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Cockram Construction named Master Builder of the Year for Red Cross project

Cockram Construction was tonight named the Master Builder of the Year (Commercial Construction) for the \$57 million Australian Red Cross Blood Service, Victorian Tasmanian Principal Site in West Melbourne.

More than 600 guests attended the awards at Crown Palladium which were hosted by actor Shane Jacobsen. Premier Ted Baillieu also attended to hand-out the major awards.

This is the second time in recent years that Cockram has won the major award; the last time was in 2003. Lyons Construction was named the Regional Builder of the Year for the \$6 million New Generation Library at Deakin University, Waurn Ponds while Gavin Parker from I.G. Parker Pty Ltd was named the Young Builder of the Year.

Master Builders Executive Director Brian Welch congratulated the winners for their exceptional efforts.

“This year’s winners represent the cream of the crop in commercial construction in Victoria,” Mr Welch said.

“Cockram has provided an exceptional, purpose built facility for the Australian Red Cross Blood Service. The four level, heritage listed building has been fully refurbished with the original building reinforced with suspended engineer’s bulkhead walls.”

“Environmental initiatives including energy saving devices and rainwater harvesting have also been incorporated.”

Mr Welch said the Lyons Construction project incorporated the clever use of raw and recycled materials.

“This refurbished library at Deakin in Waurn Ponds reflects the integration of modern learning experiences, breaking away from the traditional library model,” Mr Welch said.

“This library is a very exciting piece of construction with neon lighting, contrasting dark and light spaces and a book feature wall. Lyons Construction completed this project under difficult circumstances as the library had to remain operational throughout the project.”

Mr Welch also praised the achievements of Gavin Parker who impressed the judges with his enthusiasm and motivation.

“At 32-years-old, Gavin has already achieved so much in his career. He has a Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Environmental) has been a Project Manager since 2004,” Mr Welch said.

“He has successfully managed and taken full responsibility for project performance including financial, programming, safety, industrial relations and quality. The judges were very pleased with his grasp and management of a wide range of technical and complex issues.”

“He has also displayed exceptional client liaison skills and is an effective leader.”

Full list of winners follows. Project photos and interviews with winners, available upon request.

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Master Builders Excellence in Construction Awards 2012 Winners

WINNER

Master Builder of the Year

Cockram Construction
Australian Red Cross Blood Service Victorian Tasmanian Principal Site,
West Melbourne

WINNER

Young Builder of the Year

Gavin Parker
I.G. Parker Pty Ltd

WINNER

Regional Builder of the Year

Lyons Construction
Project: New Generation Library Deakin University, Waurin Ponds

WINNER

Excellence in Shop & Office Fitout

Schiavello (Vic) Pty Ltd
Crown Casino VIP Salons, Crown Casino, Southbank

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Excellence in Shop & Office Fitout

FDC Construction & Fitout (VIC) Pty Ltd
iSelect, Cheltenham

WINNER

Excellence in Construction of Industrial Buildings

Qanstruct (Aust) Pty Ltd
Detector Dog Program Facility for Australia Customs and Border Protection Service, Bulla

WINNER

Excellence in Health & Safety

Boulderstone
Southbank Cultural Precinct Redevelopment, Stage One, Hamer Hall, Southbank

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Excellence in Health & Safety

Leighton Contractors Pty Ltd
Olivia Newton-John Cancer & Wellness Centre, Heidelberg

WINNER

Excellence in Civil Construction

Icon Construction Australia Pty Ltd
New Quay West – Marina Residences, Docklands

WINNER

Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings Under \$5M

Buxton Construction
Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club, Toorak

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings Under \$5M

W.O. Longmuir Pty Ltd
McDonald's, Kilsyth South

WINNER

Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings \$5M - \$10M

Walton Construction
Saint Mary of the Cross Mausoleum, Parkville

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings \$5M - \$10M

Kane Constructions
Star of the Sea – Performing Arts Centre, Gardenvale

WINNER

Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings \$10M - \$15M

Probuild
Tiffany & Co., Melbourne

WINNER

Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings \$15M - \$20M

Cockram Construction
Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership, North Melbourne

WINNER

Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings \$20M - \$30M

LU Simon Builders Pty Ltd
The Garden House, Carlton

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings \$20M - \$30M

Becon Constructions (Aust) P/L
Harmony Village, Dandenong

WINNER

Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings \$30M - \$80M

Cockram Construction
Australian Red Cross Blood Service Victorian Tasmanian Principal Site,
West Melbourne

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings \$30M - \$80M

Grocon
Dandeong G-S-O, Dandenong

WINNER

Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings Over \$80M

Lend Lease

The Royal Children's Hospital, Parkville

WINNER

Best Specialist Contractor

Comcraft Constructions P/L

Tiffany & Co., Melbourne

WINNER

Best Sustainable Energy Project

Built Vic Pty Ltd

Edithvale/Seaford Wetlands Discovery Centre, Edithvale