

AIB announce winner of Arup Young Achiever of the Year 2008 award

The Australian Institute of Building (AIB) has named Adam Harry of Western Australia as the AIB Arup Young Achiever of the Year. Adam Harry was selected from ten national finalists, who were eligible to receive this award.



The AIB Arup Young Achiever of the Year award is bestowed on a building and construction professional, who is under thirty five years of age and demonstrated a level of expertise and accomplishment exceptional for somebody their age.

Adam Harry is able to successfully navigate his way through complex negotiations with unions, reflected in obtaining a collective agreement for his workforce, the first non-EBA for the Western Australian building and construction industry.

The awards is based upon four main criteria, these being the nominee's achievements as a building professional, their ability to lead change within their organisation, their contribution to the building profession and finally their contribution to the broader community. In all four criteria

Adam Harry has a record of accomplishment exceptional for somebody his age.

Currently employed as the General Manager – Western Region of John Holland Group, Adam Harry has served in other senior roles such as General Manager of Doric Constructions and has also worked with Mirvac (formerly the Fini Group), Westpoint and BGC Constructions.

Adam Harry completed his Bachelor of Applied Science (Construction Management and Economics) at Curtin University whilst employed on a part-time basis with the last organisation.

“The Western Australian building industry is robust, requiring construction firms to adapt to an environment in which materials and labours are often in short supply. Leading change within his organisation, Adam streamlined project delivery processes to ensure they met industry best-practice and build relationships both within the company and external stakeholders,” said Andrew Pettifer from Arup, the sponsors of the award.

Beyond contributing to the growth of his firms, Doric grew by 620% during his tenure as General Manager; Adam Harry also contributes to the development of the building profession. He is an active member in the Master Builders Association (Western Australia) and is a participant in the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Construction Innovation project reviewing dispute avoidance and resolution.

Adam Harry continues his relationship with Curtin University, ensuring that the skills and experiences of practicing building and construction professionals are made available to current students.

“In many respects, Adam is a model member of the Institute. His professionalism and commitment to ethical standards is strong and he has a demonstrated commitment to supporting the career development of other building and construction professionals. We congratulate Adam on being the 2008 AIB Arup Young Achiever of the Year,” said Troy Williams, AIB Chief Executive.

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