



Building Services Authority

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Free contractor education shows a hit with local contractors

Feedback from contractors who attended last month's free building education seminars was overwhelmingly positive Queensland Building Services Authority (BSA) acting general manager Col Wright said today.

The seminars, hosted by the Queensland Building Services Authority (BSA) and Construction Skills Queensland, were held in Roma and Charleville in December.

Mr Wright said BSA had run a series of "SuperShows" in major regional centres over the past year.

"The response to the SuperShows was so positive that we decided to run 'mini shows' in more remote areas to ensure regional contractors also have access to this great educational tool," he said.

The seminars included presentations aimed at improving the work practices and standards of local building and trade contractors.

Attendees at the Roma and Charleville events said the seminars had "good presentations" with "a lot of new information" that was "clearly explained", and gave contractors "food for thought".

Mr Wright said BSA and Construction Skills Queensland run these shows at no cost to contractors with the aim of helping them avoid building pitfalls, and to keep them informed about new standards and regulations.

"These shows, along with a number of other initiatives that BSA has put into place in recent years, have contributed to BSA receiving fewer complaints about building defects.

"We have more licensed contractors working in Queensland than ever before, but the number of defects being reported is steadily reducing.

"These regional Contractor Education Seminars are just another example of how BSA is ***helping Queenslanders build better.***"

"BSA will be hosting more Seminars and SuperShows this year in regional and remote areas, including a seminar in Goondiwindi on 7 February 2008. For more information or to book a place at a Seminar near you, visit www.bsa.qld.gov.au or call 1300 BSA BSA (1300 272 272)."

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