

## Media Release

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### WA Commercial Builders Win National Awards

***WA commercial builders came out on top at the 2016 Master Builders Australia National Excellence in Building and Construction Awards, held in Canberra on Thursday, 24 November.***

Built won the National Commercial Historical Restoration/Renovation Award for the Old Treasury Building, while Doric Contractors won the National Entertainment and Recreation Facility Award for the City of Perth Library.

Built extensively restored the Old Treasury Building into a 48-room six-star luxury boutique hotel, one of Perth's most significant historical and state heritage buildings, and one of the finest surviving examples of Free Classical style architecture within the Perth CBD.

The \$80 million project, which forms part of the Cathedral Square development located on the corner of St George's Terrace and Barrack Street, comprises two restaurants, COMO The Treasury bar, world renowned COMO Shambhala wellness therapies, plus additional retail and hospitality areas.

Master Builders Executive Director, Michael McLean, said the award recognises the quality of workmanship and sensitivity applied to a complex project.

"The whole team at Built should be very proud of their achievement. The restoration is of the highest standard and commensurate with the levels required of a six-star hotel. The project has brought back to life one of Perth's most treasured examples of our architectural heritage," Mr McLean said.

The City of Perth Library, which won Doric Contractors the National Entertainment and Recreation Facility Award, is a new 7 storey state-of-the-art library and is Perth's first major civic building since the construction of the Perth Concert Hall over 40 years ago. The library covers 3,500m<sup>2</sup> and includes a range of features such as a History Centre, AV multi-function rooms, a bespoke cut granite master staircase, vertical garden wall and reflection pond.

Mr McLean said the Entertainment and Recreation Facility Award was an outstanding achievement and recognition of Doric's commitment to construction excellence.

"This project is a credit to the team at Doric and all those involved on building such a fine quality structure which the public will benefit from for many decades," Mr McLean said.

"The City of Perth Library is a fantastic building of the highest quality workmanship across all trades. Perth is very lucky to have such an outstanding builder to provide the state with this iconic public building," Mr McLean said.

“The Master Builders Australia National Awards judge the best of the best builders on a national level. As all entries are already winners in their respective state or territory, these wins are even more special for WA as they reinforce the reputation of our industry for the highest quality commercial and public work,” Mr McLean concluded.

It was also a big night for Adrian Zorzi who won the National Luxury Project Home – over \$2 million, plus the 2016 National Residential Master Builder of the Year for a home in Witchcliffe in the South West region.

A list of all the award-winning builders at this year’s awards can be accessed via [www.masterbuilders.com.au/Events/national-awards](http://www.masterbuilders.com.au/Events/national-awards).

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