

Daniel Ledbury

Entry for MBA Young Builder of
the Year 2013



History Page

- Completed HSC
- Completed 1 year of bachelor of building at Newcastle university
- Completed carpentry and joinery trade -
- Completed 3 year building supervision course
- Completed CAD drafting course
- Completed Small business course
- Completed first aid course
- Have put on 5 apprentices over the years

1993 started my trade with Our town Constructions and was supervising high end residential projects by my third year . By my 5th year with Our Town Constructions became Estimator/ supervisor for the company. In 2000 decided to start my own company Ledbury Constructions . I kicked off doing extensions and renovations and in 2004 won a high end new residential project in Merewether. The Livingstone street project won the 2005 MBA Custom built homes \$50000 - \$100000 category and launched my career in high end beach front/ coastal homes. Since then I have worked with some of the best architects and consultants in the area and continue to build some of the most prestigious homes in the region.

MBA Awards.

2005 - Custom built homes \$50000 - \$100000

2007 – Custom built homes over \$100000

2007 - Housing builder of the year

Formed a new company Ledbury Blatchford Constructions with Todd Blatchford

2009 – Custom built homes \$100000 - \$200000

2009 Housing Builder of the year

2011 – Custom built homes over \$100000

2011 – Housing builder of the year

This year 2013 we have entries in

- additions and renovations over \$500000

Custom built homes \$1000000 - \$2000000

Custom built homes over \$2000000

Some of the projects we have done have been in Houses magazine, ArchitectureAu, Hunter Lifestyle magazine and the Newcastle Herald several times. Also have had three houses featured in the Australian Architects Association Newcastle Open House Tour.

Nomination

I have nominated Daniel Ledbury for the 2013 Young Builder of the Year .

As Daniel's business partner of 8 years , I feel he is an outstanding professional within our industry who has achieved amazing results of which I doubt have ever been done before at such a young age .

Our business is strongly regarded as the benchmark in quality construction in Newcastle , a city renowned for its incredible workmanship , and it's Daniels attention to detail in every facet of the business that is crucial to this success. Daniel keeps at the forefront of the industry by regularly researching, reading industry updates , completing business management/safety courses and continually keeping abreast of all information, regulations and codes within the construction industry .

I dont know of anyone as quiet and humble as Daniel and Im sure he would be a well-deserved recipient of this years award both locally and Nationally .

Todd Blatchford - Director of Ledbury Blatchford constructions Pty Ltd

Regards ,

Todd Blatchford - 0438-680830

www.ledburyblatchfordconstruction.com.au

MBA- Multi Award Winning Builders

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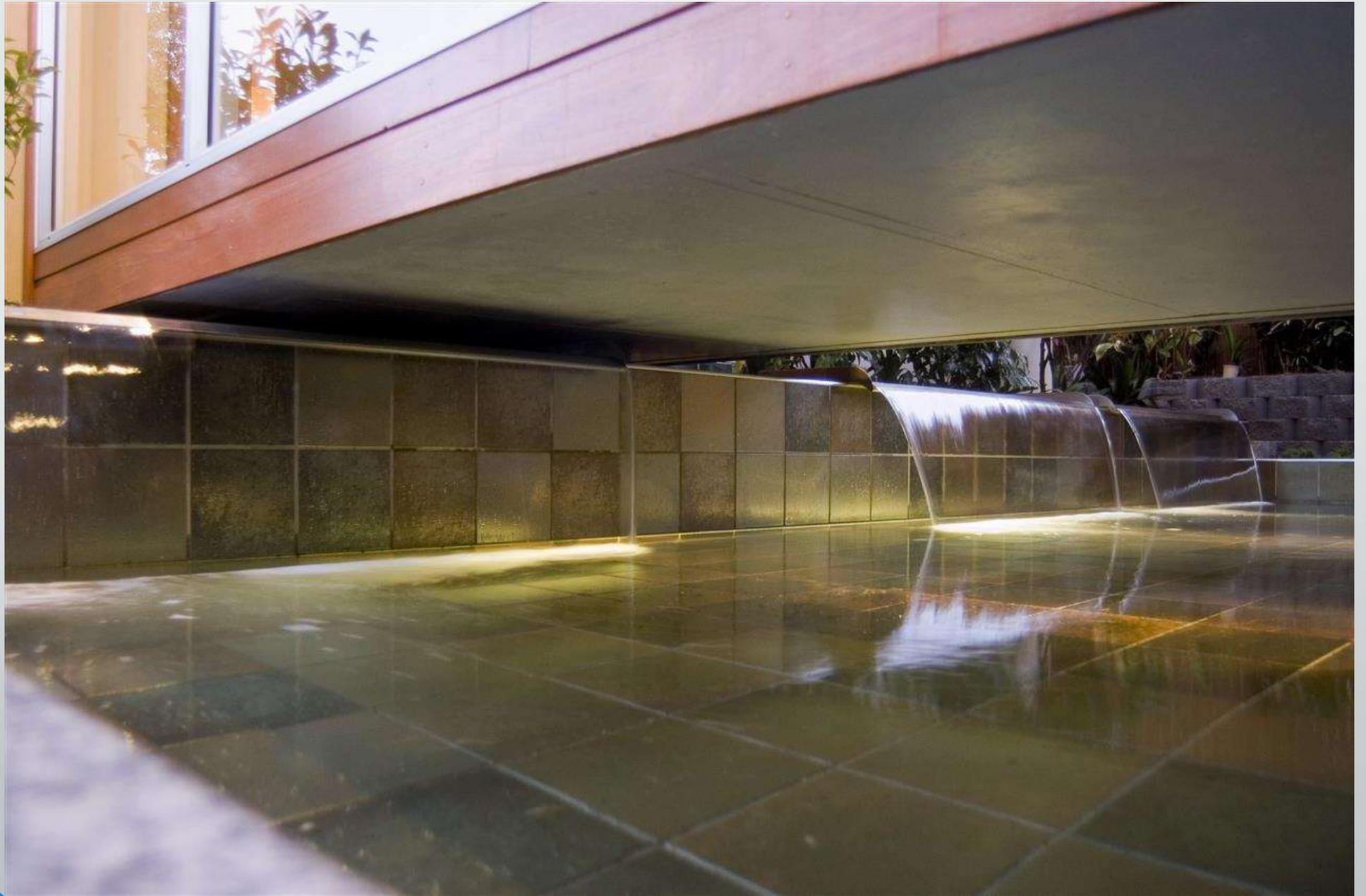
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John & Jennifer Tuckerman
18 Debs Parade
DUDLEY NSW 2290

3 April 2013

To whom it may concern

Daniel Ledbury (Ledbury Constructions Pty Ltd) was the builder of our current residence at 18 Debs Parade, Dudley NSW 2290.

The project was a residential knockdown/rebuild with a project building cost exceeding \$1.5 Million.

