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LandCorp's South West & Great Southern Regional Manager, David McFerran



Ready, set, go for 2009

2009 has seen a very strong interest in new courses and initiatives provided by your South West Master Builders Association Office. Along with these new courses we have revamped our Building Excellence Award entry forms resulting in positive feedback from both members and non members alike.

With the economic downturn, the increase in activity of first homebuyers is evident through the residential sector although generally new house construction has slowed down from the busy times of 2006/7. Renovations and extensions have increased marginally, but overall building permits have decreased compared to the same time in 2007.

Some positive news, the cost to buy an established house now, even with the decline, is still much higher than prices six years ago – almost double. So what? – well, things are not as bad as we think - change is in the air:

- The government's release of the stimulus package, has an emphasis on schools and housing construction projects.

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- The government now has a grant for ceiling insulation to encourage spending and this goes a long way to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and save's on energy costs.
- First home owner grants of \$14,000 and \$21,000 are still available until June.

This year as the work load slows down give some thought to training. Keep yourself and staff up to date with the large range of courses we to offer. (see back page).

I hope you like our new look for 2009. We at Master Builders have been working hard to develop a new professional image with new logos, new website and as you can tell, a new regional newsletter design. We have also carried the format and styling of this newsletter across the state so whether your at home in the South West, working or holidaying throughout the state you will be able to recognise this publication. So you can catch up with what's happening in the Building and Construction industry with Master Builders throughout this great state of Western Australia.

Regards,
Geoff Bosustow - Regional Manager



LandCorp Sundowner

An excellent turn out of members set the scene for an informative presentation by LandCorp South West & Great Southern Regional Manager David McFerran on Wednesday 11th February.

Following on our monthly South West committee meeting, guest speaker David McFerran spoke about the processes involved with land release. Other interesting highlights were the challenges facing the South West in order to facilitate investment such as:

- Facilitating projects that may be economically unviable, complex, long-term or difficult, in addition to those that are profitable
- Showcasing current and future projects in the

Southwest that LandCorp are involved in

- Finding the balance between community expectations and the best possible outcome for the development
- A sustainable approach (the 'triple bottom line' - economically, socially & environmentally sustainable)
- LandCorp does more than just develop land, delivering a big picture in the South West region

Projects also highlighted included the Bunbury Waterfront & Gracetown, residential developments in Collie, College Grove and Harvey along with a Commercial, light industry focus in Picton and Kemerton.



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Validity of Blue Card

Anyone who completed the safety awareness training course between 26 July 2005 and 1 January 2007 was issued with a safety awareness training certificate that was current for three years from 1 January 2007 and not from the date the card was issued. This means that no Safety Awareness Training Cards (WA Blue Cards) will expire before 31 December 2009.

Any Safety Awareness Training Cards issued on or after 1 January 2007 will be valid for three years from the date of issue.



Andrew Horan,
Smith Constructions &
Robert Shaw,
Senior Vice President



Professor of landscape Architecture

At the 2009 CY O'Connor Lecture, internationally renowned Professor Richard Weller, Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of Western Australia, will discuss his recent research into Perth's urban form in 2050 – acclaimed by one respected commentator as the most important planning work done in Perth since the Stephenson Hepburn plan of 1956.

A charismatic speaker, Prof Weller will reflect on how such projects relate to the heritage of the city and their impact on Perth and the wider Western Australian community.

This public lecture will be held in Perth on

Tuesday 10 March at 5.45pm at the Perth Town Hall, cnr Hay & Barrack Streets, and in Kalgoorlie on Friday 13 March at 6.45pm at the Western Australian School of Mines, WMC Conference Centre, 44 McDonald Street. Entry fees apply (concession/National Trust members \$15, non members \$20).

Bookings are essential as the last two years were sold out. Contact the National Trust on 9321 6088 or via trust@ntwa.com.au.

The National Trust is celebrating its Golden Jubilee in 2009 and has planned a year long celebration of events. Phone 9321 6088 to obtain a Calendar of Events.

South West Master Builders Changing of the Guard



L-R Charles Anderson - MBAWA Contract Manager, Matt Cartwright - Perkins Builders "Committee Member", Daryl Brough - Ventura Homes, "Outgoing South West Regional Chairperson", Christine Pidgeon - Innovest Constructions, "Newly Elected Vice Chairperson SWMBA", Sarah Maguire - Skillhire "Committee Member", Rade Ristovic - WA Country Builders "Newly Elected Treasurer SWMBA".

Over the last few years as regional manager of Master Builders it has been very encouraging to be witness to an ever growing committee. The South West Branch of Master Builders now has 18 South West Member Companies from the Commercial, Residential, Supplier & Professional areas represented ensuring that we as a member based organisation are addressing issues and delivering results for our members.

A warm welcome must be extended to Andrew McIntyre from Smith Constructions, as the South West newly elected Chairperson along with Christine Pidgeon from Innovest Constructions as Vice Chair and Rade Ristovic from WA Country Builders.

Also, a big thank you to Daryl Brough who resigned as Chairperson, for his contribution to the development of the South West branch during his two term appointment. Daryl remains on the 2009 SW Committee as immediate past Chairperson. Refer page 4 for full details on the 2009 Committee.

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South West Building Excellence Awards

The 2009 Master Builders Bankwest building excellence awards proudly supported by our major regional sponsor Master Builders Insurance Services is currently being promoted with entries being finalised and scheduled for viewing. This year's awards see no upper dollar limit on construction in both the Residential and Commercial sectors. This should allow for a myriad of entries to be received which may have been judged through the Metro HEA & CEA.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff coordinating their submissions for this year's Building Excellence Awards. Their dedication and commitment to presenting the entries obviously mirrors the work put in to the projects through all stages of construction. We wish all the entrants success in their chosen areas in the 2009 awards.

