

INTRODUCTION

2018 MASTER BUILDERS-BANKWEST HOUSING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Another fiercely-fought Master Builders-Bankwest Housing Excellence Awards has underscored the breadth of talent in our state.

MOJITOS and mambo music added to the glamour at this year's Cuban-inspired Master Builders-Bankwest Housing Excellence Awards.

Once again, this prestigious awards night showcased some extraordinary residential housing projects that wowed judges and industry professionals alike.

With Master Builders itself proudly celebrating its 120th anniversary in 2018, it was befitting to celebrate the achievements of this year's talented finalists and winners.

Multi-award winning builder, A Di Bucci & Son, took out this year's ultimate accolade – Bankwest Top WA Home – for its work on a cutting-edge Coolbinia residence.

Chief judge and former MBA WA president Robert Shaw says it was a truly special dwelling. "The workmanship and incredible attention to detail in every single aspect of the home was phenomenal," he says. "This is exactly what the Master Builders awards are all about."

Every year, Master Builders' awards program gives all builders, not just members, the opportunity to benchmark themselves against their peers in the industry.

Every entry is inspected and judged by a panel of experienced master builders who focus purely on the quality of workmanship and craftsmanship of the project.

Winning an award means the builder and/or trades have outstanding skills that put them in a highly competitive league of Western Australia's best builders.

Hundreds of properties, with a combined value of more than \$271 million in the metropolitan area alone, were entered into the 2018 Housing Excellence Awards, making the competition especially fierce.

Projects ranged from multi-million dollar mansions right through to offerings for first homebuyers.

Summit Homes Group won Project Builder of the Year for the second successive year, Palazzo Exclusive Homes was the worthy winner of Best Display Home, the Best Alterations and Additions title went to Exclusive Residence and WA's Best Country Home was presented to BD Partington Building Contractors for its work on a custom built residence in Esperance.

Douglas Constructions is a rising star, declared WA's Best New Builder.

Judges recognised the business for its excellent safety standards, innovation and completion of projects on time and within budget.

The awards also championed the importance of skilled trades, from bricklayers to cabinet makers. The world-class construction and finishes that were on display astounded the judges, but the real winners were once again WA's homeowners. Being a Master Builders award winner provides builders – and their clients – with a point of distinction.

In such a competitive market, and with housing affordability front and centre for many, entering an elite club of the best of the best is one of life's big achievements.

All prospective homebuyers, regardless of their lifestyles or budgets, will do well to consider our finalists and winners when choosing who is going to turn their dreams into realities.

To all our winners, finalists and entrants, Master Builders commends you for your efforts, enthusiasm and pursuit of excellence.

JASON ROBERTSON
HOUSING DIRECTOR



Jason Robertson.



(L-R): Minister for Housing Hon. Peter Tinley AM MLA, Alex and Mick Di Bucci of A Di Bucci & Son, Bankwest general manager business and banking Richard Bator and chief judge Robert Shaw.



(L-R): Master Builders housing director Jason Robertson, Minister for Housing Hon. Peter Tinley, AM MLA, Palazzo Exclusive Homes director Nathan Jujnovich and Harvey Norman director commercial division WA David Cramond.



The awards featured a Cuban theme.

BANKWEST TOP WA HOME



BEST OF THE BEST

Highly lauded at this year's Master Builders-Bankwest Housing Excellence Awards, this Coolbinia home is a stunning example of modern living.

THIS striking three-storey home with top viewing entertainment deck was built on a high block with sweeping views of the city, hills and surrounding areas, and features all the components of a modern home.

Built by A Di Bucci & Son, the home features five bedrooms, with five bathrooms internally and a pool bathroom externally, three powder rooms and a 10-car garage with turntable.

The Coolbinia residence took out the Bankwest Top WA Home at this year's Master Builders-Bankwest Housing Excellence Awards. The home's exterior features a number of finishes, from acrylic render in three tones, to Japanese stone-clad walls and copper gates.

The scale of the home allows for these materials to interact pleasantly, producing a unique appearance. This theme is carried right through into the outdoor living space, which boasts a fully tiled glass-walled pool with a large alfresco undercover area and undercover pool gathering area with access to the bar.

Through the main timber pivot door, a spiral staircase greets you from the lower garage level,

extending to the bedroom areas upstairs with a timber handrail and Axolotl-finished curved railings. Heated floors flow into the kitchen, passage, dining, scullery and cafe.

Adjacent to this area is the raised family room with gas fire, large TV and Sonos system, which can also be viewed through a 3m-high bifolding door opening out into the alfresco.

The home is fully automated, with programmable lighting and theme control, air-conditioning integration, touch screens and ipad launch pads throughout.

Every light and appliance can be controlled from the C-Bus system.

The theatre is the hub of the home, with specially located sound baffles and ceiling acoustic tiles. Snap-tex system lining to the walls hides all the acoustics and speakers, while strategically located lighting channels aid ambiance and mood control through coloured LED strips.

Stone floors feature throughout the home, except the stairs, bedrooms and theatre room, which are carpeted.

Each of the six bathrooms and three powder rooms feature full-height tiling, with combinations of different sizes and colours of tiles with tastefully designed and co-ordinated cabinetry.

The bedrooms and games room windows feature fully remote-operated blinds and awning louvre protection.

Fully appointed with the latest air-conditioning, smart wiring, security and CCTV systems, this home is a modern masterpiece.

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