany has received nothing but positive accolades.

Many of our sponsors without whom the event could not run were delighted with the overall presentation of the event, the entertainment and of course the wonderful food.

Kooka's outdid themselves again and are already locked in for 2009, the menu of course is a secret.

The overall support from members, volunteers and the steadily increasing numbers of entries allows a small freedom of creativity and I am already on the job.

I would like to thank the many volunteers, some members, some family who worked right along side me during the night and early on Saturday to transform the room.

And last but not least I would like to thank my husband Peter Kelly who never leaves my side, is a wonderful host and is always there for those last minute emergencies.... whether it was running for extra alcohol, buying deodorant or escorting some of our younger party goes back inside the building, he doesn't miss a beat.

Congratulations to all the winners and to those who entered.

It takes a lot to put your work up for judging, well done, don't give up, work hard, and bring on next year.

Julia Kelly
Regional Manager
Great Southern



FRONT COVER: Darren and Robyn Powell - Powell Security, Finalists at this year's Work Safe Awards. Congratulations.

TRAINING & EVENTS CALENDAR

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Keeping up with training and events can be difficult. Master Builders Great Southern is here to help you.

Nov	Event	Description	Venue	Time
3	BCA VOL 1 PT.1	Romina De Santis	MBA Office Albany	9.00-1.00
4	MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH	Hats, Hats and more Hats. Enjoy the big race on the big screen. Champagne cocktails, and a wonderful assortment of finger foods.	Nonnas Restaurant Upstairs	11.00- 2.00
5	BCA VOL 1 PT.2	Romina De Santis	MBA Office Albany	9.00 - 1.00
10	COMMITTEE MEETING	Guest Speaker - Kevin Beere	MBA Office Albany	4.30 - 7.00
11	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION FOR SUPERVISORS	Jacqui Barker - Contract Intelligence	Small Business Centre	8.00 - 12.00
14	JETSET SUNDOWNER	A chance to plan your next holiday or just think about where you want to go.	Jetset Albany	4.30 - 7.00
18	CONTRACT MANAGEMENT	Jacqui Barker - Contract intelligence	TBC	9.30 - 4.30
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2	TENDERING FUNDAMENTALS	Jacqui Barker - Contract Intelligence	Expressions of Interest being taken NOW	1/2 DAY
17	CHRISTMAS PARTY OFFICE CLOSSES FOR YEAR	Special Guest: Michael McLean MBA	Carlyles Function Centre	6.30 - LATE

25 Years! But Who is Counting?

When you look at all the paperwork, legislation, rules and regulations it is easy to understand why so many 'would be' builders simply give up....or do they?

Master Builder Association new Member Jeremy Hearn of Finch Contracting is not one to give up.

Jeremy and his partner Brenda have worked exceptionally hard to establish their business here in Albany and are two of the nicest people you could hope to meet.

It was an elated Jeremy that came into the office to tell me that he finally had his Building Licence.

Be sure to congratulate him at the next meeting. He is an inspiration.



Christmas Celebration 19th December

Carlyles Reception Centre
Historic Forts Precinct

Bring your staff, friends and family along for a fun filled evening.

Booking Forms Available - Tel: 9841 6232 Fax: 9841 6522

R.S.V.P. 8th December, 2008

Members & Staff \$45 Non Members \$60



Landcorp Sundowner

Dale Page, the South West Business Manager and David McFerran (Below) Regional Manager for Land Corp at the Great Southern Distilling Company 19 September 2008



This was fairly well attended and it was fair to say that the sun was not visible for very long, and the rain played a major part during the presentation. We all battled on and the speakers Dale Page The South West Business Manager and David McFerran Regional Manager from Landcorp did a wonderful job highlighting where we are at with various developments in our region. There is a degree of uncertainty due to the change of government but essentially we were shown the overall extent of the proposed foreshore development. A lot more to it than the entertainment centre. Retail, Residential component, Commercial buildings, Marina pens and passive recreational areas to name a few.

