

Media Release

Business and construction awards showcase WA industry excellence

Commitment to quality workmanship and innovation were the big winners at the 2021 Master Builders-Bankwest Excellence in Construction Awards.

More than 600 industry members attended the event, showcasing excellence in the commercial, industrial, and civil engineering sectors.

Multiplex Constructions took out the top award, the 2021 Bankwest Best Project award for delivering WA's largest data centre, [NEXTDC P2](#) in the Perth CBD. This follows plaudits for their amazing work on the new WA Museum complex.

NEXTDC P2 is WA's largest and most powerful data centre, providing businesses with much-needed power and connectivity. The new tech hub is a critical piece of digital infrastructure that will assist WA businesses to operate and innovate.

Crothers Construction won the Best Regional Project Award for their multi-million-dollar facelift of Broome Senior High School, creating additional capacity for the school, which currently accommodates more than 800 students.

The key feature of the upgrade was the creation of a new state-of-the-art two storey teaching block, with other key upgrades included an extension to the food technology precinct, an addition of new chemistry labs, 13 new classrooms, a reconfigured carpark, and a new cultural space and a 'yarning circle' to host Indigenous cultural ceremonies. The project was completed while the school remained operational, and two-thirds of the subcontractors and suppliers engaged for this project were sourced locally.

Façade Management Australia took out the title of Subcontractor of the Year, for their work on the UWA School of Indigenous Studies building.

Appointed specifically for the façade, aluminium door, window and louvre package, the winning subcontractors were fundamental in the execution of the UWA School of Indigenous Studies' awe-inspiring façade. Façade Management Australia also claimed the award for Subcontractor of the Year in the cladding category.

Guided by the site's Noongar heritage, the exterior experts were careful to perfectly capture the cultural narrative of the site. As part of their scope, they were tasked to consider the local flora, fauna, and surrounding landform to maximise the integration within the suburb of Crawley.



Women's contribution to the WA building and construction industry was acknowledged, with three exceptional people winning awards for their commitment to the industry.

Master Builders WA is dedicated to recognising and encouraging women in the building and construction industry through its Women Building Australia Awards program, promoting opportunities for women and employers and recognising excellence in the field.

The awards comprise of three categories; the Consultants-Professionals Award, was won by Prudence McLoughlin of Land Surveys; Alicia Gangemi of Affordable Living Homes took out the Office-Based Award, and the Onsite-Award was presented to Astrid Vasile, Proprietor of Vasile Build.

More than 100 entries across 60+ categories were inspected and judged by a panel of experienced builders, architects and engineers.

Master Builders WA Executive Director John Gelavis said Master Builders members were proud of the wonderful craftsmanship they display and continue to enter these awards to showcase their talents and give recognition to the fine contribution of associated trades.

"The entries in this year's Awards display first class workmanship and the highest construction standards of West Australian builders," he said.

"The judges look closely at the quality of construction, project management, value for money, innovation and site management, among other factors.

"This year we have had many outstanding nominees and the judges had a difficult time in choosing the ultimate winners - a testament to the diversity and quality of Western Australian building and construction projects."

The awards were held on July 17 at Crown Perth.

The full list of winners can be found [here](#) .

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