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Record Breaker;
Trainer Mark Greene
watches Charlie Guthrie



Principal Partner



Industry Health Day a Success

MBA Geraldton Branch along with Health Alliance Partners Midwest Aero Medical, Midwest GP Network, The Green Room & sponsors Gindalbie Metals were in full swing for their 1st Health for Industry Day, alerting builders and trades who work out in the sun to be fully checked for skin cancers or pre cancerous growths.

Held on Saturday 21st February in Geraldton the day was, as quoted by Dr Stu Adamson "Highly Successful"!! Dr Adamson detected 12 skin cancers and one Melanoma which was surgically removed first thing Monday. Skin Checks were FREE with presentation of a Medicare card.

Exhibitors included the team from Pit Stop, a one stop health check stop with a clever but serious promotion to entice our male gender They look at your health in a similar way to your car, it needs regular "services" or checks to keep the engine running smoothly! Like shock absorbers of a car relate to our well – being our exhaust relates to smoking and lungs or our shock absorber to our coping skills!! A full "Work Order" is carried out and hopefully the end result is a clean bill of health.

Charlie Guthrie set what is believed to be a new world record on Jacob's Ladder, 2 hours 41 mins 10, 889 feet. Charlie's record was a fantastic achievement and his efforts were truly amazing. Charlie's amazing health & fitness is testament to his daily training sessions at the Greene room where he completes a program of cardio exercise and strength training. Charlie says "being fit and healthy is the most important thing in life".

Prostate Cancer is another threat to the male gender and Ian Murray and Terry Coltasz kept information flowing for most of the day as did Ros Worthington with her Purple

Boots for the Breast Cancer Foundation. Water Corporation provided much needed water, thanks Denise!



Health checks not a "Waist" of time!

Special thanks must go to our sponsors Gindalbie Metals, a Western Australian based iron ore producer who together with Ansteel is building the Karara Iron Ore Project. Gindalbie were proud to be able to sponsor the MBA Industry Health Day and look forward to the opportunity to provide both employment and contracting opportunities to local Mid West communities as the project is developed through to operations in late 2009.

To Central West Podiatry, Midwest Life Education Van, Caniwa Dreams Consultancy, Central West Garage Doors, Young Motors, Geraldton Hire & Scaffolding, Boutique Builders, Beachlands Primary, Veolia, Totally Workwear, Geraldton Guardian, 98.1 Spirit FM Radio, Radio Mama & ABC Radio, Bunnings(BBQ) & Salvation Army, Miranda & Jim Rounsevell, Greenough Regional Prison for their assistance in setting up and dismantling of tents, DJ Danny and most importantly our Health Alliance partners, "THANK YOU"



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Office Showroom Underway

Documentation for the new MBA office/showroom has been finalised. Plans are now with members for pricing. Additionally they have been lodged with the City of Geraldton Greenough for building approval. The premises will provide up to date training facilities and a complete range of modern product displays for the home builder, renovator or those thinking about a few home changes.

Positioned in Walton Place and facing NorthWest Coastal Highway in Geraldton, the facility is well positioned and easily accessible.

Designed by local Architects Eastman Poletti Sherwood, they have taken into consideration provisions and needs for the Building &

Construction Industry as well as the general public, providing a much needed one-stop shop.

"This project may have been a long time in the making but if we are to do it well, then we must ensure we get it right first time" said Regional Manager Di Gilleland. "The Geraldton Committee and I have spent countless hours checking, measuring and seeking information which will result in a fabulous new complex for the Midwest. It is still early days, but exciting ones" she said.

All members and suppliers wishing to be involved in the project should contact Di Gilleland on 99215061.



Master Builders new proposed Office showrooms in Geraldton



The Foundation's Patron, Justin Langer inspecting the progress in November and the house prior to Christmas. R-L Darryn Wardle, Justin Langer, Troy Dahlstrom and Steve Norman

The House that Broome Built

The Kyle Andrews Foundation House at Lot 236 Greenshank Drive, Roebuck Estate, Broome has progressed steadily since commencement in August 2008.