Our home was completed in late 2006, and Ledbury Constructions Pty Ltd won the 2007, Newcastle Master Builders Association Excellence in Building Award in the custom built homes over \$1.0 Million category for the construction of our home. Such an award speaks eloquently of the quality of workmanship. The building was completed in an acceptable elapsed time, with a minimum of fuss or disagreement, and without dispute in regard to costs.

We have had the pleasure of many compliments about our home since construction by numerous trades and well qualified observers and have been pleased to recommend Daniel to other home seekers.

Similarly, we gladly supply this reference and commend Daniel for his workmanship, organization skills and trustworthiness.

Yours faithfully

John Tuckerman

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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: DANIEL LEDBURY – LEDBURY CONSTRUCTIONS

PROJECT: MAJOR EXTENSIONS & RENOVATIONS – 19 DEBS PARADE, DUDLEY 2290

In 2007 my wife and I entered into a Building Contract with Daniel Ledbury to undertake significant renovations and extensions to our property in Debs Parade, Dudley. The Contract works exceeded \$500,000.

The terms and conditions of the Building Contract were fully met by Daniel and we were extremely satisfied with the project from start to finish.

Daniel displayed a high level of skill and knowledge in the resolution of building issues that arose from time to time and assisted in the selection of building products that ensured a high quality finish which we desired. The building was built on time and on budget. The relationship with Daniel, his employees and subcontractors was very professional resulting in an enjoyable building experience.

We would have no hesitation in recommending Daniel Ledbury from Ledbury Constructions to any prospective building client requiring a quality builder with a high level of skill and knowledge and the ability to achieve an outstanding building result for his client.

Yours faithfully

Paul Finlay

Managing Director

Lake Group Property Services Pty Ltd

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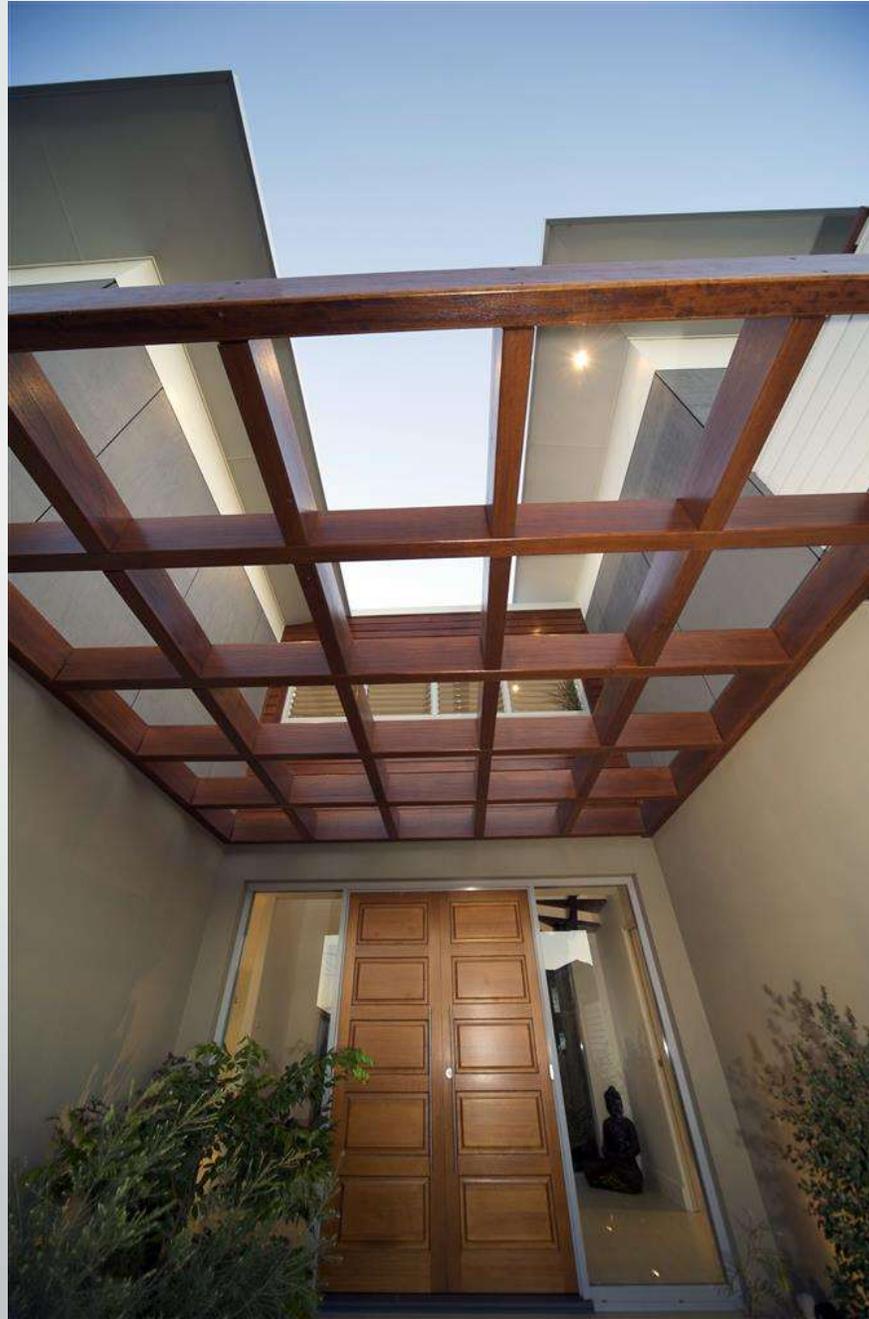
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3rd April 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

It is a distinct pleasure to recommend to you Daniel Ledbury, from Ledbury Blatchford Constructions Pty Ltd, for the Young Builder of the Year Award for 2013. Daniel has built many of my residential projects over the last 10 years and I could not recommend him more highly.

One of the terrific things about Daniel is his integrity. Daniel is honest and goes above and beyond any Contractual agreements to deliver buildings that are beautifully crafted, on budget and on time. Daniel leads by example. His team and subcontractors are well organized and efficiently producing high quality work in a friendly manner.

Daniel is always striving to make things better. If he sees an opportunity or a new way of constructing a detail, he will ring to discuss the option and often he is correct. Daniel is a very good communicator. He listens well and will quietly put his opinion across. I have built over 6 million dollars in residential projects with Daniel and not had any miscommunications occur.

Building is a dangerous and eventful profession. I have watched Daniel take huge care of his workers and his site. When incidents have arisen, Daniel remains calm and professional whilst quickly rectifying any issues.

Once again, I am very happy to recommend Daniel for Young Builder of the Year Award For 2013 and feel he would be very deserving of this accolade.

