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## ADJOURNMENT

### Wide Bay-Burnett, Housing and Construction Awards

 **Mr BENNETT** (Burnett—LNP) (12.10 am): I take this opportunity to acknowledge the great trades men and women in the Wide Bay-Burnet region. Dale and Helen Robinson from Gainsite Plumbing in Bundaberg were recently acknowledged in Brisbane at the Master Plumbers Association Awards. Jeff Lennox Builder and Steve Coates Constructions have taken out the major awards at this year's Master Builders Wide Bay Burnett Housing and Construction Awards, held on 6 August at the Beach House Hotel at Hervey Bay. Jeff Lennox Builder received the 2016 Wide Bay Burnett Project of the Year for the Friendly Society Private Hospital Medical Suites, while the Wide Bay Burnett House of the Year went to Steve Coates Constructions. Kleidon Masterbuilt Homes was acknowledged with the Wide Bay Burnett President's Award. I take this opportunity to congratulate all 31 winners, their staff and their subcontractors.

The standard that we saw this year was incredible and demonstrated the outstanding talent and expertise of the construction sector. The Housing and Construction Awards provide an opportunity to recognise this talent and it is great that, after 29 years, they continue to be sought after by the state's top builders and tradespeople.

The winner of this year's Wide Bay Burnett Project of the Year was Jeff Lennox Builder Pty Ltd. Jeff Lennox Builder took on the Friendly Hospital Private Medical Suites project under difficult circumstances and overcame them exceptionally well. Jeff regularly puts out projects in Bundaberg of a high standard. The result is a great facility for the Bundaberg region and, as reported, was the clear winner of this year's Project of the Year Award.

The winner of the House of the Year was Steve Coates. This magnificent home, built by Steve, had views from every living area. It was sheltered by a courtyard and, with its custom-built pool and landscaping, it was certainly a worthy winner. Kleidon Masterbuilt Homes was the winner of this year's president's award. It was a beautiful home and a perfect example of modern family living, with an impressive open-plan living and dining area, stone benchtop and a walk-in pantry—everything that you would want in a modern home.

It was great to see the team at Murchie Constructions also receive recognition for their project in retail facilities. The Refurbishment/Renovation Award was given to Adam Meech Constructions. I know that he has a great team behind him as well.

I want to acknowledge the Display Home Award for up to \$350,000 to JRZ Constructions. The Display Home Award for up to \$400,000 went to Kleidon Masterbuilt Homes and the Display Home Award for up to \$250,000 also went to Kleidon Masterbuilt Homes. Norm Wales Constructions was successful in the construction of the individual homes. I congratulate the Apprentice of the Year, Mitchell Curd. I also give a special mention to the recipient of the Rising Star award, Jesse Zielke, and for the

Strong Support and Acknowledgement for Women in Building, Melissa Zielke was a proud and honourable winner. The Commercial Trade Contractor of the Year was Adina Designed Interiors.

I would like to acknowledge the work done by the local peak industry association, the Master Builders Association, in my region and for facilitating these great awards. This association can also help stakeholders with issues ranging from building industry legislative reforms, housing and construction industry trends, skill shortages and skilled migration to apprenticeships, industrial and workplace relations issues, work health and safety and, of course, our housing and construction awards program, which is held annually.