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Australia's Best Home Builder Re-Elected Master Builders President

Mr Robert Spadaccini has been re-elected President of the Master Builders Association for 2018.

Mr Spadaccini is the Managing Director of Spadaccini Homes and a Director of New Choice Homes and AMG Homes.

Spadaccini Homes received the top home award at both Master Builders and HIA's national awards this year for two different homes – the first time that any builder has achieved this feat.

Mr Spadaccini has been a Board member of Master Builders since 2008 and a long-serving member of the Association's Housing Council.

Mr Spadaccini said that he was looking forward to his third and final year as Master Builders President and helping to make the building and construction industry a better, safer and more attractive place in which to work.

"Since the McGowan government was elected in March this year, it has been reviewing everything. This has kept our Association busy as we're responding to a whole range of regulatory reforms," Mr Spadaccini said.

"Next year will provide us with a better insight into the state government's direction and strategy to get our economy moving again.

"On an industry level, the top priorities are to improve housing affordability, streamline the planning approvals process, maintain industrial relations stability and minimise additional red tape in carrying out business."

Master Builders Director Michael McLean said he was looking forward to continuing to work with Mr Spadaccini to improve the regulatory environment in which builders operated in WA.

"The building and construction industry is a key barometer to the health of our economy and the well being of our community, so the challenge is to keep the industry viable, affordable and attractive to young people choosing their career path," Mr McLean said.

Mr Spadaccini is the 55th President of Master Builders since the Association was formed in 1898 by a group of builders who recognised the need to have a reputable organisation to represent their interests before governments, statutory authorities, clients and unions.

Other members of Master Builders Board for 2018 are:

- David Crothers – Crothers Construction – Vice President

- Grant Burgess – Ernst & Young – Treasurer
- Dan Perkins – Perkins Builders
- Jack Pleiter – Genesis Homes Master Builders
- Jason Kunkler – PACT Construction
- Robert Shaw – Daly & Shaw
- Michael Van Dongen – Encon
- Michael Vermey – Affordable Living Homes
- Philip Kemp – Alliance Builders
- Steve McConkey – Multiplex
- Isla McRobbie – Jackson McDonald
- John Ripp – EMCO Building – Immediate Past President

Ms McRobbie is the first female elected to Master Builders Board since the Association was formed nearly 120 years ago.

Mr McLean said Ms McRobbie had excellent credentials and building industry experience as a former architect and practicing construction lawyer to make a first class contribution to Master Builders Board.

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