

Setting the standard

The new Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry premises on Collie Street was the perfect setting for Business After Hours in January.

It was the first opportunity for many members to have a look over the office and its facilities. Along with ACCI, the designers and builders of the premises, H+H Architects and Wauters Enterprises, hosted the evening with Solargain Great Southern.

ACCI chief executive officer Graham Harvey said the office was a step in the right direction to accommodate Albany's growing business needs. "We now have purpose-built premises providing new office space for our staff, as well as new training and meeting rooms to be used by members," he said.

According to H+H Architects director Tom Stevens, H+H is one of the largest architectural practices in regional Western Australia and works on a wide range of projects including multi-residential, new housing, restoration and commercial.

"We also offer master planning and sustainable design services; are specialists in heritage assessment and adaptive reuse, and believe we can offer our clients good value with our ability to deliver such a diverse range of services from within house," he said.

Tom said the ACCI building sets a new benchmark in environmentally sustainable commercial design in Albany. "The ACCI office has a minimal carbon footprint, utilising abundant natural light and ventilation, coupled with solar power generation and water harvesting," he said.

Wauters Enterprises chief executive Brett Joynes said the company was proud to have been

involved in the delivery of the new ACCI building which was completed in less than 30 weeks.

Wauters Enterprises was founded in 1979 by John Wauters and his father Maurice, today the company's chairman is John's son Dean. "We have a full-time workforce of 25 and employ up to 60 when major projects are underway. We spend about \$15 million a year to locally preferred suppliers and undertake a wide variety of projects," Brett said. "Wauters is the largest commercial builder in the region and we are always keen to work with investors to create future development."

Jason Shore from Solargain Great Southern espoused the benefits of investing in solar energy to reduce power consumption and cut energy costs. Jason said his small and dynamic team were able to provide domestic and commercial tailor-made solar energy solutions that would provide a good return on investment.

On the night the ACCI also launched its new website www.albanycci.com.au and the 2012 ACCI Business Awards.

This year businesses will vie for awards across 17 categories. An application pack can be downloaded from the chamber website and the closing date for all applications in March 2. The ACCI 2012 Business Awards Gala Presentation Dinner will be held on March 30.



▲ ACCI president Trevor Cosh, ACCI CEO Graham Harvey and Nathan Hadlow from South Coast Insurers WA.



▲ Ian Howard, David Heaver and Tom Stevens from H+H Architects.



▲ Nathalie and Dean Wauters, with Brett Joynes from Wauters Enterprises.



▲ Chris Scherer and Jason Shore from Solargain Albany.



▲ Talat Manmud from ANZ with Blue Field from McGregor Mortgages.



▲ Alisha Ryans-Taylor from Hermeneutica, Trish Ryans-Taylor from Virtual Synchronicity and Sally Paulin from Murdoch University.



▲ Rex Beach from Cameron Caravans, Stanley Date from Royale Patisserie, and Michael Pemberton from Community First.



▲ Les and Adrian Hallows from Little Grove Bricklaying & Paving.

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- > Wednesday 15 February
- > 5.30pm - 7.30pm
- > Hosts: Main Roads & Fulton Hogan
- > Venue: Main Roads, 2 Kelly St
- > RSVP to events@albanycci.com.au or fax registration form to 9845 7877 by noon, Friday 10th February