

Saints crowned winner for WOW factor build

A masterstroke build, by FDC Construction, won best “Hospitality Buildings Refurbishment \$10-\$30 million” at the 2023 Master Builders Association Excellence in Construction Awards for the St Marys Rugby League Club \$25 million Western Foyer & Saints Event Centre Development.

The triumphant win was icing on the cake for St Marys Rugby League Club, with CEO Rod Desborough saying it’s a great recognition for the Club.

“We were very excited to receive this industry award, chosen among an excellent field of entrants,” he said.

“The development was the realisation of a long-term strategic plan and turned a dream into reality – the end result exceeded all our expectations.”

During the development, the main entrance to the Club was reorientated and the distinctive façade can only be described as spectacular. The grand foyer features LED walls with 3D cascading waterfalls and marine life, which is complemented by sophisticated decor and lighting.

Saints Sports Bar is quite frankly in a league of its own. The American styled sports bar offers an experience like no other, designed for the ultimate audio-visual presentation of all sports. Patrons can witness every big game, race, fight, or match on the massive 4.8m x 2.7m screen, the huge 3m x 1.69m screen or any of the forty-five 4K LED screens, and for that immense stadium like atmosphere the revolutionary speaker system makes you feel like you’re in the heart of the action.

The long-awaited Saints Event Centre offers six rooms, over 500m² of flexible, stylish and contemporary event space with state-of-the-art audio-visual technology. Custom-built for multi-day conferencing and gala events, including weddings, the Saints Event Centre provides full-service event solutions with premium facilities.

Mr Desborough congratulated FDC, saying they “nailed the brief” and delivered the development on time and on budget.

The brief to FDC & Bergstrom Architects was a simple one - create a building and facilities that were unique, created a real ‘WOW’ factor and would be deemed some of the best in the industry.

“The way in which members and the community have embraced the development has been overwhelming, and very rewarding and satisfying for the Board,” Mr Desborough said.



Prestigious win: The award was received by representatives of FDC Construction, Bergstrom Architects, Club CEO Rod Desborough, Vice President David Cartwright and Director Joe Borg.

“Receiving this award acknowledges the professionalism and commitment of FDC in making our vision a reality. It cements their reputation as leaders in the building industry.”

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The Master Builders Association of NSW Excellence in Construction Awards holds a prominent status within the industry as the premier annual event for the commercial, industrial, and civil engineering sectors. They serve as a platform to celebrate remarkable accomplishments by companies and individuals within the building and construction industry in NSW.

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