



## 2017 Northern Regions Excellence in Building Awards

Showcasing the best in residential and commercial buildings



# SHOWCASING THE BEST BUILDERS IN THE REGION

Record number of entries in 10th annual MBA awards

THE Northern Region construction industry's premier event, the Northern Regions Excellence in Building Awards, has celebrated its tenth year with an amazing array of superb creations by the best builders in the region.

What started as a fledgling event in July 2008 to promote and celebrate the Northern Rivers building industry has grown to become one of the major industry events in Regional NSW.

MBA Northern Regions Coordinator, Graham Marchant, said the number of entries - both for individual builder and specialist categories - was the largest on record: "This all bodes well for the strength of our great industry in the Northern Regions," he said.

Winners of the major awards for 2017 were Todd Knaus Construction (Residential Builder of the Year); Lismore's Bennett Constructions (Commercial Builder of the Year), and Bob Jarrett of RL and CM Jarrett Bricklaying (Subcontractor of the Year).

The MBA also introduced two new categories in the year's awards - the MBA Young Builder of the Year award, which was won by Lennox Head builder Samuel Schott, and the Women in Building award, won by Sarah Vogel of Adenbrook Homes.

"All of the nominated builders, winners or not, should be proud to have been part of this great event, which showcases the high standards required to receive an award.

"It's about being proud of our achievements and showcases our abilities in our industry to both our peers and the

community in general," Mr Marchant said. "As consumers we are extremely lucky to have the best motivated, dedicated and talented builders in our area along with their specialist tradespeople.

Judging of this year's entries took judges Ian Anderson and Warren Porter from Port Macquarie in the south to the Queensland border in the north, out west to the New England area from Tamworth to Tenterfield and everywhere in between. Both were impressed by the quality of workmanship and innovation employed by all entrants.

Mr Marchant said that as the industry standards and expectations of clients get higher each year, the awards program reflects the quality of build and attention to detail required by the winners to pick up an award.

"This provides the ideal opportunity for MBA members to demonstrate to the wider community the benefits of dealing with a Master Builder Better Builder."

### MAJOR WINNERS

- MBA Residential Builder of the Year: Todd Knaus Constructions
- MBA Commercial Builder of the Year: Bennett Constructions
- MBA Young Builder of the Year: Samuel Schott Building
- MBA Sub-Contractor of the Year: RL and CM Jarrett Bricklaying
- Women in Building Award: Sarah Vogel, Adenbrook Homes



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: House on Lighthouse Rd Byron Bay by Todd Knaus Constructions; Bennett Constructions' 'true masterpiece' in Lismore; and brickwork by Bob Jarrett.



VERSATILE: This stunning rammed earth home at Skinners Shoot was just one of Atlanta Building's winning entries in the 2017 MBA Northern Region Building Awards.

# ATLANTA BUILDING CONTINUES TO IMPRESS

Byron Bay company takes home eight awards

CONTINUING its success from taking out eight awards in 2016, including the much sought after title of Residential Builder of the Year, Atlanta Building has delivered another superior portfolio of projects for 2017, earning the company another eight MBA Awards awards, including Best Contract House \$700,000 - \$1 Million; Best House Addition \$500,000 - \$1 Million, Best Bathroom over \$50,000 and Best Alternate Construction for a rammed earth home at Byron Bay.

Their projects illustrate the variety of builds of which Atlanta Building is capable of producing, and reinforce their reputation as one of Northern NSW's premier builders.

The rammed earth home built by Atlanta at Skinner Shoots, Byron Bay, was a prime example of the local building company's versatility.

Atlanta business development manager Cameron Paton said the unique build consisted of four bedrooms, five bathrooms and two living areas, both facing the expansive 14m x 5m pool and spa.

"What makes this house truly unique is the rammed earth walls used throughout, combined with other building elements such as the 1500mm x 1000mm porcelain tiles, the porcelain bench tops and splash backs and the Marrakesh render to the fifth bathroom," he said.

Judges were impressed by the overall design, but also by the tight time frame in which the project was completed, which included a month of persistent rain: "It was all completed during one of the wettest years on record and too much water and rammed

earth makes for an interesting build," judges commented.

Mr Paton said Atlanta was also able to successfully complete two other high end architectural homes in conjunction with the project. This included a two-storey, three-bedroom, three-bathroom house on a suspended concrete slab with a view over Bangalow town and hinterland. The other was a beautiful resort-style home, designed with seamless indoor/outdoor living encompassing the 180-degree views of Mount Warning.

Illustrating the company's diversity and commitment to quality, a full restoration of a 100-year-old Queenslander at Bangalow was completed in Atlanta's 2017 portfolio. Mr Paton said the project took a great deal of detailed carpentry and patience working with the original character of the dwelling while being sympathetic and embracing the new addition and pool outdoor area.

Mr Paton said all projects were delivered on time and budget and ensured complete customer satisfaction.

### ATLANTA'S AWARDS

- Best Contract House \$700,001 - \$1 Million
- Best House Addition \$500,000 - \$1 Million
- Best Alternate Construction - Rammed Earth
- Best Kitchen Under \$25,000
- Best Kitchen Over \$100,000
- Best Bathroom Under \$25,000
- Best Bathroom Over \$50,000
- Best Swimming Pool Under \$50,000