

# Media Release

## Award-winning home fit for a king

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A building where boulders merge into stone walls suggests a medieval castle rather than a country house but the WA Top Home of the year combines the best of both.

The oceanfront residence in Yallingup which recently won the major prize in the 2019 Master Builders-Bankwest Housing Excellence Awards has a formidable exterior which echoes the hilltop strongholds of Europe.

This impression is reinforced by a heavy, studded double front door leading to interior features including huge wooden exposed beams and a tightly wound tower staircase.

And it is a fortress of sorts, built to endure in a coastal environment. Master Builders senior judge Robert Shaw said the work by winning builder Paradigm Construction was made to last.

“The complexity of the stonework and renders and changing textures from one surface to another is great to see. The attention to detail with the different finishes has shown unbelievable craftsmanship,” he said.

Master Builders Executive Director John Gelavis said the winning home was a superb example of the work done by WA builders and the prestigious awards event allowed the industry to put its high standards of workmanship on show.

The home, designed by celebrated architect Javier Barba - BC Architectos in Barcelona has been cleverly angled to cascade down the existing sand dune, giving it protection from prevailing winds.

But, as Mr Shaw says, Master Builders awards are not judged on design but on quality and skill. The excellence of these was shown when the project not only won the titles of Bankwest Top WA Home and Best Country Home but also a collection of trade awards for plastering, ceilings, plasterboard linings, brick and block paving and external finishes.

“Paradigm Construction are well deserving of being the state winner. The team should be very proud to deliver this sort of project on a regional and a remote site where the logistics can be difficult,” he said.

“To achieve consistency on a project like this, which is not run-of-the-mill, is impressive. They have delivered a level of workmanship which is fantastic.”

The WA winners will compete against the best of other states and territories at the Master Builders national awards at Uluru on 23 November.

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