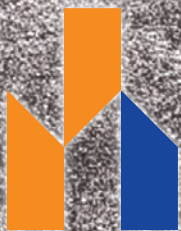


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As our highly successful Excellence Awards ceremony draws to a conclusion, it is appropriate that we reflect upon the magnificence of the building and construction industry in Tasmania and the vital contribution we make to our community.

Congratulations to all finalists and winners of the Excellence Awards 2017.

In an era of many ideas and complexities, we need to remind ourselves and the community we serve that, as a rule, we just get on with the job to build the facilities that enable us to all live well and enjoy life.

We interact with every part of our statewide community. As an industry we generally maintain a position of continuous improvement in all aspects of our work, and while this philosophy is partly driven by commercial necessity, it is also driven by culture that there is always another or better way.

We make the construction look easy so much so that the general public often does not understand it.

We marshal labour and materials from around the state, the nation, in a manner that appears seamless.

We know that it is not easy, but we make it look that way.

Our people are diverse and come from all over the state and our nation.

The industry has led the assimilation of different cultures into our wider community for generations – just look at any building site for the diversity.

We embrace participants from

apprentices and graduates to highly experienced labourers, tradespeople and other professionals.

Our companies range in size from single owner/operators to large statewide companies and national companies alike.

Our suppliers and sponsors are similarly diverse.

The construction industry in Tasmania is the third largest employer in the state and therefore our industry is seen as very important to the economy.

We need to understand and satisfy an excessive number of changing construction codes, regulations, contract terms and design requirements, and then deliver our quality products in a predetermined time, despite factors beyond our control.

The industry stakeholders are represented by an abundance of associations, authorities, regulators and both

experienced and inexperienced individuals, the vast majority of whom responsibly work together to deliver outstanding outcomes to a satisfied community.

We may not say it all the time, but Master Builders Tasmania recognises the complexity of our industry and diversity of our participants and proudly represents the construction industry, our members and the general community at large at every opportunity.

— LYNDON FENTON,
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MOMENTUM in the building and construction sector is still building. House approvals are relatively weak, but I expect that they will rise in concert with commercial and engineering work, lifting the industry to unprecedented levels. Employment continues to rise as the industry keeps expanding. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics there are 22,800 people employed in the industry and this figure is set to continue to grow.

I believe that the industry will hit the 25,000 mark in the next few years.

Importantly, more than 80 per cent of the jobs in the industry are full-time, which is vital for securing the long-term futures of young Tasmanians.

If there was ever a time to participate in the booming building and construction sector, it is now.

The quality on display at the recent MBT Excellence Awards highlighted once again why Tasmania is always over-represented at the national awards.

The consistently excellent projects and people that win at our awards always translates into Tasmanian entries "punching above their weight" nationally.

Two of the highlights of the evening were the awarding of the Apprentice of the Year and Hands on Skills Apprentice of the Year.

This year Jacob Mead from Fairbrother Construction took out the main prize. Jacob will now compete against the best apprentices from around Australia in November. He has an excellent shot of winning if recent form is any indicator.

Tasmanian apprentices have won more than half of the MBA National Apprentice of the Year Awards over the past 15 years.

Another pleasing aspect of the awards evening was the number of new members who entered and won a category this year. It is always great to see new members excel, and it is a good way of keeping existing members on their toes.

Our Women in Construction Award was extremely keenly contested in only its



second year, and a number of winners could have easily been chosen from the high-quality field of entrants.

Master Builders Tasmania has achieved a lot over the past year. Growing its membership, increasing events, consolidating its Finance and Group Training Organisation arms and undertaking major renovations on our Bathurst Street building have kept everyone extremely busy.

Master Builders has also liaised with a

range of politicians and stakeholders on a number of matters.

Only by talking directly to decision-makers can you convey the issues and opportunities facing the industry and how they might be overcome, managed or enhanced.

A key issue that Master Builders has advocated for over a number of years was the reinstatement of incentives for employers to put on an apprentice.

In recent years the cost of employing an apprentice has risen dramatically, and as a result employers have not been putting on enough apprentices.

Master Builders has been working with both major parties for some time on ways to make employing an apprentice more attractive.

This lobbying culminated in the Government introducing a \$4000 incentive for smaller employers and payroll tax relief

for larger employers who put on an apprentice.

