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## **Doric Contractors Wins Best Regional Project Award**

***Doric Contractors Pty Ltd has taken out the top award for Best Regional Project at the 2018 Master Builders-Bankwest Excellence in Construction Awards for their construction of The Red Earth Arts Precinct in Karratha.***

The \$48.5 million development consists of a 450-seat contemporary performing arts centre and community hub, with an outdoor event space, library, roof top terrace with cinema functionality and car park.

Other facilities within the development include two purpose-built studio rehearsal rooms with performance infrastructure, office administration, change rooms, foyer/gallery, box office, and external LED wall display.

The outstanding façade and cladding of the building was designed to represent the natural rock formations that can be found around Karratha and the Pilbara region.

A deliberate decision made by the Architect involved lifting and hovering the primary building wall above the ground to create a sense of structural suspension that is witnessed in nature.

Chief Regional Judge, Charlie Baggetta described the centre as “a striking project, well designed, well-constructed and a display of excellence in workmanship.”

“The completed project is a credit to Doric Contractors. The project more than satisfied the criteria of the judging process such as form and function, innovation, value for money, project management, site management and I am sure customer satisfaction,” Mr Baggetta said.

Master Builders Executive Director Michael McLean said that Doric Contractors built an amazing project which would significantly enhance the cultural amenity in Karratha.

“The Red Earth Arts Precinct is an eye-catching building and area which Doric delivered to the highest standard,” Mr McLean said.

“There are always lots of challenges to overcome when working on construction projects in the Pilbara, so it is a credit to the Doric team that they were able to overcome these and complete this project in such impressive style.”

Congratulations to the other regional finalists for this keenly sought-after Award - BGC Construction for the Busselton Civic Centre (South West), Dixon Construction for the Recherche Medical Centre (Goldfields-Esperance), Smith Constructions for the Centennial Park Eastern Precinct Football Stadium (Great Southern) and FIRM Construction for the Opal Aged Care Facility (Geraldton Midwest).

Doric Contractors Pty Ltd also won Best Office Building \$50 - \$100 million for Marketlane Subi.

A list of all the award-winning builders at this year's awards can be accessed via [www.mbawa.com/awards-winners](http://www.mbawa.com/awards-winners).

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