

A quality, versatile complex

■ Maureen Eppen

An exterior colour scheme that makes the buildings stand out, and the use of different cladding materials, gave a winning apartment complex by D.A. Burke Builders, in Onslow, plenty of visual appeal. The complex of two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartments incorporates Designstone external wall framing, plus prefabricated steel stud frame internally.

“The Designstone walling system is a visually appealing, quick, thermally efficient and cyclone-compliant product that is low maintenance,” the judges said.

“This is a consistently well-built complex, with attention to detail shown by the builder.

“It is a well laid out, versatile complex, allowing for open common-use areas that allow clear access to the amenities of the complex.” The judges said the complex offered a quality livable environment for FIFO or permanent workers who needed safe, functional lodgings.

Using energy efficient, low-maintenance building materials and appliances with low energy and water-use requirements resulted in an overall



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sustainable complex, they said.

In considering the merits of an individual apartment within the complex, the judges were impressed by the great attention to detail in even the smallest aspects of construction.

“The well-designed apartment uses the floor space to give two separate sleeping zones with shared living and meals



areas, plus a balcony area,” they said.

The paint scheme and tile choices added to the unit’s appeal from the street and within the complex, they said.

“The apartment offers much-needed quality accommodation in a growing mining and port town, and such units offer comfortable living options for the mainly FIFO workforce,” they said.

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