The move appears to be working, with anecdotal feedback that employers are taking advantage of the offer in good numbers.

The introduction of the Residential Building Work Contracts and Dispute Resolution Act 2016 in January this year has led to a number of changes that consumers need to be aware of.

All contractors undertaking work for members of the public must now provide a compliant contract and meet certain obligations for any work over \$20,000.

In essence, anyone doing building or building-related work on or associated with a residential dwelling needs to meet certain criteria.

Work covered by the Act includes new dwellings and extensions, painting, landscaping, kitchen and bathroom renovations, garages and sheds, new heating installations and the like worth \$20,000 or more. The Act requires a number of things including:

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- **Progress payments** must directly relate to the progress of the work performed;
- **Dates** for commencement and completion must be stated or be able to be calculated;
- **The owner** must only communicate with the builder or their nominee and cannot give directions to the employees or subcontractors; and
- **The contract** must include certain statutory warranties, which are designed to ensure that the consumer is protected.

— **MICHAEL KERSCHBAUM,**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
MASTER BUILDERS TASMANIA

Master Builders' training focus ensures quality results for everyone

ONE of Master Builders Tasmania's primary goals is to provide each individual business with training opportunities of the highest quality.

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When it comes to selecting your trainers, we

choose not to follow the "Jack of all trades" approach. Instead our courses are run by industry professionals with detailed knowledge in specific areas with current industry expertise.

We opt for quality over quantity. For this reason we choose to reschedule classes rather than providing a fill-in trainer for the day.

Like your professional career, our training evolves constantly to meet both demands of the industry and your requests for professional experience to meet

demand. Our training department tasks itself with the responsibility and challenge of identifying the newest training opportunities relevant to our sector, tracking emerging relevant trends, and helping link state priorities and development for training and business innovation.

Master Builders does not just react to changes in the industry. We research, anticipate and then identify the gaps by developing training programs that are going to close those gaps.

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Advancing women in construction

THE building and construction industry is the third largest employer in Tasmania.

It is the largest employer of young people between the ages of 18 and 25, and also trains the largest number of apprentices.

Consistently each year there are skills and labour shortages experienced around the country.

The industry needs to embrace as many opportunities as possible to meet these workplace demands to ensure that the growth and vitality of the industry is maintained.

Statistically 12 per cent of a total construction workforce of some 1.2 million are women. Of these, 14.4 per cent are in professional positions, but less than 2 per cent are women in trades.

One of the most obvious ways to tackle this challenge is to become an employer of choice to all working Australians, not just male working Australians.

If employers want to hire the best possible candidates for a role, they need to canvass all potential recruits,

including women.

Embrace and become an equal opportunity employer, and therefore when advertising and recruiting let the whole market embrace the concept.

Master Builders Tasmania is aiming to turn this around to support and encourage women to participate in running businesses, but to also enter the industry as a tradie, become

an apprentice, and create a long-term career.

Master Builders Tasmania has now introduced a Mentoring Women in Construction program.

This is a program designed to produce meaningful impact on your business and our industry by supporting women in pursuing careers in the building industry.

Master Builders Tasmania is

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proud to announce that Jacinda Dales, from Access Solutions, is the winner of Women in Construction at the Excellence Awards 2017 (see Page 9).

Jacinda is a successful Manager/Estimator and is involved in business development. Jacinda comments on this role: "I enjoy the challenge of managing relationships and personalities, planning and

communicating with my project team and achieving project targets to exceed client expectations."

Congratulations to Jacinda from Master Builders Tasmania, and rest assured that Master Builders Tasmania is committed to advancing more women into the construction industry.

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STATE APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR: Jacob Mead (Fairbrother Construction)

FROM the beginning of his apprenticeship, Jacob Mead understood what is needed in the construction industry to be a high achiever and produce quality work in all aspects.

Jacob has developed into a very competent tradesman and has become a valuable leading hand for his employer, Fairbrother Construction.

His mentors and supervisors agree that, with a keen motivation to learn his trade and his ability to get the job done well, Jacob has set himself up for a long and highly successful construction career.

Working as a young leading hand, Jacob has taken the lead on several projects and has gained respect from his peers with the way in which he approaches his work, with eagerness and ability.

