

Brothers honoured as Master Builders Life Members

After teaming up in 1950 to create the local building firm, Robertson Brothers, Keith and Lindsay Robertson admit they never expected it to become one of the most respected and experienced building firms around Gympie and the Sunshine Coast. Now, more than 50 years after first joining Master Builders on 9 April 1963, Keith and Lindsay have been presented with Life Membership at the annual President's Drinks on Monday, 24 November in Brisbane.

With their family, industry peers and the Master Builders Executive in attendance, the brothers were acknowledged and celebrated for their incredible contribution to the building and construction industry.

Master Builders' Executive Director, Grant Galvin, said projects like the Gympie Showgrounds, Noosa Courthouse and the new hospital in Hervey Bay, were just a sample of the pair's portfolio. "While Robertson Brothers' projects have left a remarkable footprint in Gympie and the Sunshine Coast, their lasting legacy to the building industry is in the apprentices they have trained over the years," Mr Galvin said.

"Since inception, the brothers have trained around 35 apprentices, with many of these young men and women now well known, local builders.

"Around 24 Robertson Brothers apprentices have gone on to start their own business. In many instances, Keith and Lindsay gave these qualified apprentices the opportunity to run projects as foremen – a good grounding for when they commenced their own business."

Modest about their achievements, Keith and Lindsay are quick to recognise the local community support they have received over the years. The brothers have had many loyal, long-term employees and give credit to these valued staff, as well as to their contractors and suppliers. In particular, they pay tribute to the calibre of their employees and foremen, many of whom began their career as apprentices with the Robertson Brothers. Though no longer active in the tendering process, Keith and Lindsay remain proud Master Builders members.



Photo: The Robertson brothers join Derek Pingel (centre) and their partners at the annual President's Drinks