

Midwest / North West Building News



From the Region



SUCCESS AT MASTER BUILDERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



John Crothers, Laurie Dines, Shane Campbell and Lilly Robson



Our Sponsors Paul and Tania Kerr



Laurie Dines and Geoff Crothers



Leon Bone and Andrew Crothers.

AGM WELCOMES NEW 2014 / 2015 COMMITTEE

Our AGM was held on Thursday 20 November and as always, it allowed members and guests an opportunity to get together and share the yearly happenings plus celebrate year end.

Sincere thanks to Midland Brick who have been long-time supporters of this event. Geoff Crothers conducted the official election of committee members. Thank you, Geoff. The results for 2015 are;

ELECTED 2014/15 OFFICE BEARERS

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| • Chairman | Serena Giudice/Geraldton Homes |
| • Past Chairman | Andrew Crothers/GBSC |
| • Vice Chairman | Peter Bisby/Redink Homes |
| • Secretary | Ross Conti/Conti Home |
| • Hon. Treasurer | Paul Mandosio/Mandosio Homes |
| • Committee Member | David Crothers/Crothers Construction |
| • Committee Member | John Crothers/Devpro Unit Developments |
| • Committee Member | Paul Kerr/Midland Brick |
| • Committee Member | Barry Humfrey/Humfrey Land Develop. |
| • Committee Member | Todd West/Glass Co WA |
| • Committee Member | Laurie Dines/Ocean Air Customised Air. |

Midland Brick Regional Manager Paul Kerr in his thanks, made special mention of Midland Brick coming to Geraldton in the New Year to teach bricklayers new trends and variations/techniques to help with up skilling.

Paul also mentioned new products were coming online in the New Year & he was looking forward to being able to promote them.

Amanda Taylor, guest speaker from RSM Bird Cameron gave a fantastic promotion on Employee vs Contractor; this was certainly the topic of conversation during the evening.

Geoff Cooper, Master Builders Director Housing & Business Development Manager provided an overview of regulatory changes, lobbying initiatives, and member savings in WA.

Many thanks to Midland Brick for their tremendous support.

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EDDIES UPDATES

With the weather starting to warm up gradually, we think about heat gain from the outside heat temperature. This can be easily overcome by designing to these simple rules.

1. Utilizing heavy drapes and heat resistant blinds can prevent heat gain.
2. Double glazing.
3. Be able to close off unused portions of the house.
4. Having the ability to maximize prevailing breezes to blow built-up heat in the house out.
5. Shading east and west walls from the morning and afternoon sun.
6. Shade the north elevation during the summer months with shade sails, umbrellas, solar pergola and external blinds/louvers etc.
7. Internal thermal mass can also have a cooling effect such as floor tiles, polished concrete, brick walls. The trick to these are not to let them heat up.
8. Everyone has different circumstances and a little bit of thought can change the comfort of the home to your client's best advantage.

The team at True North Energy wishes you a very Merry Christmas, a safe holiday period and we look forward to a very prosperous New Year 2015.

Regards

Eddie Roe



SERENA GIUDICE WINS NATIONAL YOUNG BUILDER OF THE YEAR



Serena Giudice was named Australia's first ever female Young Builder of the Year at Master Builders Australia's *National Excellence In Building and Construction Awards* on Friday 21 November 2014.

WA Senator Hon. Michaelia Cash, who is also the Minister assisting the Prime Minister for Women, was on hand to present the award which she hailed as a breakthrough for Women in the traditionally male dominated industry. Serena is General Manager of Geraldton Homes, a role she stepped in to in 2009.

Wilhelm Harnisch, CEO of Master Builders Australia said, "Serena's journey to being the first ever female Australian Young Builder of the Year is an absolutely inspiring one."

"Serena has overcome enormous challenges to claim her place among the best and brightest in our industry," he said.

MOST OUTSTANDING REGIONAL APPRENTICE

Congratulations to Midwest Painter Andrew Hunter for winning the Overall Regional Apprentice at the Master Builders Apprentice of the Year Awards in Perth in November.

Andrew's keenness to learn and strong work ethic made him a cut above the other nominees.

Andrew won \$350 and a framed certificate sponsored by Construction Training Fund.

Georgia Raven from WA Country Builders was a finalist for the Prestigious Ric New Medal. Georgia is the youngest entrant to have ever been selected for this award and is a credit to her at such a young age, so just watch this space.



WORKING GROUP END OF YEAR MEETING

Laminex

Many thanks to Laminex, represented by Jo Sloodmans, for sponsoring the end of year Working Group meeting. Thank you to the City of Greater Geraldton & Faye Zurnamer for preparing meeting agendas & minutes.



Thank you for your valued support and for sharing with us another successful year.

Please take the time to catch up with friends & family and enjoy a well-earned break.

The Geraldton office closes noon Friday 19th Dec 2014, re-opening Monday 12 January 2015

Di, Megan, Crystal and Penny

ROB MENZIES EARNS TOP AIRPORT HONOUR FOR BROOME



Congratulations to Rob Menzies, Broome International Airport's Executive Director for Projects, for winning the Individual Award for Excellence in a Regional Airport at the Australian Aviation Associations Awards, for managing a \$23 Million programme of works at the airport.

The award recognizes Mr. Menzies' contribution in delivering projects designed to upgrade the airport so Broome can benefit from new economic opportunities – while continuing to support the traditional tourism sector.

Mr. Menzies has been with Broome International Airport (BIA) for 15 years.

Rob was nominated by Nick Belyea, who describes Rob as passionate, dedicated and success orientated and who exemplifies BIA's 'can do attitude'. Nick says Rob was instrumental in bringing these projects to fruition.

VETIS AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Geraldton Senior College held their graduation ceremony on Tuesday, 11 November.

John Reagan from Skillhire and I were proud to be invited to present plaques to the winners of the Master Builders new VETIS awards to three students.

This new Master Builders award category acknowledged three year 11 or 12 students currently undertaking the new Building & Construction Trades Pathway.

Sincere thanks to Construction Training Fund and Skillhire, sponsors of this award.

Congratulations to Patrick Brimson, Jake Williams & Joshua Zanotti.

Di Gilleland

