

# Media Release

## Bumper year for WA builders at national awards

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West Australian builders are bringing home a record number of awards from the Master Builders National Excellence in Building and Construction Awards.

Multiplex won three awards including National Commercial Master Builder of the Year for the much-admired Optus Stadium. The Perth-based company is the first WA builder to win Australia's top commercial building prize.

The awards for best commercial construction in the over \$100 million category and best entertainment and recreation facility also went to Multiplex for their work on the stadium.

Plenty of their peers also had a moment of glory on stage at the Adelaide Convention Centre on 24 November as a record 12 awards went to WA builders.

The event was a bright spot in a year of economic gloom for the state's builders, who collected trophies in categories including display homes, retirement villages, restorations, energy efficiency and major infrastructure.

"The national awards are the pinnacle of the building and construction industry," said Master Builders executive director John Gelavis.

"This year is by far the best for WA in the history of the national competition, with a record number of 12 wins for residential and commercial projects.

"The stadium's success has not only been proven by state, national and international awards this year but by its swift integration into the lives and affections of West Australians."

Another major award relating to the stadium went to Laing O'Rourke, who won the National Civil/Infrastructure Award in the over \$25 million category for the Perth Stadium Station in Burswood. The six-platform station which can move up to 28,000 people an hour was completed on time and with minimal impact to Perth's rail network.

Other awards were presented to a wide range of projects. The overhaul of the Fremantle Town Hall won the National Commercial Historical Restoration Award for McCorkell Construction. This work was the largest conservation project ever undertaken by the City of Fremantle and included masonry repairs, roof replacement, timber restoration and refurbishment of the clock.

The St Ives development in Carine won BGC Construction the National Lifestyle Housing for Seniors Award in the category for retirement villages. It was the first and largest stage of a new complex with 63 luxury apartments over seven storeys, basement car parking, restaurant, café, clubhouse, bar, library and separate health pavilion.



Weststyle Design and Development won the medium density award for two to five dwellings for their project at Camden Street, Wembley Downs, where two grand family homes were built side by side, with harmonious designs.

The award for National Luxury Project Home in the \$2 to \$3 million category was proudly received by family building company A Di Bucci & Son for a glamorous home overlooking the walkers and cyclists along The Esplanade, Mt Pleasant, to the Canning River beyond.

West Australian builders also won three awards for display homes. Celebration Homes won the under \$250,000 category for The Ellington, in Quinn Street, Midvale, New Generation Homes won the \$250,000 to \$350,000 category for Oak Ridge at Quondong Street, Baldivis and Novus Homes earned the title in the \$500,000 to \$1.5 million category for The Paragon, Venice Entrance, Illuka.

The National Environment and Energy Efficiency Residential Building Award went to Nulook Homes in conjunction with Solar Dwellings and Step Beyond for a solar passive home in Northwood Street, West Leederville.

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