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## **Matthew Miller is a top dad and the North East's top apprentice**

Carpentry apprentice Matthew Miller was last night named North East section Apprentice of the Year.

Hailing from Tocumwal, 21-year-old Matthew is a father-of-one employed by Dennis Sutton of F.A.D Steel.

More than 150 apprentices, builders, family and friends attended the presentation ceremony at Raffety's Receptions in Benalla.

Other local winners are Yarck carpentry apprentice Lynton Simcocks, who took home the Employer Nominated award, and Chairman's Award winner Mitchell Wareham from Mansfield, who is also training to be a carpenter.

Regional winners are selected after an interview with a panel of three judges. They will be 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.

"Matthew Miller has an unbelievable enthusiasm for his trade and has taken every opportunity that has come his way. He has managed to juggle being a good father with obtaining a trade qualification at a very young age and is destined to be an excellent builder," Mr Flanigan said.

"Lynton Simcocks is one of several top quality Hedger Constructions apprentices to win this award in recent years. He is punctual, reliable and has an amazing eye for detail."

"Mitchell Wareham, who is employed by Terry Hugh and Kerrie Leanne Jones, got his apprenticeship through contacts at the local football club. However, it was his hard work and quality output as an apprentice carpenter that won him the Chairman's Award."

**Interviews and photos with winners available upon request.**

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