

Judges lavish praise on winner

A STUNNING apartment building at the entrance to Mandurah's Ocean Marina has been named winner of the Building Designers Association of WA's 2010 award for multi-residential medium or high-rise developments.

The award, to Gary Keen, of Gary Keen Design, was announced at the BDAWA annual design awards gala presentation dinner at the University Club of WA on Saturday night.

The judges made the following observations of the award-winning project:

"A contemporary luxury apartment complex capturing the essence of waterfront living as a bold, eye-catching sentinel at the seaward entry to one of Australia's most pic-



The kitchen in the stunning award-winning apartment building in Mandurah's Ocean Marina.

turesque ocean marinas called for nothing less than spectacular design.

"The landmark site on the tip of the Mandurah marina peninsula had been earmarked for a showpiece de-

velopment to make an iconic entry statement, and Gary Keen inherited stringent design criteria and guidelines to make it happen.

"Breathtaking views are captured with floor-to-ceiling

glazing which opens on to spacious balconies to provide generous outdoor living areas.

"Sliding louvre screens offer both shade and privacy. The seamless integration of all these elements contributes to a stunning architectural form."

The association's overall 2010 Design Excellence Award, chosen from among 18 category award winners, was also won by Gary Keen, for a spectacular riverfront residence in Salter Point, which had been entered in the category for homes of more than 450sqm floor space.

All winning designs will compete for national awards in Adelaide early next year.