Yours Sincerely
Helen Stronach

Bar Beach



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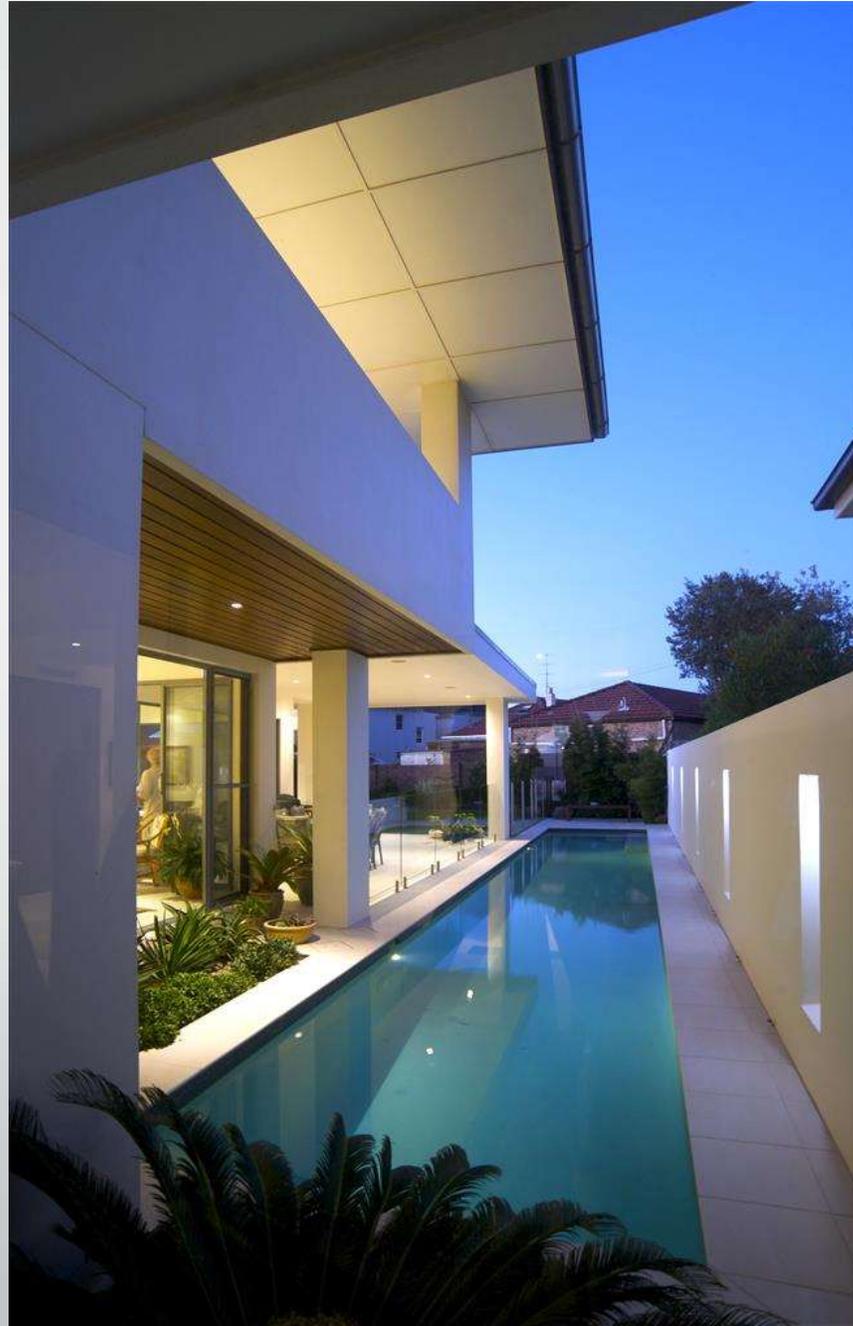
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Daniel was one of three builders considered for the construction of our new home. Each builder took us on an inspection of their latest project, The superior quality of Daniel's project was obvious even to a layman, and the owner was lavish in her praise of Daniel as an operator.

Daniel was hesitant about having my wife and I as building supervisors, but this gave us a chance to watch him work, and see first hand the respect shown to him by the various contractors. His attention to detail was obvious. When some horrific weather caused a few problems over a long weekend, both Daniel and Todd were on site before we were, and we lived just around the corner.

We have lived in the house for nearly five years, and any request for help with a problem has been met with a minimum of fuss. Friends of ours in the building industry have praised the quality of build and finish. We love it. In summary, I have found Daniel to be a skilled craftsman, ethical, and a pleasure to do business with.

Dr Jeffrey Cameron

The Hill



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March 24, 2013

To whom it may concern:

We write in support of Daniel Ledbury's nomination for MBA young builder of the year.

Daniel (working with his partner Todd Blachford) and architect Helen Stronach renovated our house between September 2006 and June 2007. It was a very extensive renovation and resulted in a rebuilding of most of the house, while still retaining the memory and several of the features of the original.

At all times Daniel was a pleasure to work with; steady, reliable and always available. At all times he was concerned with providing quality and professional work. This meant we had excellent contractors who worked well with Daniel and his team. There was always a spirit of camaraderie on the site and everyone seemed to be pleased to be working on the team. Especially important was the relationship between builder and architect, with each willing to listen to the other and offer suggestions. We believe we got a much better house because of that.

Everything in our house was done carefully and precisely and Daniel and his team were adept at creatively solving any problems that arose. Of course at the time you don't always realize what that means – it becomes clear only later when you see other houses where the work is not so well done. In our house everything is fitted precisely together and all the work is finished to a high standard using quality materials.

It is now almost five years since we moved in and Daniel and the team still stays involved with the house --- ready to help out when we needed to replace an old retaining wall along one side of the property.

As usual a couple of issues have arisen since completion (one only recently) and Daniel came quickly and willingly to put things right – and we know that will continue to provide this level of follow --- up into the future.

We greatly appreciate Daniel's expertise, professionalism and friendship.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Heinrich and Brian Alspach

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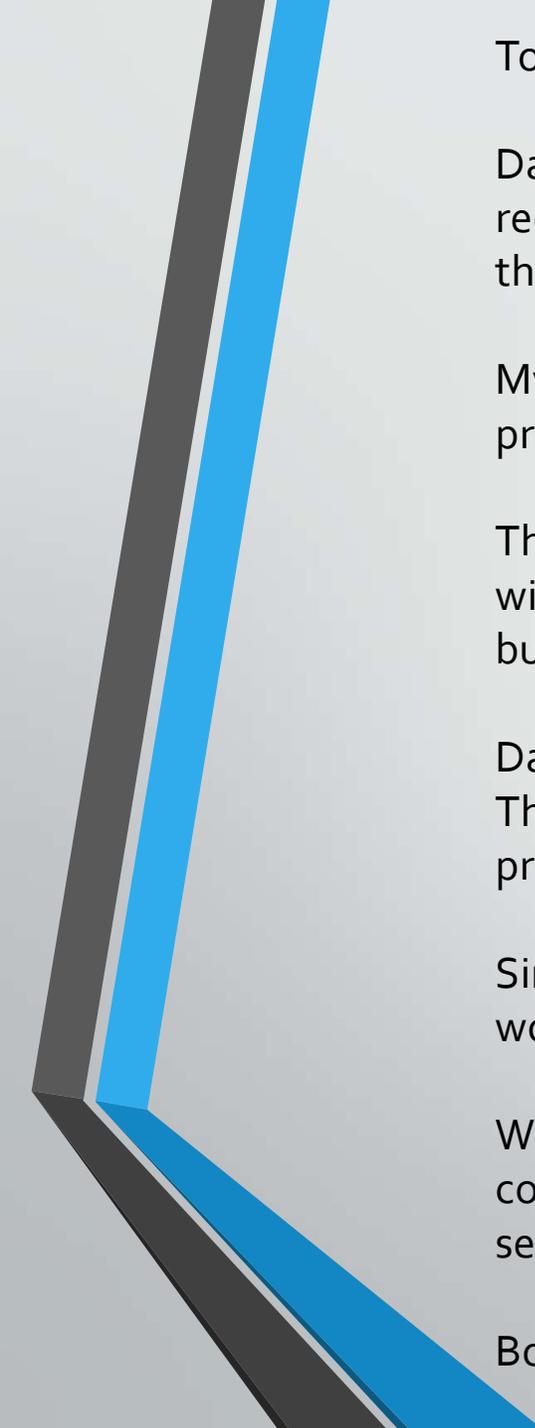


