



Media Release

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Seven finalists announced for the Australian Construction Achievement Award 2012

Seven projects have been selected as outstanding examples of construction excellence to compete for the *Australian Construction Achievement Award 2012 (ACAA 2012)*. The announcement of the finalists was made in Sydney today by Mr Peter Brecht, President of the Australian Constructors Association. The winner will be announced at the ACAA 2012 dinner in Perth in May 2012.

Since the Australian Construction Achievement Award was established in 1997, as a joint venture between the Australian Constructors Association and Engineers Australia, 82 of Australia's best building and engineering projects have made it to the finalist round.

The ACAA 2012 finalists are:

Darra to Springfield Transport Corridor – Stage 1 (QLD) – John Holland Group.

Gateway Upgrade Project (QLD) – Leighton Abigroup Joint Venture.

Inner West Busway Along Victoria Road (NSW) – Baulderstone.

National Fibre Program – Leighton Telecommunications.

Port Botany Expansion Program (NSW) - Baulderstone.

The Hilton Surfers Paradise (QLD) – Brookfield Multiplex.

West Gate Bridge Strengthening (VIC) – West Gate Bridge Strengthening Alliance.

Early in 2012, each project will be visited by the ACAA judging panel and each member of the panel brings to the task a life in construction that has equipped them to make the most demanding analysis of the finalists for this Award.

The Chairman of the ACAA 2012 Judging Panel is **Martin Albrecht AC**. Martin is currently Chair of Geodynamics Limited and Exergen Pty Ltd. He spent 15 years as Managing Director of Thiess, a company which he helped to establish as one of Australia's largest multi-disciplined engineering, construction and mining firms.

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Martin retired from his role as Managing Director in 2000 and now serves on the Queensland Premier's Business Round Table and the Board of Governors for the Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA). Martin received his Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in 2002 for his services to the construction industry and was subsequently awarded the Centenary Medal in 2003. We also know Martin as one of the foundation Board members of the Australian Constructors Association where his contribution to industry affairs was highly valued.

Dr Donald Charrett - Donald is a Barrister, Arbitrator and Mediator specialising in the building and construction industry. Prior to his life as a construction lawyer, Donald was a consulting engineer for over 12 years, managing engineering projects, and management roles in contract negotiation, administration, professional indemnity insurance and international joint ventures. From 1 December 2011 he will become Chairman of AMOG. Donald has a Master of Construction Law, is a Grade 3 Arbitrator of the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia and is a qualified mediator. He has published a number of papers in legal and engineering journals and presented papers at conferences and seminars. His legal publications include articles on the avoidance of disputes, contractual lessons from past projects, design and construct contracts, professional indemnity insurance and reinsurance.

Marton Marosszeky - An Executive Consultant at Evans & Peck since 2007, Marton's extensive experience as a qualified engineer spans from road construction and structural engineering to management consulting, he specialises in process improvement and assistance with strategic planning. Before joining Evans & Peck, Marton was a Professor at the University of New South Wales, teaching in the areas of process and productivity improvement, strategy development and implementation. While at UNSW, he founded the Building Research Centre and later the Australian Centre for Construction Innovation. He is published widely in the field of process improvement and performance benchmarking in construction and engineering, and also in relation to the durability of concrete infrastructure. Marton was a Judge of the Australian Construction Achievement Award in 2008 and was Chair of the judging panel for the Alliancing Association of Australasia awards, from 2008-10.

Previous winners of the ACAA have been: West Gate Freeway Upgrade in Melbourne (2011); Melbourne Convention Centre (2010); EastLink, Melbourne (2009); Perth Seawater Desalination Project (2008); Southern Cross Station, Melbourne (2007); Runway Main Construction Works, Tullamarine (2006); The Bond, Sydney (2005); Alice Springs to Darwin Rail Link (2004); Brisbane's Inner City Bypass project (2003); Woronora Bridge in NSW (2002); Queensland Clean Fuels project (2001); Stadium Australia in Sydney (2000); Wandoo B Offshore Oil Platform, WA (1998); and the Glebe Island Bridge, now ANZAC Bridge, Sydney (1997).

The Australian Constructors Association member companies collectively employ nearly 90,000 people in their Australian and international operations. Engineers Australia is the peak body for the profession with a membership of over 93,000.

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