

Media Release

Gelavis looks to next chapter

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After 5 years at Master Builders Association of WA (MBA WA) guiding the building industry through the COVID-19 pandemic, Executive Director John Gelavis has decided to step down to seek the next position in his career.

“MBA WA Board completely respects and supports John in his decision to step down as Executive Director to further his own career in the next chapter for him and his family. John’s leadership throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has been exceptional. On behalf of our members, he has worked tirelessly to ensure our industry was best placed to deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“After taking over the reins in 2018, John has navigated the association and the industry through some very complex waters, including the perfect storm of cost escalations, trade availability issues, global supply chain challenges and complex legislative changes. He has delivered many outstanding outcomes, which have supported our industry and the West Australian public and will certainly be missed.

“Mr Gelavis has worked closely with the Master Builders Board of Management to navigate the association through the challenges of COVID-19. With MBA WA now ready to undergo its Strategic Planning phase for the next 10 years, John feels the timing is right to hand over the baton to a new Executive Director to take MBA WA into the next decade.

“MBA WA has a proud 125-year history, strong ethics, and values. Our next strategic planning phase will allow us to reflect on and take steps to ensure that our association continues to best represent the interests of our members and support the future of our industry.

“It has been an absolute pleasure to work with John during his time with MBA WA. He is a dedicated professional and a true gentleman who has always put the interests of our industry first. I have no doubt his next chapter will be as successful as the one he leaves behind with MBA WA”, says President Michael Van Dongen.

“It’s been a true privilege to work for MBA WA and on behalf of our wonderful members. We could not achieve what we have without their support and the hard work of our volunteers and dedicated, committed staff, who go above and beyond for the association and deserve all the praise.

“I feel I have accomplished all I can in the role and am really pleased to leave the association in such great shape, with a committed team and outstanding Board of Management,” Mr Gelavis concluded.

Gelavis will stay on and work with the MBA WA Board of Management until a successor is found and continue to assist the association as it transitions to the next phase of its strategic planning process.

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