Parkway



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To whom it may concern

Daniel Ledbury was employed by us to construct a new, architecturally designed house requiring a high standard of construction and finish, using products capable of withstanding the hostile environment of a beachside situation in Newcastle.

My husband and I have built and renovated several properties over the last 20 years but Daniel proved to be the most efficient, reliable and conscious builder that we have ever used.

The standard of workmanship was excellent and of the highest quality. Daniel worked closely with both ourselves and the architect to achieve a beautiful residence which came in within the budget and timetable that had been originally agreed upon.

Daniels' previous experience of working in difficult seaside environments proved invaluable. The durability of the products used has meant that the routine maintenance required on the property, as on all properties, has been virtually nil since completion 4 years ago.

Since the completion we have had many positive comments on the high quality of workmanship and design of the house.

We would have no hesitation in recommending Daniel Ledbury to others who were considering building a new house or renovating an existing property. If we ever required the services of a builder again Daniel would be at the top of the list.

Bob and Meryl Bishop

Robinson Street Merewether



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Description of entry: Merewether Beach House

Although this home is situated in one of Merewether's most spectacular positions, it is an extremely exposed site, which meant that all materials used had to withstand all that the coastal environment could "throw and blow" at it. The ocean baths opposite were used as a guide in the design – they're heavy, they're masonry and they're white! And our client has swum there every morning for years and years.

The Concept: The minimalist yet complex design features huge suspended overhangs and large, simple, projected planes which are used to protect it from the south-easters. The strict engineering and detailed steel reinforcement allowed all the window and door heads to be finished flush. The pitched concrete roof and gutters and bulk forms were all reduced as much as possible for aesthetics, however this made it extremely difficult to build.

During construction the main power lines had to be removed for crane access and the large glass panels had to be fitted under the soffits using specialised equipment and personnel.

Throughout the home timber acts as a warm counterpoint to the robustness of the concrete. It features in the entry door, privacy screens and in the custom joinery items.

The home's design and construction is something new for Newcastle. Using simple materials in very complex details, it is this restraint and appreciation of context which allows you to celebrate the view, but not be dictated by it. This will prove in time, what an amazingly well-built home it is. We assure that this is very comforting for the owners when they look up from the ocean baths each morning as they do their laps.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Four years ago in 2009 we awarded the construction of our new home at 1 Robinson Street Merewether with Daniels company Ledbury Blatchford..

We are delighted with the result which included the MBA Building of the Year Award.

This excellent result has come about via Daniel Ledbury's efforts during the construction and we would gladly use he's company again.

In 1995 Daniel worked on a building for us in Valentine when he was an apprentice and to see him now with a total knowledge of the building industry and he's exceptional commitment to detail impressed us even more.

We take pleasure in supporting Daniel's nomination for the 2013 Young Builder of the Year award.

Regards,
Geoffrey & Maureen Barnett.

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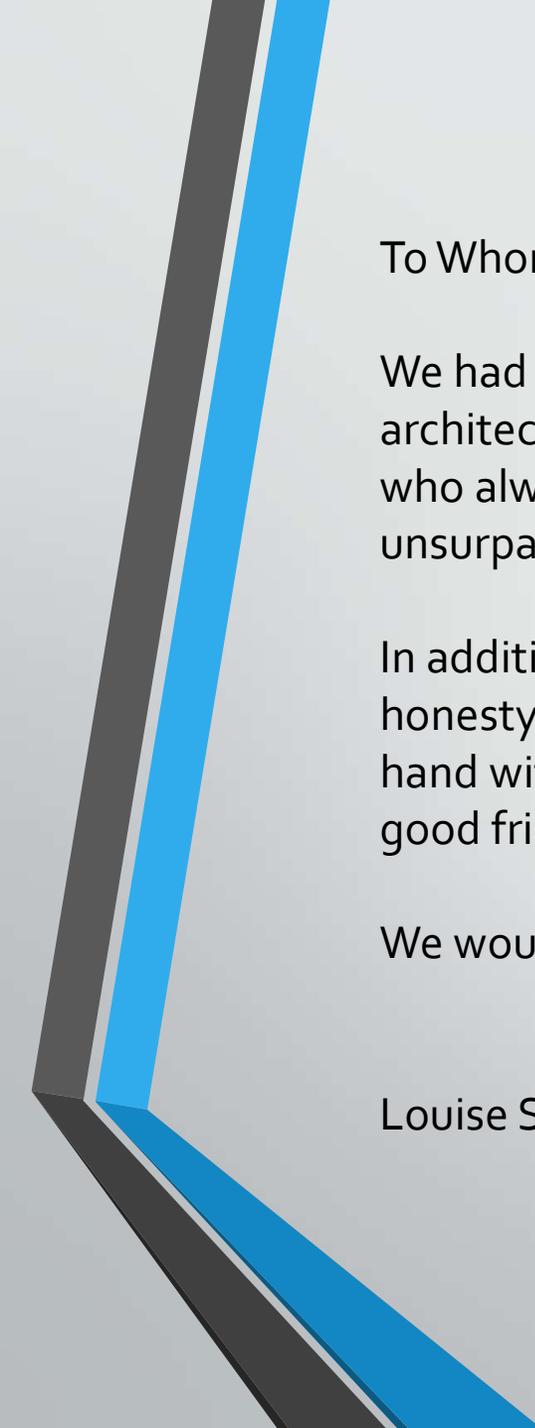


Merewether Beach House



Merewether Beach House





To Whom It May Concern

We had the pleasure of working with Daniel Ledbury when Ledbury Blatchford Constructions built our architect designed house during 2011. Without a doubt, Daniel is a highly skilled building professional who always has his client's interests as his main priority. His technical and construction knowledge is unsurpassed, and his high standard of his workmanship is evident in the projects he has managed.

In addition to his high standard of constructions skills, Daniel demonstrated integrity, humility and honesty in all his dealings with us. Daniel was always contactable when we needed to talk and always on hand with cost saving measures. He made the build a very enjoyable process and we now count him as a good friend.