Jacob's easy-going attitude, his ability to provide solutions to problems and to learn new skills is what sets him apart, and these attributes will ensure he will be a great ambassador for the industry into the future.

— Award sponsored by Ramset and TasTAFE

HANDS ON SKILLS APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR: Braydon Rosendale (Tasmanian Building Group Apprenticeship Scheme)

BRAYDON'S employer, Tasmanian Building Group Apprenticeship Scheme, was very proud to nominate Braydon, describing him as an outstanding young man in every aspect who defines the building and construction industry by displaying an outstanding work ethic, a strong willingness to learn, and all done with a great attitude.

Braydon has proved himself to be an excellent apprentice to work with, following instructions well, possessing very good hand and tool skills, and always looking to improve himself as a carpenter.

Braydon was recognised by his host employer,

who nominated him to represent them at presentations to school students about a career in the building and construction industry and sharing his story with them.

Braydon's positive attitude to his work and development to become a great tradesman is clearly evident in his approach to his career.

In his own words: "I love getting up each day and coming to work, to learn and become a great carpenter — that is what motivates me."

What a great attitude.

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YOUNG BUILDER OF THE YEAR: Adam Ritson (AJR Construct Pty Ltd)

ADAM'S start to his career in the building and construction industry is impressive.

He was Master Builders Tasmania Apprentice of the Year in 2003 and went on to win the National Apprentice of the Year in that same year.

Adam also won the opportunity to participate in the World Skills competition at a national level, and was then selected to participate in World Skills International in England in 2003.

Adam started his own company, AJR Construct Pty Ltd, working on residential projects, and has successfully built up the business into a strong construction firm known for top-quality projects.

With a determination to achieve the best results, he has created a reputation in the market

and relishes the challenging projects, including some in remote regions of Tasmania.

Adam has completed a Diploma in Building and Construction. He also demonstrates a hands-on approach to safety, risk identification and control, with environmental protection and contamination control paramount for his company's work in National Park areas.

Adam impressed the judges with his overall professional business undertaking, high standard of workmanship, innovative thinking, and his passion demonstrated for the industry and Tasmania.

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EXCELLENCE IN MEDIUM-DENSITY CONSTRUCTION — 2 OR MORE DWELLINGS: Pandora Townhouses (Lyden Builders)

OBVIOUS forethought and attention to detail are at the forefront in this two-house development by Lyden Builders.

The arrangement of the houses so that key views across the River Derwent to Mount Wellington are not blocked in either demonstrates exemplary and considerate site planning.

The complementary but subtly different external finishes also contribute to a sense of urban design that is very welcome.

And the quality of finishing externally is just a taster for what greets within. The choices of

materials, textures and colours internally are excellent.

Even more impressive is the attention paid to details. The recessing of splashbacks and bathroom mirrors, and the heating of those mirrors, the concealment of blinds, lighting and fixtures and the use of super quiet extraction all contribute to a sense of luxurious elegance that is outstanding.

Design by: Pinnacle Drafting & Design

— Award sponsored by Haymes Paint

RENOVATION/ADDITION UNDER \$200,000: Dhanaraj Residence (Barwick Developments Pty Ltd)

BARWICK Developments has achieved an outstanding result with this extension to a quirky and interesting Arts and Crafts period house.

The new work reflects some of the unique features of the parent property and yet delivers a full range of mod cons to provide an extremely comfortable expansion.

Externally a play of different wall finishes has been carefully crafted and is topped out with some exquisite copper roof plumbing. Internally, modern features are worked into

period detailing, and the striking tiled floor adds an additional element of contemporary luxury.

In particular, delivery of a project of this size and quality within a limited budget is a significant credit to the builder and helps the project to stand out from other compelling entries in this category.

Design by: Lionel Morrell Associates Architects

— Award sponsored by MBAIS



RENOVATION/ADDITION \$200,000 TO \$400,000: Longview Residence (DS Building Pty Ltd)

DS BUILDING has won out with these alterations and additions in one of the most competitive categories in this year's awards program.

Of the things that make this project stand out, the builder's passion is one, and his willingness to bring his full suite of skills to bear to resolve tricky details and get the right result is another.

The extensive joinery in the project, ranging from a full kitchen to bespoke windows for ventilation, offers a perfect example of this attentive approach, and the finished result is outstanding.

