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Media Statement

**GEORGE ALLINGAME ELECTED MBA WA PRESIDENT FOR THIRD TERM**

Managing director of Belmont-based construction company Pindan George Allingame has been re-elected as president of the Master Builders Association of Western Australia, for a third consecutive year.

Mr Allingame has nearly 40 years experience in the building and construction industry, which includes the foundation of Pindan more than 30 years ago and his position at the helm of the rapidly growing group.

Mr Allingame said he was honoured his peers had elected him into the prestigious role for a third year.

“This is a real honour and I’m so grateful to have the chance to see through the many projects we have begun to help improve our industry,” he said.

“To be re-elected for a third term means a great deal to me as it shows my peers support me, are happy with my leadership and share my vision.”

In his role, Mr Allingame will continue to oversee the Association’s activities across Western Australia to promote the views and interests as well as provide support for of its 1500 members in the building and construction industry.

Mr Allingame said among his top priorities for his coming term were innovative strategies to train young people in the industry and the release of more affordable land for residents.

“While this is an exciting time to be in the WA building industry as we turn the corner to recovery, I feel solutions are needed to avoid a potential skills shortage, and a big part of that is helping young West Australians into skilled positions,” he said.

“It’s important we help young workers into the construction industry, giving them the education and support their young careers need so West Australians benefit as much as possible from a construction boom and we build a long, sustainable local workforce.

“I’m keen to see the release of more affordable land for a growing WA population – we’re already seeing land release competition hotting up with buyers camping out overnight to secure blocks – and we need to ensure we have supply to meet the rising demand.

“One of the key places we’ll need to focus is in our regional centres that are now growing with more families moving in to capitalize on the resource boom.”

Mr Allingame is the Association’s fifty-second president and has been a councillor of the MBA for 17 years, serving as chairman of its safety committee for most of that time.

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