

THE 2011 Master Plumbers & Gasfitters Association of WA and the Plumbers Licensing Board recently celebrated its Awards for Excellence.

MPA Group CEO Murray Thomas said the awards noticed outstanding achievements amongst registered plumbers, gasfitters and manufacturers across WA.

"Success in the form of winning an entry in this competition means recognition of quality tradesmanship, exceptional business practice and increased profile within the industry," he said.

## MAINTENANCE PLUMBING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

### Quality Plumbing & Gas

HARD work and good customer care has paid off for WA plumbing and gas leaders Quality Plumbing & Gas.

Having recently been awarded the MPGA and the Plumbers Licensing Board's Maintenance Plumbing Business of the Year award, co-owner Marcos Gonzalez said following a few simple principles had allowed his small business to rise to the top.

"We've done all the right things, followed the regulations and our product is to a high standard," he said. His crew of eight specialise in

all things plumbing and gas with an even split between domestic and commercial maintenance and new build construction and renovations. John Browne founded the business with Mr Gonzalez 11 years, but it wasn't easy in the beginning.

"We'd both been sub-contracting together but things were going into a slow period so we decided to start our business," Mr Gonzalez said. "In the beginning things were slow but we have gradually built up the business to now be an industry leader."

This is the second time the company has won Maintenance Plumbing Business of the Year.



**MAINTENANCE PLUMBING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**  
Quality Plumbing & Gas Pty Ltd

## CONSTRUCTION PLUMBING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

### Altona Plumbing & Civil

TACKLING complex construction projects is one of the reasons why Altona picked up the Plumbers Licensing Board's Construction Plumbing Business of the Year award.

Specialising in everything from leaky taps to large-scale construction and infrastructure works, Altona, now in its 35th year, is enjoying the successes of many years of hard work by taking home this coveted prize.

"Our ability to combine our resources to tackle difficult and complex projects is what sets us apart," co-owner and director of Altona Trevor Byrne said.

Along with working on the Rockingham hospital

redevelopment and the Collins class submarine facility in Henderson, Altona most notably constructed the hydraulics in the St Mary's Cathedral redevelopment.

"This had to be a sophisticated project as the cathedral was heritage listed," co-owner and director Trevor Byrne said. "There were a lot of complexities and no scope for anything less than perfect workmanship."

Taking on high profile projects throughout the years, Altona is moving forward as a market leader.

"We're committed to the future of the industry and have successfully trained over 60 apprentices," Mr Byrne said. "Each one of our 40 staff can be proud of their contribution to winning the award."



**CONSTRUCTION PLUMBING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**  
Altona Plumbing & Civil

# Awards for Excellence 2011



**PLUMBER OF THE YEAR**  
Justin Drifill Vivian Plumbing



**GASFITTER OF THE YEAR**  
David Gray Bunbury Hot Water & Gas



**ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**  
Kelly's Hot Water Gas & Air



**WATER SAVING PRODUCT OF THE YEAR**  
Kiri Hi Rise Shower, Methven Australia Pty Ltd



**ENERGY SAVING PRODUCT OF THE YEAR**  
24-7 Star equivalent continuous Flow, Rheem Australia Pty Ltd



**BEST WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY PRACTICE IN A BUSINESS**  
Kelly's Hot Water Gas & Air

And the winners are...

**TRADELINK APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR**  
Timothy Humble Employed by MPA Skills, host employer Ablett Plumbing Pty Ltd

**PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD PLUMBER OF THE YEAR**  
Justin Drifill Vivian Plumbing

**PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD MAINTENANCE PLUMBING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**  
Quality Plumbing & Gas Pty Ltd

**PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD CONSTRUCTION PLUMBING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**  
Altona Plumbing & Civil

**ATCO GAS AUSTRALIA GASFITTER OF THE YEAR**  
David Gray Bunbury Hot Water & Gas

**WACIRF ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**  
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