David Mexsom - Chairman MBA Great Southern

DESIGNBUILD PERTH 2008



I recently drove to Perth to take a look at the 2008 Designbuild Expo held at the Convention Centre.

The 900km round trip was well worth the effort and it was wonderful to see a few of our Great Southern member's attending the seminars and taking notes on the new energy saving initiatives.



While personally I believe there could have been more choices and the lecture I booked in to was not what I had hoped, I did however manage to draw attention from a large number of suppliers who wish to break into the WA market and some WA big boys who are ready to come south.

Many will be attending our Expo in April 09, some will become members and others have kindly offered to sponsor the event.



It was a great opportunity to network and get the MBA name out there, and to get some feedback from current and ex members from Perth, Melbourne and Sydney.

The event was well orchestrated and organised and at \$375p/m2 it is no wonder. While ours won't be on such a grand scale we can certainly look forward to new products, ideas, selling techniques and more...providing our customers with informed choices and decisions when it comes to building.



MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH 2009

THE RACE THAT STOPS THE NATION

Members and guests came together on the 4th November for the big event. Many got into the swing of things, wearing the obligatory fashion stakes hat, many came to cheer on their favorite horse, enjoy the wonderful food and champagne cocktails prepared by the staff at Nonnas Restaurante or just to share in some horsing around. Each guest received a \$1 mystery bet, to my knowledge no one won, however a few of us romantics took out 2nd place.... there is something about the greys.

Things nearly came to a halt early in the day, when the whole of York Street lost power for an hour and half, coming back on just in the nick of time. Im sure next year, will see more hats, some unusual outfits and maybe some winners. A big thank you to members WA Country Builders, Ryde Building Company, Eye Rite Signs, Tectonics, Creative Landscapes Great Southern and our special guest Romina De Santis from Head Office for making the day so much fun.



Is it any wonder that Powell Security recently received recognition at the Work Safety Awards recently held at the Hyatt Hotel in Perth.

Our very own dynamic duo never stop, driving all the way back from the Perth excitement to receive the QBE Excellence in Security Award at our very own Building Excellence Awards.



Inside the world of of Powell Security....



"Another eventful month in our world of security! We did get the tender in on time - this is the one for the cameras down Stirling Tce. If we win it, it will be very exciting. Lots of cutting edge technology that we haven't had the chance to play with yet (mostly coz nobody can afford it).

Hot on the heels of submitting the ACCI CCTV tender, we had purchase orders come through for the Albany Entertainment Centre (and a second PO for the variations we recommended).

"Requests for quote for the Hopetoun Leisure Centre security, and the Shire of Jerramungup access control. Albany Leisure Centre has just requested more work too.



Dymock's is coming to town, and we are doing their shop too. They are having a people counter, and an EAS system (those things that beep and flash the lights as you walk through them if the tags are still on). This will be the first EAS system we have installed - we have set it up in the office, and are enjoying playing with it..

We have handover of the Denmark Hospital at the end of this month, and 4 jobs in Gnowangerup. Darren and Jaydon are in Perth for 4 days this week on a training trip, then off to Esperance Port for a security upgrade there...

The Residential College is moving along, and the Grammar school is also progressing nicely. Andrew Holmes has given us a job on a palatial mansion in Goode Beach, and Nigel Ryde has given us a job on a nice normal house, plus we are doing one for an owner builder in Mira Mar....." On top of all this Robyn is a dedicated Committee Member, Wife and Mother... there is really nothing left to say.... go girl!

You Have to be in It to Win it!!

Months of planning, countless phone calls, early mornings, late nights, dreaming of spreadsheets, menus, graphics, entertainment. Worrying about who will want to sit next to whom, will the printers deliver on time, will the certificates be correct, did I double check the script, make the last minute changes, book the accommodation.... basically think of everything... and for what???

One of the best nights on the idustry calendar!!! Woo hooo.

I cant begin to tell you how exciting it is to see the faces of the winners when they come onto the stage, you just want to burst out of your skin and shout for them, well at least I do.

