

### **Ric New Winners Lead the Way in Construction**

Two outstanding young men are the winners of this year's Ric New Rising Star Award and Ric New Medal for Excellence.

Wilson Hui, an Engineering Manager and Director with Prompt Engineering is this year's recipient of the Ric New Medal for Excellence. Wilson came to Perth from Hong Kong to complete year 12 as his father was concerned that he was being distracted at school. After completing his Civil Engineering degree at Curtin University in 2006, Wilson spent five years with Structerre before moving into his current role with Prompt.

Master Builders Director, Michael McLean said that Wilson is a very worthy recipient of the Ric New Medal. His leadership, drive and contribution not only to his employer, but to the industry as a whole is exceptional.

"Wilson assisted many residential builders overcome problems identified by the Building Commission with their roof tie down procedures. Working closely with the CSIRO, Wilson ensured that the research was relevant to the National Construction Code."

"What differentiates Wilson from others is his work ethic, ability to think outside the square and his problem solving skills," Mr McLean said.

"Prompt Engineering has assisted several builders to win Master Builders' Excellence in Construction Awards, largely as a result of Wilson's skills and ability to motivate staff," Mr McLean said.

The Ric New medal recognises innovation, creativity and achievement of a young person (aged 35 years and under) in the context of their current and potential contribution to the building and construction industry in Western Australia. Emphasis is given to the person's practical applied achievements, focusing on their creativity and innovativeness, rather than academic achievements.

Five other finalists for the Ric New Medal for Excellence were:

- Timothy House, Project Manager with PS Structures;
- Andre Conradie, Project Manager with PS Structures;
- Cameron Bergsma, Sole Director with Jaguar Cabling;
- Michael Condelli, General Manager with New Choice Homes; and
- Charlotte Sutton, Group Training & Contract Services Manager with Skill Hire WA.

Congratulations also to 20-year-old Alex Baldock, a trainee estimator and scheduler with Activa Developments for winning the Ric New Rising Star Award.

Alex had a fortuitous start to the construction industry when his family moved in next door to the Managing Director of Activa Developments when they moved to Perth from Adelaide when Alex was 10 years old. Having undertaken work experience with the company, Alex is now studying for his Certificate IV in Building to become a registered builder.

“Congratulations to Alex for his outstanding achievement in winning the Rising Star Award. It’s a great honour to receive this award, and shows his enormous potential for a successful career in the building and construction industry,” Master Builders Director, Michael McLean said.

Named after the founder of Midland Brick, the Ric New ‘Rising Star’ Award is awarded to a young high achiever (up to 25 years of age) who has demonstrated outstanding potential, work ethic and commitment in the context of their current and future contribution to the building and construction industry in Western Australia. The selection criteria focus on practical achievements and not academic results.

The other finalist for the Rising Star Award was James Kenny, Project Administrator with Penguin International.

“Congratulations to all finalists for the Ric New Awards, the calibre of entries was as good as ever, and augurs well for the future performance of the building and construction industry in Western Australia,” Mr McLean concluded.

Both awards were presented at Master Builders Apprentice of the Year Awards which were held on Friday, 4 November at Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre before a crowd of nearly 300 apprentices, builders, contractors, trainers, sponsors, and other supporters including family members.

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