

Midwest / NorthWest Building News

**OCTOBER
UPDATES**



A BORAL COMPANY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ZEEWIJK TRAINING RESTAURANT

Date: Wednesday 18th November Time:

Time: 5.30pm

R S V P: Thursday Nov 12 November

ASHER BUSINESS GROUP



Dianne Madden, MBA
NMAS Mediator,
Principal of Asher
Business Group (ABG)
has worked for a diverse
range of businesses during
her 30 year career
(including banking at a

senior level nationally). We are expanding our operations into the Mid-West & North-West currently focusing on Geraldton where we plan to hold our popular personal development seminars "Attitude, Responsibility and Confidence" over one and a half days at Geraldton MBA Training Rooms in early 2016 – **Dates TBC**

The 2 part series commences on a Thursday 1.30pm - 6pm concluding the Friday 9am - 4pm. Regular price is \$300 (plus GST) however an Early Bird payment of \$240 (plus GST) is applicable if payment received more than two weeks prior to commencement. Credit card payment will also incur a \$3.00 processing fee per transaction. Seminars require a minimum 20 attendees to go ahead. We provide a broad range of services:

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From the Region



BRANCH COMMITTEE MEET WITH MINISTER



The Honorable Michael Mischin MLC, Attorney General, Minister for Commerce was a most welcome guest when he met at Master Builders Geraldton offices with the branch committee on Monday 26th October.

The Minister was visiting the Midwest as part of three day Cabinet meeting. Topics discussed with him were;

1. Indemnity Insurance
2. Unemployment, especially among young people, is rising but the building industry is still experiencing labour/skill shortages. What are the government's plans to reconciling education/training with jobs?
3. Regional apprentice travel, cost and accommodation expenses when attending block training in Perth
4. Red Tape
5. Share GST
6. Payroll Tax

The meeting was followed by a brief but condensed tour of Geraldton housing estates, Geraldton Port, Foreshore and Midwest surrounds with Barry Humfrey and Regional Manager Di Gilleland.

Sincere thanks to Minister Mischin for his valuable time in meeting with us.

Congratulations Crystal & Brendon



Exciting news for us all. Crystal and loooong time partner Brendon announced their engagement.

Our warmest wishes and congratulations to the happy couple, and may there be many happy times on the road ahead

EDDIES UPDATES

This month I will talk about a subject that we don't discuss much and as builders you need to be aware of this important information.

Building Sealing:

NCC 2015 Building Code of Australia
Volume 2 Part 3.12.3 - page 424.

3.12.3 Application

- (a) This Part applies to—
- a Class 1 building; and
 - a Class 10a building with a *conditioned space*.
- (b) The provisions of (a) do not apply to the following:
- A building in *climate zones* 1, 2, 3 and 5 where the only means of air-conditioning is by using an evaporative cooler.
 - A permanent building *ventilation opening* that is necessary for the safe operation of a gas appliance.
 - A Class 10a building used for the accommodation of vehicles.

Explanatory information:

- An evaporatively cooled building in *climate zones* 4 and 6 needs to be sealed because of the likelihood of heating being needed during colder periods.
- Appropriate ventilation for gas appliances can be obtained from relevant legislation, reference standards and product installation manuals.

3.12.3.1 Chimneys and flues

The chimney or flue of an open solid-fuel burning appliance must be provided with a damper or flap that can be closed to seal the chimney or flue.

Explanatory information:

- The requirements of this Part are to be read in conjunction with the fire safety requirements in [Part 3.7.3](#).
- A solid-fuel burning device is a heater that burns material such as timber, coal and the like. This clause does not apply to gas and liquid fuel burning devices.

I will have more on this subject next month, in the mean time you can follow up in your copy of the BCA 2015.

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Regards,
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INTRODUCING NEW MEMBER HUGH DAVIS

Hugh Davis: Claims Consultant and Registered Adjudicator



"Construction contracting is a risky business. Probably the biggest risk faced by contractors is whether the principal will meet its obligation to pay in accordance with the terms of the contract. Contractual difficulties require specialist attention at any stage of the project lifecycle, from tender stage through to practical completion and defects liability close out. If you are having issues with a construction contract, deal with them immediately before it's too late" – Hugh Davis

Hugh is a professional mechanical engineer, a registered adjudicator and a construction contract claims consultant. He has 15 years' experience as a contract administrator, project manager and design engineer, working on the design, procurement and construction of small to very large multi-disciplinary resources projects.

Hugh offers building and construction industry clients the following services:

- Contract drafting and review: help clients identify risks before they sign a contract. Risk should be allocated to the party best placed to manage it
- Provide clients with general contract administration assistance and advice
- Claims (progress, variations, EOT and delay costs) preparation: helping clients to prepare and submit claims in accordance with the contract to optimise chances of payment on time (or defending such claims)
- Advise clients on dispute avoidance and dispute resolution options
- Advise clients on the adjudication process under the *Construction Contracts Act 2004*, particularly alerting them to the prescriptive time requirements of the Act
- Assist parties to building and construction contracts with submissions for adjudication, expert determinations and arbitrations

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INDUSTRY PARTNERS JOIN IN DISCUSSION FORUM

Taking advantage of some extra time in Geraldton after the Midwest Building Awards, Industry partners James Moore from Cbus, Stewart Higgins, Cbus partner Global renting and leasing & Tom Jacobs from Jackson McDonald gave their time to meet with members for an informative one on one discussion on Building Contracts, Common Building Commission complaints, Superannuation and Superstream Legislation along with the Cbus Clearing House.

Into the mix came a discussion on copyrite, touched very briefly on but deemed an important discussion topic. Copyrite has since been discussed and will be introduced for you in February 2016 – So "watch this space" it will be excellent. Many thanks to James, Tom and Stewart.