The project is also notable for the many challenging aspects of the job that are not readily apparent, with construction within the existing building seamlessly integrated with new work, and just the subtlest of clues left to the amount of work that must have been involved.

This apparent effortlessness is finally what makes the finished project so compelling. All in all, an outstanding project.

Designed by: Taylor and Hinds Architects

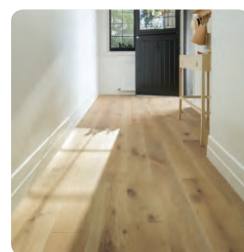
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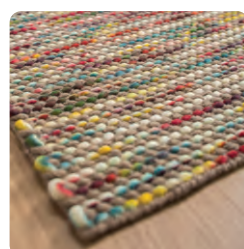
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RENOVATION/ADDITION OVER \$400,000: Felton House (Blue Gum Builders Pty Ltd)

BLUE Gum Builders has smoothly integrated a range of new works with an existing architect-designed house to create an end result that is much greater than the sum of its parts.

Unusually, the additions are distributed throughout the house, rather than forming a single new part, and each of these additions is carefully constructed from a suite of materials that complements those of the original house, so that it is never easy to pick where old ends

and new begins, or where repairs have been carried out, and the whole project reads as a single entity.

The two-storey library wall is a particular tour de force, but the detailing throughout is exquisite, and a real credit to the construction team.

Designed by: 1 + 2 Architecture

— Award sponsored by Haymes Paint

DWELLING CONSTRUCTION UNDER \$200,000: Rose Gold Residence (Wigg Homes and Construction)

WIGG Homes and Construction has completed an excellent project house, and delivered a great suite of features within it for a budget price.

Externally there is great attention to detail, including thought-about layout and arrangement, and this carries through to the interior, including some unique features such as the passageway between the main bedroom and the kitchen.

Finishing is of a standard you would expect in a much higher price bracket. In particular tiling is excellent, but every aspect of the interior is well considered and well made, and the whole project a credit to the builder.

Designed by: Scolyer Designs

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DWELLING CONSTRUCTION \$200,000-\$350,000: Preservation Bay House (Heazlewood Homes)

HEAZLEWOOD Homes has delivered a house that takes full advantage of its location to deliver a sun-filled project ideally suited to a coastal lifestyle.

The sea-facing timber deck and indoor/outdoor patio room, able to be fully enclosed or fully opened up to the outside, make this house feel like an elegant shack, and yet at the same time the quality and solidity of the construction make it feel like the substantial residence that it is.

Internally, polished concrete floors, crisp square wall planes and gloss white joinery contribute a contemporary style that is entirely

appropriate to the overall feel of the house.

The modern touch is nicely set off, however, both internally and externally, by just the right amount of timber detailing.

Overall the balance struck between the flood of natural light, the pared-back colour palette and naturalistic timber finishes delivers an excellent result.

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DWELLING CONSTRUCTION \$350,000 TO \$500,000: 29 Juliana (Streefland Homes and Developments)

IN a very competitive category, Streefland Homes and Developments has produced an excellent home that delivers excellent value for money.

It is a large house over two levels with a lot of construction complexity, especially in the external treatment where a variety of planes, textures and materials has required a large number of unique junctions to be accommodated.

All this work is handled with aplomb, and demonstrates a builder at the top of its game.

Internally, too, craftsmanship and the quality of finish are ubiquitously good, and clever details, such as the kitchen-to-deck pass-through window, provide a high level of finesse.

The builder has delivered a worthy winner that is, clearly, a real pleasure to live in.

Designed by: Honed Architecture and Design

— Award sponsored by Wells Mitre 10 Latrobe

DWELLING CONSTRUCTION \$500,000 TO \$750,000: Yaxley Residence (SAC Cunningham Building Pty Ltd)

IN a category with more entries than any other, SAC Cunningham Builders has produced an outstanding winner.

The house is substantial in size, scope and ambition, and responds to a brief that sought to capture the intangible essence of the 1890 house that it replaces, against which the builder has delivered in every way.

Externally the timeless detailing and exquisite finishing have created a building that is pleasing to regard from every aspect.

Internally the blending of salvaged materials with new work is a standout feature. In particular the re-purposing of framing as

new countertops throughout the house is excellently done, but, equally, the restoration and matching of light fixtures, the re-use of salvaged bricks in a new fireplace or the repair and re-use of the original 19th century door lock are all examples of an attention to detail that is second to none.

