

Media Release

North West projects give builders a lift

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Master Builders Association of Western Australia welcomes the recent announcements of major projects planned for the North West.

Master Builders Executive Director John Gelavis said building and construction was an important industry for WA and it was encouraging to see government-led infrastructure work visibly rolling out across the North West, increasing activity in the sector and delivering much-needed jobs and economic growth.

“Projects such as the \$53.7 million Newman Hospital is a great example, with the tender being recently released. It will be a great boost for the construction sector in the Pilbara and provide improved health services for the local community,” Mr Gelavis said.

“Another major project welcomed by the industry has been the \$73 million Geraldton Health Campus redevelopment, including an expanded emergency department, a new intensive care unit and a new integrated mental health service.

“Other projects include the \$16 million Carnarvon Residential Aged Care Development, Step Up Step Down \$10.2 million, Main Roads Transport office \$12.1 million, Greenough Prison – Female \$12.2 million, Dongara Health Centre \$7.6 million and Mullewa Health Centre \$6.05 million.

“Unlike other forms of expenditure, the bulk of the money spent on major works is retained and recycled within the WA economy and assists recovery. Regional Western Australia has been impacted by the economic headwinds, so these communities must be supported now and in the future.

“Our industry is one of the largest providers of jobs in the state, employing around 121,000 people. The WA building and construction sector encompasses more than 40,000 small businesses and is responsible for around 10 per cent of full-time employment.

“Local businesses such as builders, subbies, suppliers and manufacturers are the lifeblood of the WA economy and they need work and they need it fast.

“With all working together, important projects can be fast-tracked to raise confidence, activity, jobs and apprenticeships across the state.

“A strong building industry means a strong WA”.

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