We would have no hesitation in recommending Daniel to our friends and associates.

Louise Slavin and Michael Summers

Description of entry: Merewether Bush House

This home in Merewether Heights is situated on the single largest block of residential land within Newcastle City Council boundaries.

The Concept:

It was extremely complex to build due to its isolated location down a steep access driveway with a limited work area for deliveries, cranes etc.

This was overcome by utilising all the excavated spoil from the rear of the site to enlarge the area at the base of the drive which later became the kids' play area.

The integrated 14 metre wet-edged lap pool is situated over the natural gorge on the northern side of the home. The existing concrete slab was fully utilised and only a small section was added on the western end to accommodate the master bed ensuite to the original footprint. Then a new slab was poured over the old which incorporated a fully insulated gas hydronic floor heating system.

Inside the home the rooms are divided by detailed timber furniture and stairs with every room having a different feel based on aspect, ceiling height and use.

The home is very unique and the special points of detail too numerous to mention here. The result is spectacular and the owners and the architect are extremely proud of the finished project.

Merewether Bush House



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Re: Nomination for Young Builder of the Year, Mr Daniel Ledbury

We first met Daniel when introduced by our architect, Chris Tucker, along with his business partner Todd Blatchford, in 2010 when we were finding builders for our extensive house renovation. Our first impression of Daniel was of a quiet, unassuming and very friendly guy who we could tell was going to be easy to work with. Our experiences throughout the build reinforced this impression. Daniel's attributes combined with his extensive building knowledge give us no hesitation in recommending Daniel as Newcastle Master Builders Association 2013 Young Builder of the Year.

From the very beginning during quotation and contract negotiations the information provided by Daniel was highly detailed, honest and accurate. He took the time to ensure all our questions were answered. We were happy to proceed with Daniel and Todd on a cost-plus basis. It was clear their priority was building our dream home and thus, we could trust them to be mindful of costs but still deliver on the quality we desired.

It was impressive for us to observe the amazing coordination required to bring a lot of talented trades together to run a project like our's, let alone two other complex architect designed beachfront homes at the same time. Daniel's leadership and effective communication ensured that he could get maximum productivity out of his team at all times. He constantly adjusts his workforce to ensure that the job can continue most efficiently, working around those tasks that have to happen now. He is acutely aware of which of his employees is best suited to a particular task in order to get the work done most efficiently but also of the highest quality.

Daniel demonstrated an ability to keep the job on schedule despite building in the wettest year in recent times. His coordination with suppliers, subcontractors and efficient use of equipment when hired on site meant there were minimal delays. He was always aware of keeping costs to a minimum, be it through efficient building processes or negotiating with suppliers. Daniel acted in our interest.

Daniel's frank communication and honesty ensured we were aware of all important factors when making the many decisions involved in building a house. Site meetings were called frequently for discussion of details ourselves, the architect, our engineer or any trade that had a tricky details to realize. Daniel was frequently the one to step in with the ultimate plan to create the best outcome.

Equally, when a design or finish change was needed, we were given clear guidance the options of how to build and integrate the change as well as the expected cost implications. In short, we could trust Daniel totally to provide highly skilled, professional and honest advice throughout the building process. Daniel's ability to balance the bigger picture while ensuring everything was built to the exact millimetre meant quality was never sacrificed. His knowledge of building standards and specific DA conditions (our home is in a fire zone) was seen on a daily basis and his ability to incorporate these standards into a high quality finish was outstanding. Complicated details demanded by the design did not phase Daniel. He is driven to help realize the architect's and client's vision, resulting in some innovative features in our house never seen before. It was clear to us when building, and obvious now living in our home, that Daniel could see the finished product as the frame went up and did everything to ensure that it was perfect.

There are not too many people who can say they have enjoyed building their home, but we can honestly say that we felt involved and happy with every stage of our renovation. We are indebted to Daniel for his role in creating for us a home that far exceeded our expectations.

Dr Tod Eggleton - Maree Eggleton

Description of entry, Curved Beach House:

Situated on the bluff overlooking Bar Beach, the residence faces due east and enjoys vast ocean vistas, with the Newcastle city skyline clearly visible to the north.

The Concept: The concept for the residence is comprised of two main forms: a subtle, sweeping curved form supported within a more rigid L shaped masonry element. The broad curve allows the building to enhance the views, but also protects it from the harsh coastal environment. Spanning the northern elevation, the curved, tiled façade creates a dramatic presence while functionally containing the living spaces, a plunge pool terrace and master bedroom. All benefit from the ample light and breeze created by the unique design.

The construction process was extremely complex with numerous items like the “Butech” ventilated tile facade system being used for the first time on a residence in Australia.

On the third floor we have a substantial plunge pool, finishing flush with the internal floor levels. The lotus glass doors facing the east have customised drains which are made to incorporate the flush internal to external floor levels.

The building is set out from a massive 28 metre radius, continually plotted from grids laid out by a registered surveyor. The tight spiral institu stairs formed up using concrete and glass are a triumph in themselves.

In a nutshell this is a fully integrated luxurious family home, meticulously built so the clients could enjoy the beautiful surrounding environment for many, many years to come.

Curved Beach House



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To whom it may concern

We chose to work with Daniel Ledbury because he had a reputation for not only building the best quality sea-side homes in Newcastle, but also because he cared about what happened after the keys were handed over. Daniel has a calm presence even when the inevitable, "Grand Design" moments happen and everyone else has gone into panic mode, which was very reassuring to us as owners and vital in the management of the scores of trades who worked on the project. His commitment to our home and helping us get the best out of it since we moved in has been outstanding.

Amber Moncrieff

Dudley



Dudley



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Dudley



References

- Chris Tucker – Herd Architects
- Helen Stronach – Architect - Refer to Marks Point Property
- Jon Webber – Webber Architects
- McKendry Hunt Architects
- Peter Scott - ScottechPlumbing
- Todd Bailey - Northrop Engineers
- Robert Winbank – Northrop Engineers
- Shane Blue – Bourne + Blue Architects
- David Nadin – Nadin West Joinery
- Luke – Vision Pools

Reference for **Daniel Ledbury**

To whom it may concern:

I am very pleased to be able to support Daniel with this reference.

I have worked with Daniel on a few projects previously, but had the opportunity to work with him closely on a complex and large house in Merewether beginning in 2010.

It is rare to find a builder, or anyone else involved in the design and construction industry, to be so effective in solving problems and finding opportunities for building better houses more efficiently.

The house in Merewether was particularly complex given the steep site, the partial re use of the existing house, and the large amount of detailing that every part of the house, the pool and fabricated furniture required. The details weren't part of the original tender set, they were worked out on site in discussion with Daniel and then occasionally drawn as a record. This process allows the opportunities and possibilities to be discussed before hand, and a process that Daniel is highly skilled in being able to work out. It involves an ability to think three dimensionally before the part has been built, and to understand the consequences and cost of a particular decision on the next stages of construction. For this reason many of the details within the house aren't my own, they are a true collaboration between builder and designer. I'm indebted to Daniel for this, and look forward to the next project where we can do this again.

