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NEW LEADERSHIP AND NEW ERA FOR MBAWA

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Master Builders Western Australia has elected a new president, with Glenn Raphael from Multiplex taking the reins at the peak body.

A Board member and seasoned professional in the construction industry, Mr Raphael has extensive expertise across Australia, the Middle East, and Asia. He is at the forefront of some of WA's largest construction projects and brings a wealth of industry knowledge as Regional Director at Multiplex.

WA born and bred, Mr Raphael holds a Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering and Construction Management from the University of Sydney, as well as a Master of Business Administration from Bayes Business School, London.

The Board paid tribute to outgoing President Michael Van Dongen, who concludes his term after four years as President.

"It has been an honour to serve as President and to represent our members, who are the backbone of our industry in WA," said Mr Van Dongen.

"I am proud of what we have achieved, and am confident the organisation will continue to thrive under Glenn's leadership. I look forward to supporting Glenn and the Board as Immediate Past President."

Having served on the MBAWA Board under Mr Van Dongen's leadership, Mr Raphael also paid tribute to his predecessor's contributions.

"Michael's four years as President have seen him guide the industry through a housing crisis, a critical workforce shortage, an infrastructure boom, record insolvencies, and a pandemic."

"Beyond this, Michael has successfully led MBAWA into a new era of advocacy and ensured our organisation is recognised as the pre-eminent voice for the building and construction industry in our state," said Mr Raphael.

“His leadership has championed best practice and strengthened the foundations for reform. I look forward to building on this legacy and working with the Board, CEO and members to advance the industry at a time of challenge and opportunity.”

MBAWA also has a new Vice President, with Cliff Kearns being elected to the position. He is the current Chair of the MBAWA Housing Council and co-founder and Director of Cachet Homes.

Megan Brown was also elected to the Board as Treasurer, taking over from Grant Burgess. Ms Brown is the co-founder and Director of boutique accounting and taxation practice Nouvell Consulting, and has previously led the association as Acting Executive Director.

Mr Raphael also paid tribute to Robert Shaw (Daly & Shaw Building), David Crothers (Crothers Construction) and Bala Suppiah (Training Alliance Group), who concluded their terms on the Board.

Who we are

Master Builders services the needs of the entire building and construction industry, from residential to commercial, civil engineering businesses, principal contractors to subcontractors, manufacturers and suppliers. We assist members by providing access to a wide range of specialised services, recognition through awards, and advocacy to government and industry. MBAWA also serves the Western Australian public by fostering best practice work standards.

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An image of Michael Van Dongen and Glenn Raphael is attached.

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