This is a sublime example of the qualities and value that a builder can bring to a project and a very worthy winner.

Designed by: Adams Building Design

— Award sponsored by Austral Bricks



DWELLING CONSTRUCTION \$750,000 TO \$1 MILLION: Coningham House (in2construction services pty ltd)

in2construction services has put into effect a gem of a project and demonstrated the excellent relationship skills that builders are sometimes called upon to utilise in doing so.

Issues with boundaries, lack of information, tricky access, client changes, and the use of untried materials are not apparent to the casual observer, and yet the delivery of this project

required all of these matters, and more, to be addressed.

It is a credit to the builder that they were able to address them without impact on the project itself.

Designed by: Stuart Tanner Architects

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DWELLING CONSTRUCTION OVER \$1 MILLION: Cambridge House (in2construction services pty ltd)

OFTEN, simple elegance is harder to achieve than something more extrovert, and that is definitely the case in this project.

The simple arrangement of this house, with bedrooms on the lower floor and a large open-plan kitchen/dining/living and main bedroom on the upper floor, belies the complexity of its construction, which involves a substantial hidden steel frame and complex low pitch roof.

In2construction services has delivered consistent uniform quality throughout, which

starts with those hidden elements and extends through to highly visible ones such as the six-metre-high stone wall that is a key feature of the design.

Internally the construction, detail and finishing of key features is exemplary, with the main bedroom ensuite a standout.

Clearly, attention to detail is paramount in a house in this price bracket, and has been fully delivered here.

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HERITAGE LISTED OR PERIOD HOME RESTORATION/ RENOVATION OPEN VALUE: Boscobel (Mick King Contracting)

IT is no mean feat to bring new life to a heritage property while retaining as much of its original fabric as possible and keeping to some sort of budget, and yet that is what Mick King Contracting has achieved with Boscobel.

Much of the 1980s-era fitout has been stripped out to reveal the original bones of the upper floor, and then new B'n'B rooms with ensuites inserted around retained walls, doors

and windows. This has involved structural repair, and the salvage and reconstruction of trim, which has been excellently done, and then the use of compatible new finishes.

The end result brings the building back into currency, while helping to ensure an economic base for its continued upkeep.

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WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION: Jacinda Dales (Access Solutions)

JACINDA has demonstrated her outstanding abilities in operating a business.

She is aware of all aspects of the business, including the implementation and management of workflow software. She also has a clear vision of marketing, a strong understanding of the impact of good financial management, and Work Health and Safety systems.

Jacinda shows leadership in all aspects of her work, with a strong employee focus, and is clear on the pathways and opportunities in the Industry.

A wonderful ambassador, Jacinda wants to encourage the public and our education

providers to have a balanced view about the various pathways to assist students to understand and achieve what they desire.

Jacinda believes that a large aspect of the construction industry requires critical thinking skills and creativity, working collaboratively with project teams to achieve the finished result.

Jacinda loves the challenge the industry presents and is a talented, considered, committed strategic thinker with a drive for continual learning.

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CIVIL CONSTRUCTION: North-West Regional Hospital Helipad (AJR Construct Pty Ltd)

AJR Construct has delivered an unusual and highly technical construction, and produced it with a high degree of technical skill and accuracy.

Particularly commendable is the collaborative approach that the builder adopted from the outset, proposing potential construction alternatives at both tender and construction stages of the project.

In every case these proposals offered either cost savings or the potential to further minimise interruption to the continuing operations of the North-West Regional Hospital, or both.

The builder is also to be commended for the

overall quality of the build.

Simple details, as well as highly complex details, such as the camber on the helipad slab itself, are all carried out and finished off with a high degree of neatness and accuracy – millimetre accuracy in the case of the more technical requirements of the project.

As a result, this is a fine addition to the recent suite of projects completed by this builder.

Designed by: X-Squared Architects

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LIFESTYLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS, OPEN VALUE: Queen Victoria Home Independent Living Units (Fairbrother Construction)

FAIRBROTHER Construction has cemented a long-standing relationship with the Queen Victoria Home through the construction of two new independent living units.

