

## Hon Geoff Brock MP

Minister for Regional Development  
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### **Loxton Research Centre wins Master Builders Award**

The newly redeveloped Loxton Research Centre has topped the state at the Master Builders SA 2017 Building Excellence Awards.

At an award ceremony on Friday, Riverland-based company Michael Kregar Building Pty Ltd received the Excellence in a Commercial/Industrial Building (\$2 million – \$5 million) Award for its work on the new component of the Loxton Research Centre.

### **Background**

The total redevelopment, which included refurbishment of the existing centre and the building of the new conference facility, was valued at \$7.5 million.

The project was managed by Primary Industries and Regions SA, and funded as part of the \$265 million Australian Government-funded South Australian River Murray Sustainability (SARMS) Program.

Locals can visit a free SA Living Artists (SALA) exhibition, taking place in the new conference facility, from now until August 25 during business hours.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Regional Development Geoff Brock**

I congratulate Michael Kregar Building and its contractors and suppliers who have delivered a building of outstanding quality which has been recognised with this award.

The building's external aesthetics and its position overlooking the old walnut orchard sees the centre fit seamlessly into its environment.

Inside, the adaptable rooms, modern fitout and technology show it's more than just an attractive exterior.

The centre is a great showcase for South Australia's extraordinary River Murray region, supporting and promoting our global reputation as a leader in agriculture and producer of premium food and wine from our clean environment.

## **Quotes attributable to Michael Kregar Building Pty Ltd Director Michael Kregar**

The redevelopment was one of the largest projects we've done since forming the company in 2007 – and we're extremely proud to have been part of this project, particularly as a proud Riverland contractor.

It was a big step up for us, not just in labour but administration and exposure, but it has been a fantastic experience and a great boost of confidence not just for us but the local contractors and suppliers we've worked with as well.

Buils of this calibre are rare in the Riverland but this shows regional areas like the Riverland have the skills and knowledge to produce outstanding buildings and projects like the Loxton Research Centre.

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