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A TRAIN OF WINNERS

A crowd of 260 building industry representatives gathered in themed attire under the stars at Zanders on Cable Beach Broome, Saturday 9th May to celebrate the successes of Northwest Builders and trades at the Master Builders Kimberley Pilbara Building Excellence Awards 2015. Hon. Michael Mischin was a welcome guest.

Themed Orient Express, the event was kept to schedule and on track by Master of Ceremonies, ABC Radio personality George Manning, appropriately dressed in full conductor's uniform. Weather was at Broome's finest, with guests embracing the classy dress code and the ladies adorned with blue feather bowers.

Cygnets Bay Pearls once again excelled in providing a stunning Pearl Lariat valued at over \$5,000. This beautiful prize was won by a more than excited Lisa Sweet, wife of Bob Sweet, Broome Builders and drawn by CEO James Brown.

First year entrant Buildmore took out the Best New Builder along with the Contract home \$650,000- \$850,000 then topped it off with the Landcorp Best Kimberley Home. Broome Builders won Best Customer Service award for the third year running. Employer Trainer of the Year winner H & M Tracey and Supervisor of the Year Glenn Schluter from Norbuilt were ecstatic with their wins.

This year's Apprentice winner was Isaac Cork, electrician with Zapped Electrical in Broome.

Cooper & Oxley Builders were outstanding winners of the Bankwest Overall Best Commercial project the Kununurra Replacement Courthouse, Cnr Coolibah Drive & Messmate Way, Kununurra. Regional Judge Charlie Baggetta awarded them the Lysaght Judges Innovation Award. Eaton Building Karratha made nine trips to the podium finally winning the Landcorp Best Pilbara Home and Roebuck Estate Developments Overall Best Country Home

TJR Building Pty Ltd for Commercial Alterations & Additions Atom Office & Warehouse Addition. Pindan Contracting picked up the Commercial Industrial Building & Excellence in Structural Steel prizes for the Karratha Leisureplex whilst Diploma Construction took out 3 awards for Wickham Lodge.





A PEARL OF A BREAKFAST



An early rise greeted MBA ladies with a glass of bubbles and the most superb poolside breakfast generously provided by Oaks Robinson Street Broome, Fire & Safety Services Broome and Laminex.

Oaks Hotels and Resorts Business Development Manager Zoe Marsh said it was important for the ladies involved in the building industry and in business to catch up each year prior to the big awards event held that night at Cable Beach. Sharing ideas and stories is a great way to learn and realise we can all achieve", she said.

Zoe reflected on her time working for the Oaks, which had provided her with so many longtime friends, and business acquaintances, many starting off as clients but now are part of her "extended family".

Cygnets Bay Pearls Marketing Manager, Marten Matthews explained the designing of and finer details of the displayed, pearl pendant which would that night be drawn by one lucky builders. Lisa Sweet wife of Broome Builders Bob Sweet, was adamant that it was her time and that she would definitely win the pendant, she had a feeling. How right she was when her name was called later that night cheered on by all the ladies at the breakfast, remembering her determination to win!

Guest Speaker for the morning was Karen Turner, Regional Marketing Manager for The Laminex Group. Karen was exhilarating and passionate when speaking of the many changes she has endured in her working life. Like many in attendance, she has a passion for working in the building Industry and has witnessed many changes during her long journey, many, involving the successes of women in industry.

Sincere thanks to the ongoing support of our very generous sponsors, the Oaks Hotels & Resorts, Fire & Safety Services Broome and Laminex for allowing this annual event to continue.

SUNSET INFORMATION SUNDOWNER

Master Builder members joined in Broome for a comprehensive industry update in early May after witnessing the most perfect of sunsets over beautiful Cable Beach.

MBA Director Michael McLean updated members on current and upcoming issues while Nicholas Vernon MBA's premium Insurance provider reiterated the importance of fully covered business insurance. Kimberley Training Institute Carpentry Lecturer & Joiner Andrew Fitzsimmons spoke of his career in the building Industry, he joined KTI at the start of the year and brings with him a range of excellent experience from all across Australia.

Tim Carson from Colorbond and Serhat Pukyaz from Lysaght expressed continued commitment to supporting and working with the Master Builders and its members throughout the regions. Shannon Cole outlined Valspars unique Paint range of textures and coatings, thus completing the nights total home package..

In closing, Todd West MBA Regional Branch committee member, expressing his "delight" to be in Broome assisting Regional Manager Di Gilleland with the members events and the Building Awards Dinner which always promises to be a great night. Todd invited Carl Sanders from Retravision Commercial to draw the door prizes he so generously donated.





**CONGRATULATIONS!!
10 YEAR MEMBERSHIP
ECO CONSTRUCTIONS**



Craig Waters pictured, accepting the plaque for Eco Constructions.

Craig was in the office when Di Gilleland called in to personally present their 10 Year Certificate

FACING & MANAGING THE SHARKS

An impressive lunch forum was held for members at the Oaks Baroque Room in Broome, Friday 8th May. Industry Q & A forums play an important role in providing opportunity for members to have a voice and share in information.

Basil Georgiou, Partner Jackson McDonald and Nicholas Vernon MBA Insurance Services innovative topic, *Managing the Sharks* formed the opening session joined by John Cole from Keystart and MBA President John Ripp and facilitated by MBA Director Michael McLean.

Claims and Disputes, Agreement on Scope of Works and the new Civil Liability Act and Compliance were discussed at length. Nicholas explained the high importance of Indemnity Insurance, professional Indemnity Insurance and Workers compensation.

The second segment "*Facing the Sharks*", was conducted by the Building Commission panelists Jane Vallance Director Industry Development and Sandy Randall Director Compliance and joined by Mark Dudley, Manager of Building Services Shire of Broome and MBA President John Ripp.

Sincere thanks to Basil Georgiou, Jackson McDonald, Tim Carson, Colorbond, Mark Dudley, Shire of Broome and Nicholas Vernon, MBA Partner MBA Insurance Services for their tremendous support of this event.

Regional Manager Di Gilleland closed in saying, "the building industry is similar to that of a huge ocean, with strong currents, stormy waters, undertows and a few stingers along the way. Thankfully, we have the strong support from Industry to make sure our waters remain CALM."

EDDIES UPDATES

Thermal Breaks - are still a quandary for some so I would like to make it as easy as possible to understand. NCC Vol 2 2015 Part 3.12.1.4 page 398 & 399 explains -

Explanatory information:

1. The thermal performance of metal and timber framed walls is affected by conductive thermal bridging by the framing members and convective thermal bridging at gaps between the framing and any added bulk insulation. Metal framed walls are more prone to conductive thermal bridging than timber framed walls.
2. Because of the high thermal conductance of metal, a thermal break is needed when a metal framing member directly connects the external cladding to the internal lining or the internal environment. The purpose of the thermal break is to ensure that the thermal performance of the metal framed wall is comparable to that of a similarly clad timber

A thermal break may be provided by materials such as timber battens, plastic strips or polystyrene insulation sheeting. The material used as a thermal break must separate the metal frame from the cladding and achieve the specified *R-Value*.

For the purposes of **3.12.1.4(b)(ii)**, expanded polystyrene strips of not less than 12 mm thickness and timber of not less than 20 mm thickness are deemed to achieve an *R-Value* of not less than 0.2.

The *R-Value* of the thermal break is not included when calculating the *Total R-Value* of the wall, if the thermal break is only applied to the metal frame, because this calculation is done for locations free of framing members.

Regards,
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