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The South West committee comprising representatives from the fields of Construction, Service and Supply to the Building industry were given the opportunity to meet with State Manager Barry Hennigan of MBA Insurance Services at the South West committee meeting held in Bunbury on the 15th July.

Barry was welcomed by South West Chairman

Andrew McIntyre to provide the members of our committee with an overview of the industry during the past few years, which included the diminishing global financial certainty along with the slowing of economic growth that the industry has experienced. Barry further explained that the key to extracting the maximum value from your insurance is an understanding of your risks as a Builder or Subcontractor and an understanding of the manners in which those risks can be managed.

Looking forward, members will be able to gain value through Gary Simms the representative for MBAIS servicing the South West. If you would like to review your insurance with an obligation free meeting with MBAIS please contact our local office to arrange 97216547.



Christine Pidgeon SW Vice Chairperson, Rade Ristic Treasurer and Sarah Maguire Committee Member

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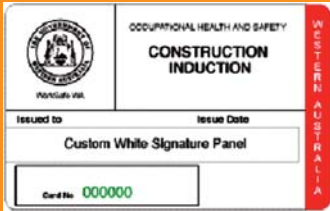


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Blue to White Cards

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NSW 'green cards' are no longer valid in NSW and are not recognised in WA.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 RCDs, which must protect all power point and lighting circuits.

Click here <http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/energysafety/RCD/index.htm> for further information.

What it takes to win MBA 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.

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Calendar of Events

October 2009

- 9 BEA Entries sent to Builders
- 15 Electrical Tagging and Testing
- 15 Next Step
- 16 Customer Service
- 21 Committee Meeting
- 22 Fair Work Act
- 23 SW Golf Day
- 23 Practical Project Management Part 1
- 29 Safety Supervisor Course
- 30 Practical Project Management Part 1
- 30 JSAs

November 2009

- 6 Australian Standard Head Contracts / Standard Form Subcontracts
- 6-8 Eaton Expo
- 18 Committee Meeting
- 26 Masonry Requirements
- 27 BCA Advanced Fire Requirements / BCA Advanced Access Egress

December 2009

- 1 BEA Entries Close
- 16 AGM Committee Meeting
AirCell Sponsored Sundowner
- 25 Public Holiday - Christmas
- 28 Public Holiday - Boxing Day

Jackson McDonald meets SW members



Maureen Gasic Perkins Builders & Graham Jones Capel Crane Hire

South West MBA members attended a 4 o'clock forum on the 6th August, hosted by MBA South West at Lotteries House in Bunbury.

Jo Alilovic from Jackson McDonald brought South West members up to date with the new Fair Work Act which kicked off on July 1. The new ground rules for employers include changes to unfair dismissals, new minimum conditions, rights of entry and effects on current agreements. Kim Richardson, Construction Director of MBAWA, will be back in the South West on the 22nd of October, to address local members with further updates.

Should you not have been able to attend this recent forum and require updates or would like to attend the presentation conducted by Kim Richardson on the 22nd October please contact Regional Manager Geoff Bosustow at the South West office.

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MBA South West Awards

Entries will be posted:
5th October 2009

Entries will close:
13th November 2009

Judging will commence:
30th November 2009

Awards Evening:
20th March 2010





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Smith Constructions

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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

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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.

