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Building triumphs in the Goldfields and Esperance region

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A high school in the Goldfields and a rural home overlooking the ocean outside Esperance have won the region's premier building awards.

Master Builders regional awards judge Charlie Baggetta said the builders honoured for Best Commercial Building and Best Country Home had drawn on quality local tradespeople as well as specialists from further afield to produce outstanding results.

Pindan Constructions won the Best Commercial Building Award for their work on the Kalgoorlie Boulder Community High School.

The multi-stage project added three new teaching blocks, a café, playing courts, visual arts area and education support hub as well as extensive parking and landscaping works.

"The innovative use of steel, concrete, rammed earth and aluminium was very impressive," Mr Baggetta said.

"Instead of simply using brickwork, the expanse of the building was broken up with clever use of building materials.

"Pindan did well in sourcing tradespeople from the local area as well as specialists from as far as Perth, which was a big factor in the exceptional outcome."

Dixon Construction won Best Country Home for Lot 26 Merivale Road, a grand rural home with glorious ocean views 12km east Esperance.

The home, with a vast 1553sqm under roof including sweeping verandas, features a heated indoor swimming pool and sauna. It is powered by solar panels supported by smart wiring technology.

Mr Baggetta said the judges were struck by the magnificent quality of the home, which was built on a difficult clay site with exquisite attention to detail.

"It is a very unusual farm home with living quarters in different sections of the building to give private space to each of the people sharing it," he said.

"Dixon Construction sourced most of the trades locally and the workmanship on all the carpentry, joinery and cabinetwork is exceptional."

Awards for the work on ceilings, carpentry, plasterboard lining and roofing showed the consistently high standards throughout the building, he added, in addition to the best country home title.

Master Builders regional liaison officer Doug Backhouse said the awards were a beacon for anyone considering a building project in the Goldfields and Esperance area.

“Choosing a builder can be confusing so potential clients should seriously consider Master Builder members and ask about any awards they have won, to ensure a quality construction,” he said.

“Although Goldfields-Esperance has the smallest in population of the regions, the quality of workmanship and expertise of local builders matches the best in the state.

“All builders should be very proud of their entries into the awards this year. Entries are judged by experienced builders of high standing in the industry and winners are chosen by the excellence of construction in all facets of the build.”

The 2018 Master Builders-Bankwest Building Excellence Awards for the region were announced at a gala event at Kalgoorlie’s Overland Motel on 1 September. Winners will be considered for the 2019 state-wide awards.

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