

CONSTRUCTION AT ITS VERY BEST

Being judged by your peers as being the best in your field is the highest accolade you can receive which no-one can ever take away from you. Master Builders director Michael McLean reports on some of the best builders from this year's Master Builders Bankwest Excellence in Construction Awards held at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre last night.

EACH year the Master Builders Association invites builders and specialist contractors to nominate their best projects across a diverse range of categories.

These categories relate to different types of buildings such as multi-unit developments, historic restorations, retail, education, health, office, public use or aged care.

To provide a fairer comparison of each of these different types of buildings, we also distinguish each category according to contractual value. This ensures we don't have a \$900 million project competing against its \$5 million counterpart.

This year we attracted a record number of over 100 entries, which challenged our seven-person judging panel over a four week period.

In summary, the judging criteria focuses on:

- quality of construction.

- project and site management skills.
- value for money.
- innovative construction techniques.

Congratulations to Multiplex in winning the Bankwest Best Project award for Optus Stadium and Stadium Park. This iconic construction project was a stand-out and thoroughly deserved all of the superlatives from our judges. Anyone who has been to this stadium would agree it is a magnificent building in every respect.

Doric Contractors won the Best Regional Project category for the Red Earth Arts Precinct in Karratha, sponsored by MBA Insurance Services, against entries from four other regions.

In one of the most competitive fields, DENMAC was adjudged Sub-Contractor of the Year, sponsored by Cbus Super, for its work on the Bannister Downs Dairy Creamery.

Some of the other winners included:

| PRODUCT/SERVICE | WINNER |
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| Best Renovation under \$1.5m | Cassari Group for Brine House Extension, Wembley Downs |
| Multi-Units (\$10m-\$20m) | M/Construction for M/24 by Match, Leederville |
| Multi-Units (\$20m-\$50m) | Built for Latitude at Leighton, North Fremantle |
| Multi-Units (\$50m-\$100m) | Probuild Constructions for Stirling Cross Apartments, Innaloo |
| Historic Renovation under \$1.5m | Colgan Industries for Martin Kelly Centre, Wembley |
| Historic Renovation \$1.5m-\$5m | McCorkell Constructions for the Fremantle Town Hall |
| Office Building \$10m-\$20m | Pindan Constructions for Wanneroo Civic Centre |
| Office Building \$20m-\$50m | Perkins Builders for Summit Headquarters, Myaree |
| Public Use Building \$1.5m-\$5m | PACT Construction for Cadogan Song School, Perth |
| Seniors/Aged Care \$5m-\$10m | McCorkell Constructions for Ocean Gardens Palm Court Apartments, City Beach |
| Seniors/Aged Care \$10m-\$20m | PS Structures for Bethanie on the Park, Menora |
| Seniors/Aged Care \$20m-\$50m | BGC Construction for St Ives, Carine |
| Civil Engineering Works | Laing O'Rourke for Perth Stadium railway station |

Congratulations to all builders who entered these prestigious awards in showcasing what our industry is capable of building for the betterment of the WA economy and our community. A list of all winning builders can be accessed via www.mbawa.com

Many of these builders will now be competing in the Master Builders National Housing and Construction Awards in Adelaide on Saturday November 24. We wish them every success.

