



MBA HUNTER NEWS

Newcastle Excellence in Building Awards

The 22nd annual Excellence in Building Awards for Newcastle were held on Friday 9th September 2016



Mariners Centre of Excellence, North Construction and Building, winner Commercial Builder of the Year

With a back to the Seventies celebration highlighted by iconic rock band, Dragon, the Master Builders Association held its gala Excellence in Building Awards at West's Leagues Club with over 500 guests in attendance. In a tribute to the outstanding workmanship displayed within the region's construction industry, over 130 entries were judged representing a combined value of work exceeding \$400 million.

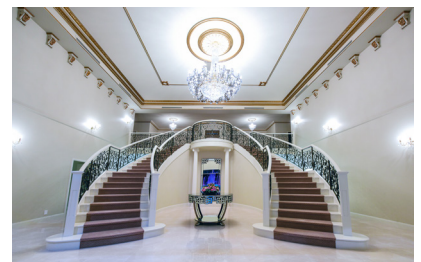
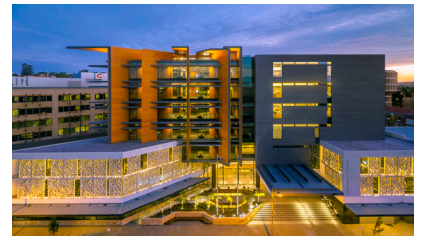
The commercial builder of the year,

North Construction and Building, were rewarded for their challenging efforts in completing the Mariners Centre of Excellence, Opal Residential Aged Care and Wyong Art-house.

The residential builder of the year, NJ and JB Harvey Building Constructions, delivered quality on a grand scale. The father and son team created a home with numerous remarkable attributes and overcame design challenges to produce

an award winning project of outstanding construction quality at Tenambit.

The recent Master Builders National Building Awards recognised John Holland and the Newcastle Courthouse Development as the winner for Public Buildings, \$50-100 million. The project was designed to provide the Newcastle justice system with the largest and most technologically advanced court complex outside of the Sydney area.



Top: Newcastle Courthouse Development, Bottom: NJ & JB Harvey Building Constructions, Award Winning Residence

SAVE THE DATE

25 Aug 2017

Excellence in Building Awards
Newcastle Gala Night

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

About The House has proudly serviced Central Coast, Newcastle & Sydney regions for 15 years in the safe removal of bonded asbestos and small demolition projects. As active members of the Australian Asbestos Diseases Foundation and MBA, the company works closely with members on services including bonded asbestos removal, inspections, testing, independent clearance certificates and small demolition.

J A Crockett have celebrated 105 years of membership with Master Builders and also have a major presence in the Hunter offering asbestos removal services in both residential and commercial sectors. Crocketts are also synonymous with commercial plastering in Newcastle.



HBCF generational change

On 3 November the Government announced a significant overhaul of the HBCF that administers home owners warranty.

Some of the notable changes that will come into effect from March 2017 include;

- Broker commissions will be phased out and the broker network will be substantially reduced.
- Premiums will increase in four stages over two years.
- Builder risk will be reflected in pricing. Higher-risk builders will pay higher premiums.
- The government will inject over \$300 million into the HBCF to cover the current deficit.

IS YOUR SITE SUN SMART?

Did you know an estimated 1 out of every 2 people will be affected by skin cancer in their lifetime? The workplace is a major source of sun exposure, and outdoor workers who spend long periods of time in the sun, like in our industry, have an even higher risk.

That's why MBA stocks Hamilton sunscreens. At 50+ SPF, Hamilton's non-greasy formula is perfect for being out on site all day in the summer sun. The Dry-Touch technology means you no longer have to choose between protecting your skin from the sun and being able to grip your tools, ladders or scaffolds.

Call into the office today to sample the range.

NEW WATERPROOFING GUIDES

The wait is nearly over, new waterproofing guides will be available in the New Year.

Watch this space for more info on release dates.

FREE TECHNICAL ADVICE FOR MEMBERS

MBA's new Technical Officer, Michael Parra, is now available to provide free, up to date technical advice to members.

Michael can assist with issues related to residential builders, construction practices and material technology. The more info you can provide, the better Michael will be able to assist.

If you've got a technical question, give Michael a call today on **02 8586 3555**.

MEMBER REFERRAL PROGRAM

Know someone who wants to be a member? Let us know about a friend who might be interested in joining. When they sign up, you both get rewarded.

You could score free fence mesh, first aid kits, MBA contracts, CPD seminars and training! Plus, your friend will score hundreds in bonus inclusions when they sign up.

Visit www.mbansw.asn.au/referral, call **02 8586 3515** or email membership@mbansw.asn.au to start referring today!

CHRISTMAS TRADING

MBA will close for the holidays at 3pm on 22 December and reopen on 9 January.

From all the staff at MBA, we wish you a happy and safe holiday and wish you all the best for the new year.