

Media Release

Builders show skill and innovation in the far north

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Judges travelled more than 10,000km to see the finest new buildings in the North West and chose the Port Hedland harbour facility and a tropical resort-style home in Broome as top award winners.

Master Builders regional awards judge Charlie Baggetta was impressed by the quality of workmanship he saw while travelling to Paraburdoo, Exmouth, Broome, Derby, Kununurra, Karratha and Port Hedland to judge the 2019 Master Builders-Bankwest Building Excellence Awards for the Kimberley and Pilbara regions.

The top commercial award went to the new Integrated Marine Operations Centre in Port Hedland and the Roebuck Estate Developments Best Country Home Award was won by Broome Builders for an intelligently designed and expertly built house at Cable Beach.

"The high-quality finishes caught the judges' eyes, from the herringbone-planked floor to the Queen Anne ceilings," Mr Baggetta said of the winning home.

"Wall tiles in the living areas and timber screens in the alfresco entertaining areas were innovative and showed excellent workmanship.

"The high standards throughout the home were shown by awards for excellence in carpentry and tiling and best-appointed bathroom as well as the overall top home prize."

The Bankwest Best Regional Project was Port Hedland's new Integrated Marine Operations Centre built by Pindan Contracting.

The high-tech facility includes a vessel traffic services centre that controls the working operation of several ports in the region, enabling the Pilbara Ports Authority to improve the safety and efficiency of marine operations.

"The new operations tower dominates the skyline on the drive to the port," Mr Baggetta said.

"The builder had to consider the 100-year flood level, cyclonic conditions and other difficulties in the construction. Pindan expertly handled the complexity of the building work to satisfy the client's needs. It's an impressive building which works efficiently."

North West Regional Manager Paul Kerr said builders, subcontractors and suppliers in the Kimberley and Pilbara showed dedication and resilience to produce exceptional work for their clients.

The awards were presented during a gala event at Zanders on Cable Beach on May 25.

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