The units present well externally, and their crisp finishing and materials are in keeping with other adjacent units and the broader Queen Victoria Home campus.

They come into their own internally, however, where generous ceilings, high-quality finishes, luxury touches and spacious

arrangements make for very liveable homes.

In particular, the flexible and adaptable space-planning within each unit has been finely executed, and any feeling of institutionalism banished. Instead there is a real feeling of comfort and homeliness that is a credit to the builder.

Designed by: Mark Dury Architect

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RENOVATION/FITOUT UNDER \$1 MILLION: St Lukes Health Launceston (Vos Construction & Joinery Pty Ltd)

WITH this project, Vos Construction & Joinery has produced an excellent shop fitout that, in particular, showcases its joinery and project management skills.

Behind a refurbished shop front and canopy, and within a restored and revealed original shop, a new image for St Lukes Health has been created.

The fresh, bold image that this client is

promoting is perfectly complemented by the exception quality, in particular, of the folding, swooping workstation joinery that is such a striking contributor to the overall feel of the interior.

Designed by: Birrelli Architects

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RENOVATION/FITOUT \$1 MILLION TO \$5 MILLION: Lady Gowrie Tasmania (Fairbrother Construction)

IN a category that includes a diverse range of projects, Fairbrother Construction's work at Lady Gowrie Tasmania wins out due to the sheer diversity of skills required to bring this project to completion, and the quality of workmanship that is a common thread throughout.

Each aspect of the build is different, with some spaces subject to only minimal intervention in order to show off the retained structure of the original building, while others are extensively fitted out to suit the needs of the childcare facility included herewith, and yet others fitted out in quite a different idiom to

suit the needs of a corporate headquarters.

Over and above this complexity, there is also a diversity of indoor, semi-indoor and outdoor spaces, each requiring a different construction approach.

Fairbrother Construction has shown fine skill in bringing these disparate demands together and making a cohesive whole of the overall project.

Designed by: Cumulus Studio

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RENOVATION/FITOUT OVER \$10 MILLION: Hobart International Airport (Vos Construction & Joinery Pty Ltd)

VOS Construction & Joinery has completed work on a major upgrade and expansion of Hobart International Airport that not only expands the functional capacity of the building, but also includes extensive branding and art that supports the state's tourism imaging and marketing.

Much of this branding and art is in the form of built work, being incorporated into lighting, flooring, walling, paintwork and the like, and therefore has fallen to the builder to create.

It is a credit to the builder that it has successfully completed this work in a tight security environment and, at the same time, embraced the branding opportunities that the project offers so wholeheartedly, and has done so to such a consistently high standard.

Designed by: Misho and Associates

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RENOVATION/FITOUT \$5 MILLION TO \$10 MILLION: Royal Hobart Hospital Blocks A&J Refurbishment (Fairbrother Construction)

THE story of hospital work is mostly about what you can't see and not so much about what you can see, especially in the refurbishment of an existing, operating facility.

Fairbrother Construction has navigated complex procurement, management, programming and construction challenges to see these works delivered with minimum disruption to the continued operation of the

hospital, and it is a real credit to its project management skills that it has maintained good relations with its joint venture partner and hospital management throughout.

Perhaps even more outstanding is that, working under these constraints, it has delivered a fitout of high quality and excellent functionality.

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NEW CONSTRUCTION, UNDER \$1 MILLION: Blue Derby Pods Ride (Anstie Constructions (Tas) Pty Ltd)

WITH the Blue Derby Pods Ride, Anstie Constructions has completed an exceptional project under significantly challenging conditions.

In some ways the difficulties of the project have driven innovative solutions, and one of the most satisfying aspects of the project is to see how challenges were resolved through collaboration jointly between the client, the builder and the builder's subcontractors.

The desire to maintain the integrity of the project's bush setting, for example, eliminated mechanical equipment as a construction option, which in turn prompted the use of substantial prefabrication to allow on-site manual handling

of building elements.

Beyond all else, however, the quality of construction and finish, internally and externally, is outstanding, indeed almost shocking by way of contrast with the surrounding bush, and really contributes to what makes this project such a standout.

It is imbued with the stories of its conception and construction, and truly unique for that.