The house will be used by families of children from the oncology ward at Princess Margaret hospital in Perth. It will provide holiday respite at no cost to the families.

Kyle's Camp is an annual legacy of Broome boy Kyle Andrews who succumbed to leukaemia in 1998 after undergoing chemotherapy, radiation therapy and a bone marrow transplant. It was his wish that the children from Ward 3B (oncology) be able to holiday in Broome and experience Cable Beach as he felt 'it will make them feel better'. It has done so for 11 camps to date with the 12th camp to be held in June this year. The Camp has been fully supported and funded by the local Broome community businesses and tour operators.

It has been an aim of the Foundation to build holiday accommodation for the families of children undergoing treatment. In June 2007, the aim became a reality with Broome International Airport Group providing a discounted block of land in Roebuck Estate.

Local builders William Homes came on board providing plans and project management of the house. Other local builders, contractors and suppliers were also very generous in their support of the house. With pledges to date, the foundation has outlaid minimal funds for the project. The house is a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom steel framed and colorbond clad structure totalling 352 sq metres which includes carport, and decking, with disabled facilities and a solar powered grid using Horizon Powers renewable energy buy-back scheme (REBS). It will include a caretaker/office residence, swimming pool, full landscaping and furnishing, thanks to the generosity of Broome businesses and local community.

The Foundation will hold an 'open' weekend in May for viewing, with the official opening date set during Kyle's Camp in June.



The house is at lock up stage with a completion date of May 2009 being on the calendar.

On the Road!

Central West Tafe recently celebrated the launch of their Mobile Indigenous Trades Training Unit.

A prime mover and trailer carrying a sea container, excavator and bob cat, followed by a four wheel drive towing a caravan.

The "Big Truck" as it is commonly known was officially launched by the then Minister for Training, Mr Mark McGowan.

A min of eight students are needed to run a course with the mobile unit. Central West Tafe Director Bert Beavers said it could deliver programs like job readiness, mechanical fitting, machining, boiler making, general construction, mobile plant



Nicci Godsman, Matt Silvester and Bert Beavers

operations, driver training, horticulture rural operations, industrial skills and Occ. Health and Safety. It will visit towns across the Mid West and Gascoyne. Shortly it will be undertaking construction in Northampton.



Calendar of Events



Safety Awareness:

April 14th - Broome

April 28th - Geraldton

April

April 7th -
Safety Supervisor Karratha

April 20th -
Project Time Management Geraldton

April 20th -
Project Cost Management Geraldton

April 21st -
Project Risk Management Geraldton

April 21st -
Project Quality Management Geraldton

April 30th & May 1st -
Basic Contract Admin & Effective
Business Writing Skills Broome

May

2nd May -
Building Awards Broome

May 7th -
Next Step Builder Broome

June

18th June -
Next Step Builder Kununurra



Blue Card Expiry

No "Blue Cards" will expire before 31 December 2009 as a result of concessions made by WorkSafe when the new Safety Awareness Training (Blue Card) was introduced in 2006.

Please see attached circular for clarification.

“MBA can provide you with a practical, user friendly and cost effective Safety Management System.”

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.

Master Builders can provide you with Safety Management System suitable for either Commercial or Residential construction.

Contact either Michael Fitzgerald or Michelle DeGalt-Rohlf on 9476 9800 or email safety@mbawa.com





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2nd May
Building Awards
Broome



Welcome New Members

Strongarm Plastering
The Greene Room
Statewide Ceilings
Banjo's Painting Services
Kimberley Steel
Maglion Enterprises Pty Ltd

MAPM Construction
Geraldton Lighting Advisory
Service
CGL Steel Pty Ltd
Meridian Lanscape
20*20 Pty Ltd

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



The MBA Insurance Service Team.

insurance broker.

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.