Let me tell you, from the *inside* it is really hard knowing for all that time who won what and why and not being able to say anything, not being able to push a little harder to get them to book the extra tickets so friends and family can be there for them on their big night....

All the planning and stress just go away when your members, many of whom I have become quite attached to walk up onto the stage.

This only being my second year at the helm was much more enjoyable, I nearly got to eat this time, but for some reason my ice-cream kept dissappearing, now that is service for you.

I am so very proud to have been a part of such a great evening and a part of such huge achievements by so many.

Word is that many of the builders already have that next winning entry in mind and are keen to be involved next year, so that is great.

Last year we had 23 entries, this year 44 entries, so who knows where 2009 will find us - would we be pushing it for say 60!!

I have already started to plan next years event and with the support of our Committee, volunteers and of course our very generous sponsors, it will be even bigger and better, so be sure and budget it in.

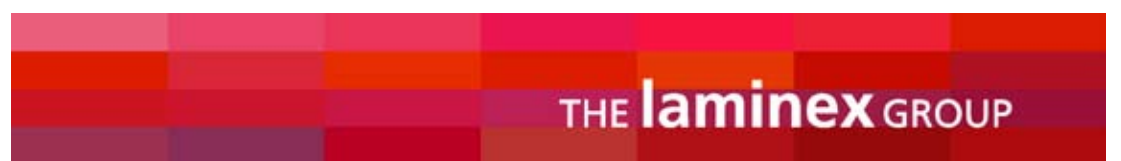
The event is the biggest on the MBA Great Southern calendar or at least it is at the moment, and this year we were able to share our good fortune with those less fortunate than ourselves by raising \$119.75 for the Albany Community Hospice, so thank you to everyone who donated money for the flowers.

If you dont mind, I would also like to take a moment to thank my husband, Peter who is never far away from me on such a big night and who I must admit is a rather handsome host.

Well, here is to next year - lets up the stakes and push some boundaries.

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For the results of this year's awards you can go to our website: www.mbawa.com
Copies of photograph's can be purchased from The Albany and Great Southern Weekender and for more information on the awards and three of our winners : Lew Wishart, Ryde Building Company and Wauters Enterprises tune into Home in WA during November.



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Doorum Dancers

This year's Building Excellence Awards were opened by the Doorum Dancers

Doorum Dancers have been together for just over 18 yrs. The name Doorum came from our Great Grandfathers name who was the last King of the Ballardong/Bibulmen tribe.

We all grew up in a little wheatbelt town called Brookton, 100km East of Perth but separated over the years. Our group consists of uncles, cousins & nephews from the age of 3 to over 40 spanning over 6 generations. We always came together on special occasions, especially when it comes to Corroboree's.

We have toured all over Nyoongar Country promoting, teaching & performing our culture to students & audiences throughout the southern part of Western Australia.

Some of us had the privilege to perform internationally & nationally only to promote our Nyoongar culture in which people thought we were a dying race. It only made us stronger & motivated us more in promoting our Nyoongar heritage.

The dances we perform have been passed down through to us from our uncles.

We dance the spirit, imitate hunting dances as well as the feeding habits of the animals & also our foot

tapping dance which we call the Nyumbii (show off dance). We still continue to teach our children about respect & knowledge about our Nyoongar culture & for them to carry on our great tradition.

Ryan Humphries
Indigenous Liaison Officer
South Coast Region

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Mitsubishi Lead the Way

Mitsubishi were the proud sponsors of a completely new award for the region, the Mitsubishi - Judges Innovation Award. And who could do it better.

Presented by Dale Adamson of Albany World of Cars, the trophy went to proud recipients WA Country Builders.



ABOVE: Dale Adamson - Albany World of Cars, Stuart Mark - WA Country Builders and Malcolm Goode - MBA.

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO MASTER BUILDERS ASSOC.



Kenny McGonnell - Subcontractor

Jacqueline Baker - Prof. Associate

Anthony Vanderleer - Subcontractor

Matt Goodwin - Subcontractor



Garry Golding - Builder



Michael Swain - Pinelock (Supplier)