

2015 Excellence in Construction Awards



Master Builders Annual Excellence in Construction Awards took place on Friday 14 August at Melbourne's Crown Palladium. The pre-event reception was nearly at capacity, a sea of dinner suits, evening gowns and broad smiles as nearly 700 guests mingled for drinks and canapés, and paused for a few impromptu words with red-carpet presenter Holly McSweeney.

After opening remarks from host Tim Campbell and a special musical performance by Anthony Callea, guests witnessed a series of awards bestowed upon our members for a broad variety of achievement categories, culminating in the three major awards for the evening. In attendance was Victoria State Treasurer Tim Pallas who joined us to acknowledge the efforts of the winners and congratulate them on their substantial achievements. Minister Pallas himself presented the top three awards.

The high point of the event was when Lend Lease secured the highest accolade, Builder of the Year (Commercial) for

its work on Margaret Court Arena, a high-profile project offering substantial challenges in construction and programming. The building involved the key innovation of taking a proprietary, cost-effective structural ceiling system used primarily in the preparation and erection of flat portal-frame roofs and applying it instead to a saw-toothed roof with a 29-degree pitch.

"While we are all aware of Melbourne's reputation as a major tennis centre," Master Builders Association of Victoria CEO Radley de Silva said, "I am also fairly certain there is not a matching realisation of the remarkable effort and finesse it took to build and update this important piece of sports infrastructure."

37-year-old project manager Tim Fowler, from Kane Constructions, received the Young Builder of the Year honour for his broad-scope management and supervisory talents and exceptional stakeholder management skills on over 26 projects ranging in value from \$1 million to \$50 million.

"People like Tim represent the outstanding achievements of younger people in our industry's workforce, and the pool of talent from which future leaders in Victorian building and construction will emerge," Mr de Silva said.

And for the second consecutive year, Nicholson Construction was named Regional Master Builder of the Year (Commercial), this time for its work on the Ballarat Community Health Centre, Lucas.

"On Master Builders' 140th anniversary, we are very fortunate to have high-calibre projects such as the ones featured this evening to demonstrate the significance of Victoria's building and construction industry and contribute to its distinguished heritage," Mr de Silva said.

The Association congratulates and thanks all entrants in this year's 2015 Excellence in Construction Awards and looks forward to your continued support of this program.

Winners



Joe Kokai, Lend Lease and the Hon. Tim Pallas MP

MASTER BUILDER OF THE YEAR

Lend Lease

Project: Margaret Court Arena, Melbourne



Dean Stevens, Nicholson Construction and the Hon. Tim Pallas MP

REGIONAL MASTER BUILDER OF THE YEAR

Nicholson Construction

Project: Ballarat Community Health, Lucas



Tim Fowler, Kane Constructions and the Hon. Tim Pallas MP

YOUNG BUILDER OF THE YEAR

Tim Fowler,
Kane Constructions Pty Ltd



Paul Howard, APM Group and Ross McDonald, SiteSoft

EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH AND SAFETY

APM Group (Aust) Pty Ltd

Project: Benetas Aged Care Towerhill, Frankston



Michael Clemenger, Cockram Construction and Ross McDonald, SiteSoft

SPECIAL COMMENDATION EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH AND SAFETY

Cockram Construction Limited

Project: Camberwell Grammar School - New Sports Centre, Canterbury



Matthew Pepper, Built and Sam Farrar, Southern Cross Austereo

EXCELLENCE IN FITOUT

Built

Project: H & M, Melbourne



Nathan Cunningham, Elite Property Group and Sam Farrar, Southern Cross Austereo

EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS

Elite Property Group

Project: Bayport Group, Carrum Downs



Darren Loidl, Geotech Group and Tommy Watson, Incolink

EXCELLENCE IN CIVIL CONSTRUCTION

Geotech Group

Project: Candowie Reservoir Upgrade Project, Almurta



Dustin Lloyd, Lloyd Group, Tommy Watson, Incolink and Clinton Lloyd, Lloyd Group

SPECIAL COMMENDATION EXCELLENCE IN CIVIL CONSTRUCTION

Lloyd Group Pty Ltd

Project: Melbourne Zoo - Predator Precinct, Parkville



Joe Keiper, MBA Insurance and Tony Isaacson, Kane Constructions

EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS \$20M-\$30M

Kane Constructions

Project: Owen Dixon Chambers West, Melbourne



Ned Ireland, Ireland Brown Constructions, Joe Keiper, MBA Insurance and Nigel Brown, Ireland Brown Constructions

SPECIAL COMMENDATION EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS \$20M-\$30M

Ireland Brown Constructions

Project: Surfcoast Secondary College, Torquay



Michael Loterzo, Leighton Contractors and Dan O'Brien, Incolink

EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS \$30M - \$80M

Leighton Contractors

Project: Victorian Emergency Management Training Centre (VEMTC), Craigieburn



Joe Kokai, Lend Lease and Dan O'Brien, Incolink

EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS OVER \$80M

Lend Lease

Project: Margaret Court Arena, Melbourne

Judges

Master Builders extends special thanks to this year's judges, who were again faced with a difficult task. This year's judges were:

Mort Mitchell (Chief Judge)

Russell Bates

David Blanche

David Bower

Peter Carmody

Robert Conti

Stephen Curnow

John Darcy

Barry Dunn

Sylvia Hadjiantoniou

Peter Helfer

Reg Hobbs

Wayne Judson

Efy Karagiannis

Daryl McIlvena

Bill Miller

Gerry Noonan

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