I have no hesitation in recommending Daniel for any building award he is involved with, he undertakes his work with enthusiasm and insight that makes the building process work much better for designer and owners alike.

Please don't hesitate to contact me further should you wish to discuss this reference further.

Chris Tucker M.Phil B.Arch(Hons1) B.Sc(Arch)

To Whom It May Concern

I am a Registered Architect and the Director of Webber Architects, a local business focussing on producing high quality architecture for commercial and residential clients. I have engaged Daniel Ledbury on behalf of my clients for the construction of a home under a Cost Plus building project administered by the architect. I recommend Daniel Ledbury to my clients for quality workmanship. The impressive standard of workmanship is evident on our most recent project with Daniel, a new luxury residence Merewether. I have found Daniel him to be honest with good communication skills. Daniel is always willing to listen and address concerns raised during the construction stage and innovative in the approach of problem solving on site. The clients involved as part of the building 'team' have been very satisfied with the quality of the finished product. Daniel works to an extremely high level of detail and when problems are uncouted he shows excellent customer service by resolving the problem in a timely manner. Please do not hesitate to call if you wish to discuss the above further.

Kind Regards,

webberarchitects

Jon Webber

To whom it may Concern,

I am a Registered Architect working in Newcastle and I have provided Design, Documentation and Contract Administration for the following project in which Ledbury Blatchford Constructions was the builder. McKendry Hunt Architects Pty Ltd has been operating for a period of ten years in Newcastle, specialising in residential and small scale commercial design.

New House, 1 Robinson Street, Merewether

The project consisted of a new multi level house with attached garages, and an inground swimming pool. The site has particular challenges in regard to slope, exposure, access and compliance. The works were completed in 2010.

Ledbury Blatchford were very professional in their approach, and we understand that the owners were very pleased with the construction standards and the working relationship with the builder. My company, and my clients have been happy with the quality of workmanship, work ethic, and overall approach to the projects from Ledbury & Blatchford. The project has proceeded to a good outcome for all concerned, winning the Lower Hunter Urban Design Award for Residential Dwellings 2011.

In particular, in addition to the skills of Todd Blatchford, Daniel Ledbury was an absolute asset to the project. Daniel has a quiet, unassuming manner, which belies the depth of his skills. Daniel is an extremely knowledgeable young builder, with an agreeable, "can do" attitude which is highly valued in the project team. Daniel is adept at problem solving and communicates well with clients and authorities. I would have no hesitation in recommending Daniel Ledbury for the prestigious "MBA Young Builder of the Year Award 2013".

I look forward to working with Ledbury Blatchford again further in the future. Should you require any further information, please contact the writer.

Yours Faithfully,
McKendry Hunt Architects
Debra McKendry-Hunt

Master Builders Young Builder of the year award 2013

I submit this letter of support for Daniel Ledbury as a nominee in the Master Builders Young Builder of the year award 2013.

Scottech Plumbing & Roofing Pty Ltd has been contracting to Daniel Ledbury & more recently Ledbury Blatchford Constructions for the past 12 years on various projects from Domestic renovations to High end Beach front dwellings. In that time working with Daniel on some very challenging projects it has always given me great piece of mind that he is in control of the project as he possesses skills & experience that can solve most problems. Daniel has an eye for detail that will keep all sub trades on their toes in order to deliver a quality product to the client. He brings all trades together so we all feel part of the project & are equally proud of the finished product on completion.

Daniel has over 20 years' experience in the building trade on all levels, he has worked as a builder's labourer, then apprentice carpenter & now Builder. Because of Daniels no fuss nature & reservations about promoting himself he has not previously nominated for this award but I believe should have over the last 8 years. Daniel is without doubt one of the finest builders in Newcastle & Australia as his past projects reflect. It is a privilege to work with Daniel as he sets extremely high standards on his projects which can be a challenge but produce a finished product that stands above the his competitors. In short everybody wants to work with Daniel Ledbury to enhance their own businesses & profile.

Regards

Peter Scott – Scottech Plumbing

To Whom It May Concern

I have worked with Daniel Ledbury from Ledbury Blatchford Constructions on a residential project during 2010 to 2012. This project involved the construction of a residence at 103 Frederick Street, Merewether.

During this period, we provided engineering plans and specifications to assist him with constructing this project.

The project at Merewether involved the construction of a three storey architecturally designed residence on a sloping site. The project consisted of reinforced concrete slabs on ground, three suspended levels of reinforced concrete flooring and roof, supported on a mixture of concrete columns, reinforced concrete blockwork and unreinforced masonry. The project also featured a number of timber and aluminium framed awnings.

The construction period for this development ran from October 2010 to February 2012. On this site, Daniel was involved in planning, advice on construction sequences and management of all associated trades and subcontractors.

To the best of our knowledge, this development was worth almost \$1,800,000.00 dollars.

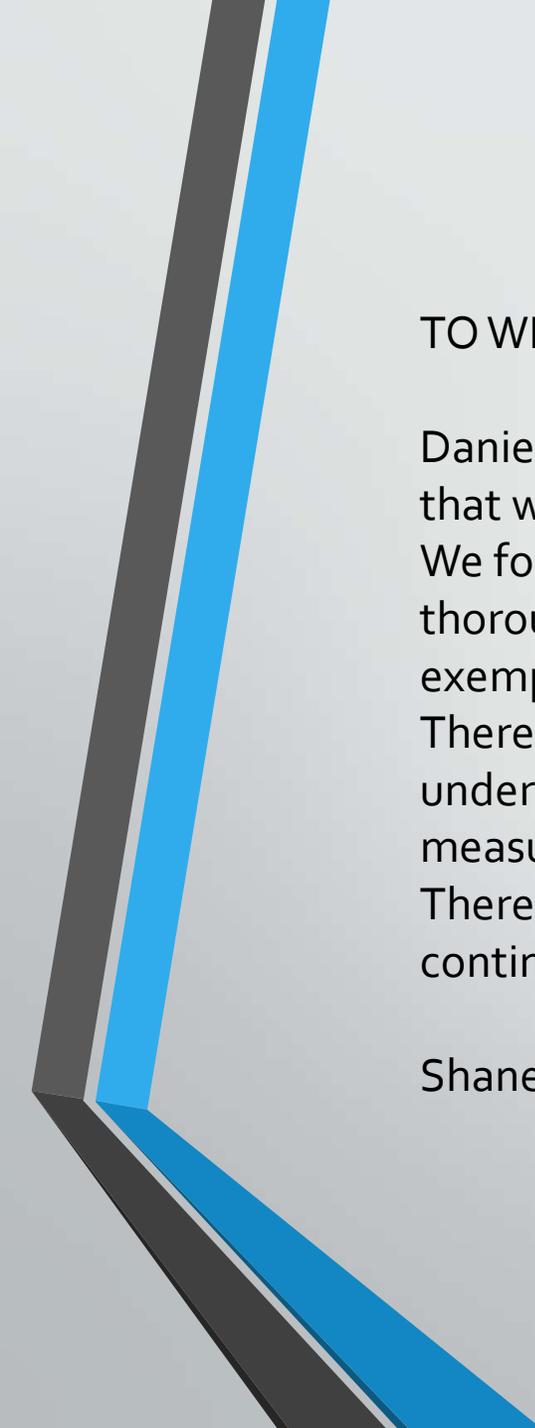
Daniel was very professional in his work ethic and was understanding of the sensitivity of the structure given its location opposite the beach. We established a good working relationship during the project which enabled us to resolve any problems quickly and efficiently.

