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Constructing the vision

MBA award to Bennetts for Elements

OLD and new came together with tremendous results as Bennett Construction last week took out the highest accolade in the state at the Master Builders Association Awards.

The 78-year-old Lismore construction firm won Best Hospitality Building for the the main pavilion buildings at the new Elements of Byron resort in Byron Bay, which opened in February.

Bennett has a long association with the owners of Elements of Byron, having earlier built The Sun Bistro in Byron Bay.

"It's amazing to have a local builder like Bennett win this award for us," Elements of Byron owner Peggy Flannery said.

"It was wonderful that they could realise my vision and my dream," Ms Flannery said.

Bennett managing director Darryl Piper and construction manager Marty Brennan presented the award to Ms Flannery.

"For a Lismore firm to be given the opportunity to build a five-star resort in

Byron Bay was a major accomplishment for us," Mr Piper said.

"To build it in such a short time frame to meet the target opening date was a real challenge and thrill," he said.

Its has been a big month

for Elements of Byron. The MBA Award follows Elements of Byron being named in Forbes Magazine's list of the 25 Coolest Hotels

in the World.

The resort has also been shortlisted in the 2016 Society of British Interior Design International Design Awards with Ms Flannery and interior designer Rowena Cornwell heading to London next week for the Awards Ceremony.

This all comes after the resort won two Awards for Excellence from the Illumination Engineering

Society of Australia and New Zealand.

Bennett Construction is developing a four-storey business precinct at 214 Molesworth St, Lismore.

"With a 5 Star NABERS rating and every conceivable environmental consideration we believe this will be the most outstanding commercial development in the Lismore CBD for twenty years," Mr Piper said.

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PROUD RESULT: Marty Brennan and Darryl Piper from Bennett Construction presenting the MBA Award to Peggy Flannery from Elements of Byron.

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