Designed by: Philp Lighton Architects

— Award sponsored by Best Western Hobart/Launceston

NEW CONSTRUCTION, \$1 MILLION TO \$2 MILLION: Lauderdale Primary School (Fairbrother Construction)

FAIRBROTHER Construction has produced a finely finished project that does full justice to a detailed and subtle design.

The regular and rhythmic structural grid that defines the learning areas, and is articulated in the external walkway structure, needs to be millimetre perfect to carry off the design intent, and it is.

The coloured infill plywood detailing similarly needs to be perfectly finished to carry off the desired effect, and once again it is.

This overall attention to detail carries through the whole project and infuses this extension to the school with a feeling of substantiality and quality that reflects well on the skills and attention brought to the project by the builder.

Designed by: Preston Lane

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NEW CONSTRUCTION, \$2 MILLION TO \$5 MILLION: Launceston Health Hub (Vos Construction & Joinery Pty Ltd)

IN a very difficult category to judge, due to the uniformly high quality of entries, Vos Construction & Joinery finally came out ahead on the back of the consistently exceptional workmanship delivered across the whole of a geometrically and constructionally difficult project.

Particularly impressive is the way in which exquisitely put-together painted and clear finished timber and speciality timber veneer panels are used to humanise and break down the scale of spaces within the facility.

The integration of these elements with sheet finishes, services and lighting is seamless and excellent.

Workmanship is equally of high quality away from the more public areas, and this consistency of delivery across the entire project is a compelling aspect of the builder's contribution, and to be applauded.

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NEW CONSTRUCTION, \$5 MILLION TO \$10 MILLION: Kings Meadows High School (Fairbrother Construction)

FAIRBROTHER Construction has continued to build on its portfolio of excellent school projects with redevelopment works at Kings Meadows High School.

Construction was staged into four main parts and yet the quality and consistency of work is commonly high throughout the whole of the works.

Even in areas of refurbishment, the overall feel is of newly built spaces, and the delivery of colour-themed wings within gives the overall project an identity and consistency that

supports this impression.

Within the diversity of works carried out, the intricate external Colorbond cladding is a highlight of the builder's skill, while internally the extensive use of perforated acoustic ceiling panels and complex plasterboard detailing shows a clarity and accuracy of set-out that is highly commendable.

Designed by: 6ty°

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NEW CONSTRUCTION, OVER \$10 MILLION: Burnie Aquatic Centre & PCYC Redevelopment (Stubbs Constructions Pty Ltd)

STUBBS Constructions is to be commended for delivering this significant project on budget and on time.

Its work, within a "design and construct" delivery methodology, has resulted in the transformation of a less than functional and disaggregated swimming pool and PCYC facility into a fully integrated pool and sports facility that now offers full disability access and much improved functionality.

The builder is also to be commended for the incorporation of sustainability ambitions within the project when the opportunity arose during a

value management process.

Where possible, for example, glulam timber beams were substituted for structural steel, and, in another example, large spaces within the PCYC have been naturally rather than mechanically ventilated via finely builder-detailed operable louvres.

For a budget only a little over \$10 million, the builder has delivered new and refurbished facilities that are a long-term asset for all concerned.

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SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT: Launceston Health Hub (Vos Construction & Joinery Pty Ltd)

VOS Construction & Joinery Pty Ltd has displayed a good level of soil and water management on its Launceston Health Hub redevelopment.

The site was an infill development on a tricky sloped block with large open space above and several existing buildings at the bottom of the site.

As part of its management, Vos installed diversion drains and a sediment fence along the top part of the site while using plastic to cover exposed soil along the large cut to reduce erosion.

A new footing was installed along the

existing building at the bottom of the site to stop sub-surface flow entering, while surface flow was captured, left to settle and pumped into existing stormwater drains.

Implementing Soil and Water Management Plans right from the beginning on projects will always help identify some of the potential risks and provide mitigation options.

Vos Construction & Joinery Pty Ltd is a leader in this space and is continually learning and adapting to soil and water management issues on-site.

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WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY: Lady Gowrie Tasmania (Fairbrother Construction)

THE Lady Gowrie Tasmania project, completed by Fairbrother, is a "standout".

It was an extremely well-managed project, which, despite its relatively small size had many levels of complexity to deal with including:

- Management of high-volume traffic flow in a very difficult location (between Davey and Macquarie Streets, next to the Southern Outlet).
- Site access and demolition on a steep and narrow site with numerous adjoining properties.
- Environmental risks due to a number of oil and fuel tanks, grease traps and contaminated soils (being an ex-service station and

automotive repair workshop).

