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Thomas gives up farm life to become a builder and is named Bendigo Apprentice of the Year

Carpentry apprentice Thomas Wright was last night named Bendigo section Apprentice of the Year.

More than 200 apprentices, builders, family and friends attended the presentation ceremony at the Quality All Seasons Resort in Bendigo.

Other winners from across the region are Moama's Samuel Hartley, who was named Employer Nominated Apprentice of the Year, and Lockwood apprentice Jack Douch, who took home the Chairman's Award. Both are carpentry apprentices.

Regional winners are selected after an interview with a panel of three judges. They have been invited to attend the State Apprentice of the Year Awards on 16 May in Melbourne where the overall winners will be announced.

Master Builders' Careers Manager Jarrod Flanigan, who led the panel of judges, said the pool of highly skilled and competent nominees had made choosing a winner difficult.

"Thomas Wright was given the responsibility of running jobs on the family farm growing up, an experience that primed him for the dedication required to become a builder. He is now preparing to study for his builder's registration," Mr Flanigan said.

"Sam Hartley is a mature, level headed and determined apprentice who works for his father. He believes in being a multi-skilled tradesperson and plans to take over the family business, MJH Constructions, and continue producing quality, customer oriented results."

"Jack Douch is a reliable, skilled apprentice who has shown great loyalty to his employer, Ricky Jenkyn Master Builders. Both the Chairman and Vice Chairman commented on Jack's determination to become a successful local builder."

Contact Laura Luvara for interviews and photos with winners. (See contact details below)

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