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Training in the South West

With the end of the year upon us the South West branch is in the process of developing an extensive and varied training schedule for 2010 to assist in the development of South West Building and Construction industry staff and employees over the next year.

Regional Manager Geoff Bosustow said "that it was important for companies to recognise areas that staff require additional information/training, regardless of whether the staff have recently joined the building and construction industry and require an overview of what lies ahead for them, or for those staff that may just require a refresher on best practices."

Courses will be conducted for frontline staff, secretarial & administration, drafting and design through to courses dealing with onsite construction activities along with many others.

Regional Manager Geoff Bosustow encourages all members in the South West to contact their regional branch to discuss possible training areas that would be of interest to them and to ensure that the right personnel within their organisation are receiving their

weekly training update of courses. If members would like to spread the distribution of these course reminders through their organisation they are encouraged to do so or contact the South West MBA team to ensure that all contact points for training are covered.

Regional Manager Geoff Bosustow would be delighted to assist in any updates or course enquiries on existing courses or feedback as too any additional training our membership feels is required through the next year. Please contact Geoff at your convenience on southwest@mbawa.com or 08 9721 6547, he will be able to assist you as always.



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The Construction Contracts Act

The Construction Contracts Act, in place now for some three years, has been mostly benign and sometimes very useful legislation.

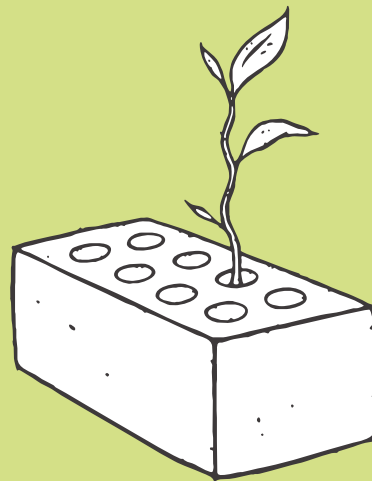
Intended to improve industry payment practices, its main impact has been rapid adjudication of payment disputes. Many contractors are aware that adjudication might quickly and quite cheaply resolve payment delays. What's often overlooked, however, is that adjudication applications must be made promptly. There's no time for procrastination. You must apply within 28 days of the dispute arising.

Apart from banning pay-when/if-paid clauses, the Act's other main aspect is to imply basic terms – such as the right to make progress claims, terms for payment and entitlement to unfix goods on insolvency - where there is no written contract or the contract is silent on such matters. Most people know you must have a written, compliant contract for housing up to \$500,000, but on other occasions, contractors sometimes happily rely on a handshake. That might not work now as the Act could imply terms you didn't expect or want.

Master Builders provides guidance on the Act and written contracts suited to your business.

For assistance with choosing the right contract please call your Regional Manager Geoff Bosustow or Charles Anderson on 9476 9800.

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South West Golf Day



Builders Suppliers and Associated businesses came from across the South West region for the 2009 South West Master Builders Golf Day supported by Australind Premix, Midland Brick and Coastal Hire which was held at the Dunsborough Lakes Golf Course on a surprisingly windy Friday with the event attracting

ON THE GREENS - PERKINS BUILDERS TAKE ON M&B SALES

more than 68 participants.

The Overall winners on the day were the Summit Homes group followed closely by Innovest Construction and Scott Park Homes.



UNWINDING – A PERFECT FINISH TO A GREAT DAY OF GOLF

Dan Perkins Awarded Master Builders 2009 Member of the Year

Dan Perkins has always been heavily involved with the Master Builders Association in his roles currently an elected councillor of the Master Builders Association, a member of the Executive Committee, Chairman of the Master Builders National Training Committee, WA's representative on the National MBA Board and more recently the alternate Director on MBA Insurance Services Board.



Perkins Builders was founded by Dan's father and has been a member with the Master Builders Association for over 40 years.

The Master Builders Member of the Year Award was initiated in 2001 and recognises an individual or organisation that has contributed significantly to the industry and Association over the course of a calendar year. The winner is determined by Master Builders senior staff and acknowledges the considerable amount of voluntary hours an individual or organisation has invested in the pursuit of industry issues.

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Hon Troy Buswell meets with Key Stakeholders



TROY BUSWELL, CHRISTINE PIDGEON, DARYL BROUGH, GEOFF BOSUSTOW AND ANDREW MCINTYRE

The recent sitting of State Government in Bunbury allowed the opportunity for South west Regional Manager Geoff Bosustow to meet with Troy Buswell.

Mr Bosustow said "That it is testimony to the Master Builders Association and to the South West Branch that we were approached by the State Treasurer's office to meet with Mr Buswell to discuss key issues relating to the Building and Construction Industry."

"With no specific agenda items put forward by Mr Buswell we were able to discuss items that affect the industry in broad terms throughout our region" said Mr Bosustow.

Key stakeholders with the Master Builders Associations South West committee comprising

of our Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Immediate Past Chair all brought to the meeting aspects of both the Commercial and residential sectors.

Items that were discussed included the lack of title ready land along with a slow approvals process and the recent "Building Education Revolution" tendering process and the perceived ramifications that may well result in the South West.

Mr Buswell also addressed housing affordability and the requirement to improve and identify available land.

Pictured – Troy Buswell, Christine Pidgeon, Daryl Brough, Branch Manager Geoff Bosustow and Andrew McIntyre



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