New Regulations

New regulations relating to the National Standard for Construction Work came into operation for the civil/commercial construction sector on 3 January 2008 and for the residential construction sector on 1 October 2008.

Changes include the preparation of: safe work method statements (JSAs) for high-risk construction work and Occupational Safety and Health Management Plans for all construction sites where five or more people are working.

An Occupational Safety and Health Management Plan must, as far as practicable comply with these items at the site:

- identify each person with a specific occupational safety and health responsibility and describe how those responsibilities are coordinated;
- describe the occupational safety and health induction training that will take place in relation to the construction work;
- describe the arrangements for managing occupational safety and health incidents;
- set out safety rules and describe the arrangements for ensuring everyone at or visiting is informed of those rules;
- include all the information held by the main contractor in relation to the identified hazards, the risks arising from those hazards and the control measures in place; and
- include the safe work method statements (JSAs) that have been prepared for any 'high-risk construction work'.

The requirement for a Job Safety Analysis for 'high-risk construction work' includes any of the

following construction work:

- involving a risk of a person falling two metres or more;
- on telecommunications towers;
- involving demolition;
- involving removing or disturbing asbestos;
- involving alteration to a structure that requires the structure to be temporarily supported to prevent its collapse;
- involving a confined space;
- involving excavation to a depth of more than 1.5 metres;
- of tunnels;
- involving the use of explosives;
- on or near pressurised gas pipes (including distribution mains);
- on or near chemical, fuel or refrigerant lines;
- on or near energised electrical installations and lines (whether overhead or underground);
- in an area that may have a contaminated or flammable atmosphere;
- involving tilt-up or precast concrete;
- on or adjacent to roads or railways that are in use;
- on a site where there is movement of powered mobile plant;
- in an area where there are artificial extremes of temperature;
- in, over or adjacent to water or other liquids if there is a risk of drowning;
- involving diving.

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**Immediate Past
 Chairperson**

Daryl Brough,
 Ventura Homes South West

Calendar of Events



March 2009

- Next Step Builder Bunbury 5th
- Building Excellence Award Entries close 6th
- Safety Awareness Training Mandurah, Busselton & Bunbury 11th, 12th & 13th respectively
- South West Committee Meeting with MBAIS Guest speaker State Manager Barry Hennigan
- Microsoft Outlook 12th Bunbury
- Next Step Builder Mandurah 12th
- Microsoft Excel 13th Bunbury
- Metropolitan & State Housing Excellence Awards Perth 21st
- Judging of the 2009 Master Builders Bankwest Building Excellence Awards Commences 23rd

- Cost & Time Management 26th Bunbury
- Quality & Risk Management 27th Bunbury

April 2009

- Judging of the 2009 Master Builders Bankwest Building Excellence Awards Continues 6th
- Safety Awareness Training Mandurah, Busselton & Bunbury 15th, 16th & 17th respectively
- South West Committee Meeting 15th
- Master Builders South West Golf Day 24th Bunbury
- BCA Basics Updates 2009 28th Bunbury
- BCA Basics Volume 2 29th Mandurah
- Safety in Buildings 29th Mandurah

May 2009

- Microsoft Excel 5th Mandurah
- Microsoft Outlook 6th Mandurah
- MYOB 7th Mandurah
- MYOB BAS 8th Mandurah
- Safety Awareness Training Mandurah, Busselton & Bunbury 13th, 14th & 15th respectively
- South West Committee Meeting 13th
- Basic Contract Administration 21st Bunbury
- Tendering Fundamentals 28th Bunbury
- Plans & Specifications for Construction 28th Bunbury
- Residential Energy Efficiency 29th Bunbury
- Water Proofing of Wet Areas 29th Bunbury

Certainty in a Changing Market Place



The insurance market plays a pivotal role not only throughout industry but culturally throughout society.

- For Businesses to fund and deliver projects there must be insurance,
- For Governments to deliver Major Projects there must be insurance,
- For Mum and Dad to acquire a Home there must be insurance,
- For our Children to qualify for a Car Loan there must be insurance,

The reality of life is that in many situations - Insurance is the constant.

Over recent times, insurance buyers have enjoyed the benefits of a soft market characterised by low premium rates and deductibles, comprehensive policy coverage and highly rated insurers.

The global financial crisis has reinforced the importance of considering the whole of risk in the transferring of risks to the insurance market. Specifically, the loss of a major insurance company, and as a result the evaporation of capacity which drives the level of pricing and quality of coverage the insured ultimately pays should be considered in planning the pre-renewal process of an insurance program.

In general terms, Insurers remain largely profitable underpinned by an effective regulatory regime and the management of risk. Notwithstanding this, the insurance market has not only had to contend with the best the global financial crisis has thrown at it but an increase in weather related claims. Storm clouds are gathering, the placement of your risk will be a priority, and the best risk management tool today is to plan the most effective approach to the renewal of their insurance program in concert with their insurance broker.



The MBA Insurance Service Team.

Today, whilst there are still examples of softness in premium rates and deductibles, there is growing evidence to suggest stability in underwriting practices specifically aimed at the quality of the placement and presentation of risk to insurers. Builders, Contractors and Developers will still enjoy a mature level of capacity however certainty of placement will drive negotiations over premium rates and deductibles.

To effectively manage the risk of a changing insurance market, the focus and priority should be devoted to:

- Align your Company with an Insurance Broker you have confidence in to become your partner through the insurance cycle,
- Develop a whole of risk approach to the pre-renewal strategy of your insurance program,
- Review of current uninsured risks – the risks you have traditionally self-retained may be more relevant today.

MBA Insurance Services have skilled and experienced brokers to provide you with total insurable risk solutions to your insurance needs and partner you through this storm.

