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SITE MANAGER IS A RISING STAR

Ray Kershaw is the winner of this year's Ric New 'Rising Star' Award.

Mr Kershaw (aged 25) is a Site Manager with Perth-based commercial builder, Donal Building, and was nominated for the award by his fiancé Jody Corica.

Ray completed year 12 & then a carpentry apprenticeship with his father whom he believes "taught me everything I know".

Ray became a site supervisor with InResidence at the age of 21 & then progressed to managing construction projects with Donal Building.

When he has time Ray runs his own construction company (Kershaw Construction WA Pty Ltd). He completed his Diploma of Building & Construction earlier this year & has also obtained a Certificate of Estimating & Tendering, Certificate of Project Supervision 3 crane licenses, a dogman's ticket & a first aid certificate.

Ray has an ambition to be a leader in "Green Living", having a passion to build homes using the latest technologies to optimise energy & water efficiency.

Despite being the youngest on-site manager within Donal Building, Ray has earned the respect of his peers & trade base. He is currently responsible for a \$4.1m project in Bicton with a workforce of 40 contractors & employees.

Ray enjoys trying out new ways of doing things in the building industry such as using light weight tilt panels to improve the efficiency of the construction process.

According to MBA Director Michael McLean, "This year's Rising Star has been given incredible responsibility at a very young age and is achieving at a very high level".

"It's quite remarkable that a young man aged only 25 is not only already a registered builder but also supervising multi-million dollar construction projects and running a construction company in his spare time," said Mr McLean.

"Ray Kershaw provides an excellent role model for young people contemplating a career in the building industry and particularly apprentices who are thinking about their future job options in the industry."

Named after the founder of Midland Brick, the Ric New 'Rising Star' Award is awarded to a young high achiever up to 25 years of age who has demonstrated outstanding potential, work ethic and commitment in the context of their current and future contribution to the building and

construction industry in Western Australia. The selection criteria focuses on practical achievements and not academic results.

The Ric New Medal was introduced by the late Mr New's daughter, Ms Marylyn New, to recognise the enormous talents among our younger generation and to inspire others to be successful. The winner receives a cheque for \$2,000 and a uniquely designed trophy featuring one of the original Midland bricks.

The judging panel comprised of:

Marylyn New (Managing Director of the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle & Esplanade Swan Suites in Como), Michael McLean (MBA Director) and Robert Spadaccini (Spadaccini Homes).

The other finalist for the 2009 Rising Star Award was Robert Tate (aged 24), the proprietor of his own insulation business in Esperance.

The Ric New Rising Star Award was presented at Master Builders annual Apprentice of the Year Awards at the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle on 25 September 2009 – the day before this year's AFL Grand Final with a football theme.

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