- The age and blend of construction method of the existing building together with the close proximity of the adjoining properties (challenging demolition process).

The building was transformed from a multi-level (five-plus) service station/car dealership/workshop to a purpose-built integrated child and family centre by Fairbrother Construction.

Congratulations must go to the team who ran this challenging project.

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BEST USE OF GLASS: RACV/RAC Hobart Apartment Hotel (Vos Construction & Joinery Pty Ltd)

THE new double-glazed facade, roof lights and internal glazing to the refurbished RACV/RAC Hobart Apartment Hotel have refreshed the project to promote an image of quality and substance.

The simple, clean lines of the aluminium framing and glazing to the Charcoal Restaurant, gym and glazed roofs contrast with the unconventional segmented glazed curtain wall, which provides a stunning feature and backdrop to the reception and foyer area.

The glass for the double-glazed curtain was engineered to receive articulated structural stainless steel point fixings, which penetrated the glass units.

Glass spandrel panels glazed into internal steel framing present an excellent luminescence to wall finishes.

Frameless glass balustrades also feature extensively throughout the project on multiple levels.

Where required, the glass balustrades were curved locally in Hobart to suit the design of internal stairs.

The integration of the glazing project with other trades late in the project required forward planning and careful judgment to avoid delays at a critical phase of the project — a credit to the Vos team.

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UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT IN CONSTRUCTION: Moores Hill Estate Winery (d2 Spaces)

IT'S not often that a project comes along where keeping the water out, or keeping the heat in, are not prerequisites.

d2 Spaces has delivered just such a project.

Designed to be hosed out from the inside, and to lose heat in the summer, the Moores Hill Estate Winery "shed" is an unusual beast. However, it is designed to be fit for a specific purpose — that of making and storing wine while it ages, and it is perfectly suited to this task.

In addition, it provides an exemplar of

energy and resource efficiency — collecting and storing more power and water than it uses.

And beyond even that, the attention to detail, and the quality of these industrial details, make the building a showcase for the Winery itself.

The project therefore works on a number of levels to set itself apart and is a worthy winner of this award.

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SPECIALIST CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR: Blue Derby Pods Ride (A2 Kitchens and Joinery)

DELIVERY of the Blue Derby Pods Ride in the three-month construction window would not have been possible without the input of A2 Kitchens and Joinery.

Its ability to prototype the pods in its workshop prior to delivery of components to site, and the accuracy of its component construction, which allowed the virtual elimination of on-site cutting and shaping, both had a huge positive influence on the ability of the builder to meet the construction program.

However, A2's role on this project extended

much further, with substantial input on site in the erection of the prefabricated pods, and further input into the design and construction of peripheral elements such as hub tables and chairs.

This is an outstanding project, and the collaborative and mutually supportive nature of the relationship between all parties, of which A2 Kitchens and Joinery counts as a key member, is exceptional and a delight to see.

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RESIDENTIAL BUILDER OF THE YEAR: Lyden Builders

THE exceptional quality of Lyden Builders' entries across multiple residential categories makes it a worthy winner of the Residential Master Builder of the Year award.

The Pandora Townhouses development, and the individual houses within it, are truly

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COMMERCIAL BUILDER OF THE YEAR: Fairbrother Construction

FAIRBROTHER Construction had 16 entries in this year's awards program and, of those, five are award winners in their category.

This is an excellent achievement and indicative of the professionalism and skill that it brings to all of its projects.

Also notable is the spread of these projects, reaching from Devonport in the North to Lauderdale in the South, indicating an ability to

offer genuinely statewide coverage.

However, from within this project diversity, one thing in particular stands out — the consistent quality delivered in every case, which is ultimately the builder's truly outstanding achievement.

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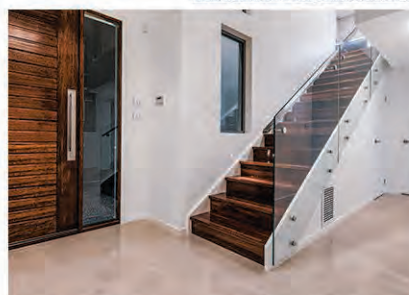


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