Daniel demonstrated the forward planning of an experienced builder many times throughout the project and his site management during the period of construction was excellent.

We have no hesitation in providing Daniel with this reference. We know that the standard of construction on this project was of the highest quality.

Regards

Todd Bailey - Northrop Engineers



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Daniel Ledbury, as one of the directors of Ledbury Blatchford, recently built a very significant house that we designed in Frederick St Merewether.

We found Daniel to be very considerate and careful in all aspects of the project. He demonstrated a thorough knowledge of materials and techniques, while his attention to detail and quality was exemplary.

There were some very technical aspects of the project that required a high level of research before undertaking and Daniel carried this out methodically, ensuring that the project was successful by any measure.

There were very little in the whole process that could be faulted and we only hope that Daniel can continue to inspire others within the building industry.

Shane Blue - Bourne + Blue Architects

RE: Nomination Daniel Ledbury for Master Builder Young Builder of the Year.

It is my pleasure to recommend & support Daniel Ledbury from Ledbury Blatchford for nomination for Newcastle Master Builders 2013 Young Builder of the Year.

Nadin West Joinery was contracted by Ledbury Blatchford for the construction of detailed joinery for their project at 38 Kilgour Ave Bar Beach. The project was not your regular every day straight forward build. This job required a lot of forward planning & liaison between accompanying trades, Builders, Architect & Client.

For all concerned on the project we were fortunate to have someone like Daniel to coordinate & mesh all parties together. His involvement commenced with us from tender meetings, site measure, site delivery, shop construction, site install & site detailing. Daniel had an extensive understanding on the end result required being very mindful of budget, coordination of trades & Architect/Client expectations.

Daniel has a fantastic understanding of the finer details, build ability & trade progression required in bringing high end projects together.

There was a number of times that we required clarification as to fine detailing requirements which Daniel was more than obliging to work through with us. If there was a question that he could not answer straight up he would come back to us within hours on the direction we should take to achieve the desired result.

We have no doubt without Daniel on this project it would not have been a success and a smooth running job that we all enjoyed. It is not often that you find a builder that will go out of his way to help his sub trades. Daniel went far & beyond his requirements & obligations as a builder to help sub trades & deliver a fantastic job that we all can be proud of.

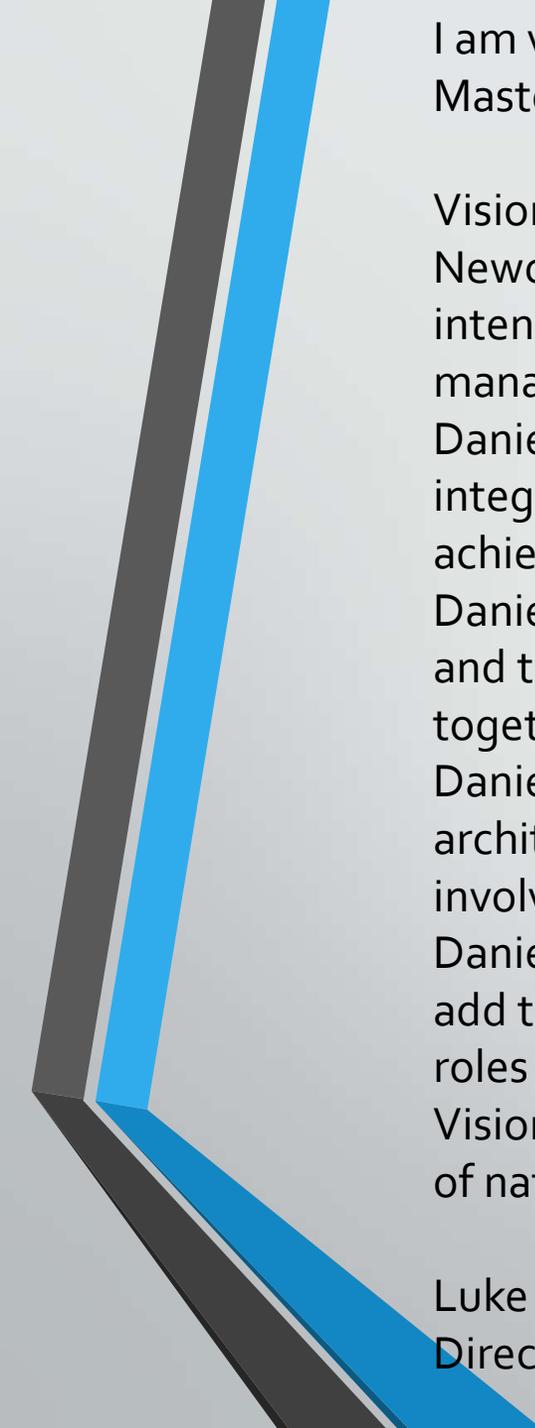
In summary the complexity of the project & extremely high end detailing junctions are a credit to Daniel to have achieved with very little fuss. His vast building knowledge & project management skills is something that Daniel can be very proud of & I am quite sure it is envied by many of his peers.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or information required. I am of no doubt that Daniel is a prime example of status of what The Master Builders –Young Builder Of The Year is all about & he would be a humble recipient & there would be a no more deserving winner that is more than capable of taking out the National Title.

Yours Faithfully,

David B Nadin.

Manager/Estimator - Nadin West Joinery



I am very happy to recommend Daniel Ledbury from Ledbury Blatchford for the nomination for Newcastle Master Builders 2013 Young Builder of the Year.

Vision Pools has been contracted by Ledbury Blatchford for multiple high detail, difficult site pools in the Newcastle area. Of which we have been privileged enough to have won an MBA award with one and intend entering a second in this year's awards. These results could not be achieved without the support and management ability that Daniel possesses.

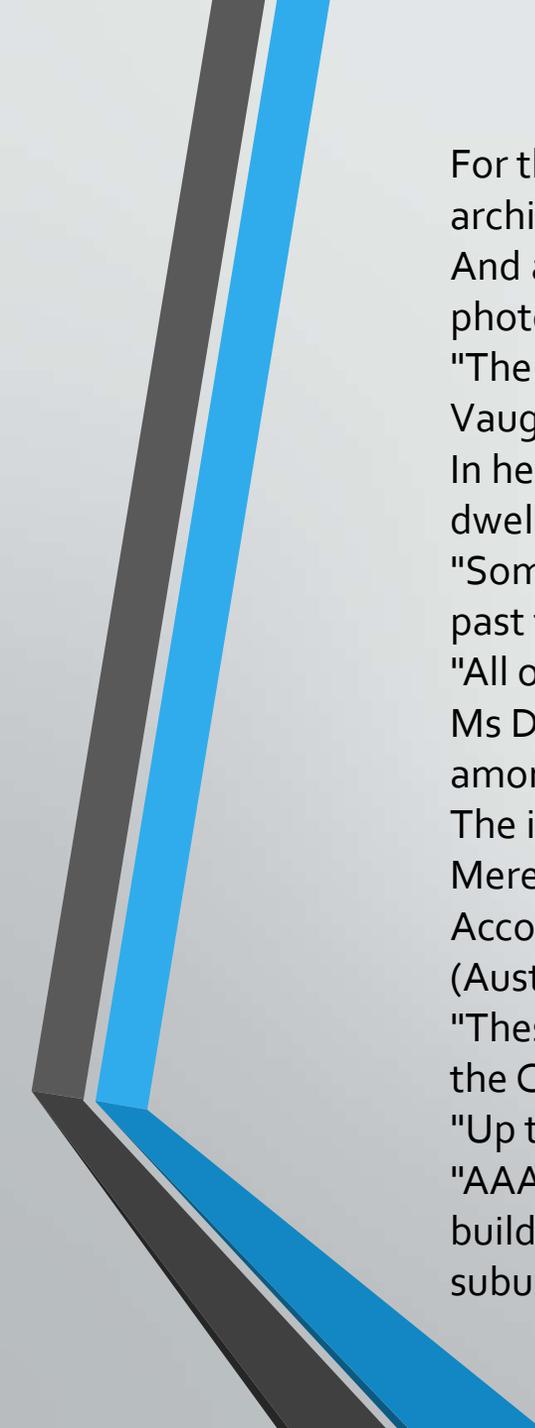
Daniel always plans in advance of the works to be completed on site which allows for a seamless integration between all of the trades on site. The projects continue to flow and a high quality finish is achieved.

Daniel always represents the client's best interests and has a high level of integrity which results in respect and trust from the client and all of the trades involved in bringing these high detail complex projects together.

Daniel has always been a good communicator which helps the flow of information between clients, architects and sub trades. If the inevitable problems arise on site Daniel is able to work through with all involved to quickly and efficiently find the best solution without compromising the final quality outcome. Daniel's broad building knowledge is second to none. He is able to eliminate any potential problems and add to the design across the whole project. Additionally he supports all of the sub trades in their individual roles with this broad knowledge ensuring things are completed at the right time and correctly.

Vision Pools strongly endorses Daniel's nomination for Young builder of the year and believe he is worthy of national recognition for representing himself and the building industry in such a professional way.

Luke Crouch
Director Vision Pools Pty Ltd



For the first time last month the Australian Architecture Association offered tours through 'a series of modern architect designed houses' in inner city Newcastle.

And again Newcastle-based architect by training Laure de Vaugelas has taken the tour and provided images for a photo slideshow, that she has written about for ABC Open.

"The Newcastle Open House tour opened nine houses to the public over the course of a day," writes Ms De Vaugelas, "giving a unique chance to share, understand and appreciate the value of contemporary architecture." In her sneak peek behind the scenes, Ms De Vaugelas explained the motivation of those on the walk from curious dwellers to those with a professional interest.

"Some of us were architects in search of inspiration, others simply there to satiate a curious but healthy thirst to see past the curtains of private life," she writes.

"All of us heard the stories that make up architecture people love to live in."

Ms De Vaugelas has previously written about the not-for-profit architecture walks for ABC Open in a blog Built amongst the vines which linked to a photo slideshow of homes from the Hunter Valley vineyards.

The inner city Newcastle tour covered homes from the suburbs of Cooks Hill, The Junction, Bar Beach and Merewether.

According to the Lock Up Cultural Centre website the Newcastle Open House has morphed from the previous AAA (Australian Architecture Association) successful Newcastle Open events held in 2007, 2008, 2009.

"These Opens involved discovering the delights of a broad range of buildings; commercial, cultural and residential in the CBD.

"Up to 25 architecturally significant city buildings were explored by the public under the guidance of the architects.

"AAA's 2012 intention was to carry on this tradition, however, due to the decline of the city centre and dearth of new buildings of architectural excellence, the AAA elected to concentrate on residential buildings located in the inner suburbs."

Conclusion

MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP

AS WELL AS A QUALITY FINISH YOU ALSO NEED STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY. WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS. FROM THE FOOTINGS TO THE BRICK OR BLOCKWORK, STRUCTURAL STEEL, FRAMING TO THE CLADDING EVERYTHING IS BUILT TO STAND THE TEST OF TIME. ALL BUILDERS FIXINGS, TIES, HOLD DOWNS, BOLTS AND NAILS ETC. ARE MADE FROM QUALITY PRODUCTS TO SUIT THE SURROUNDING CONDITIONS. THROUGH OUT THE CONSTRUCTION STAGE WE TAKE EVERYTHING THAT ONE STEP FURTHER.

WORKMANSHIP IS OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY AND IT SHOWS IN THE FINAL PRODUCT. ALL THE TRADESMAN ARE SPECIALIST IN HIGH QUALITY ARCHITECTUAL BUILDINGS AND TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THEIR WORK.

COMPANY PROFILE

AT LEDBURY CONSTRUCTIONS WE STRIVE TO GIVE OUR CLIENTS THE BEST QUALITY JOB ON BUDGET AND ON TIME. WE ONLY ENGAGE MASTER CRAFTSMAN SO ALL FINISHES AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL ARE PERFECT.

AS WITH ANY NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, THE KEY TO SUCCESS IS COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION. THE OWNERS, ARCHITECT AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THE HOME IS BUILT ON TIME AND WITHIN BUDGET CONSTRAINTS.

WE TRY TO WORK WITH THE ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS THROUGH THE PLANNING STAGES TO HANDOVER AND BEYOND, SO WE ARE ABLE TO PRODUCE A STANDARD OF WORK THAT SUCCESSFULLY REFLECTS THE NEEDS AND WANTS OF OUR CLIENTS. THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE ABILITY TO SET AND MAINTAIN REALISTIC BUDGETS, HAS ENABLED US TO BUILD STRONG, CREDIBLE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR CLIENTELE.

A KEY ASPECT IN PRODUCING SUCH HIGH STANDARD OF WORK LIES IN STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIPS HELD BETWEEN OUR COMPANY AND OUR SUBCONTRACTORS. OUR COMPANY TRULY VALUES THE TRADESPEOPLE WE EMPLOY AND WE ARE REWARDED BY THEIR STRONG WORK ETHIC AND HIGH QUALITY OUTPUT.

THESE FACTORS, COMBINED WITH OUR QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES AND COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES, ENSURE THAT WE GENERATE HIGH QUALITY RESULTS.