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Geelong Apprentice of the Year Dylan Watt is prepared to build a successful career

Carpentry apprentice Dylan Watt was last night named the Geelong Section Apprentice of the Year at Skilled Stadium.

Hailing from Bannockburn, Dylan was among three apprentices from the Geelong region to be recognised for their commitment, skill and diligence. More than 170 apprentices, builders, family and friends attended the ceremony.

The other winners were carpentry apprentices Travis Moore from Ocean Grove and William Bongers from Colac.

Master Builders' Careers Manager Jarrod Flanigan, who led the panel of judges, said this year's nominees were of an exceptionally high caliber.

"Section winner Dylan is not only hardworking and skillful, he is also a loyal employee of *Taronga Arch Builders* and intends to become a registered builder. As a fan of Sir Baden Powell's motto 'be prepared', he said he placed immense value on doing a pre-apprenticeship as a lead in to a trade career," Mr Flanigan said.

"*Meridian Concrete* employee and mature aged apprentice Travis Moore, will take home the employer nominated award. His positive attitude is a credit to him as he continues to 'soak up' all that his new found career has to offer.

"Travis has decided to stay with *Meridian Concrete* and intends to work his way up the company structure to hopefully become a foreman and project manager.

"Last but not least, Chairman's Award winner William Bongers has shown amazing dedication and willingness to learn as he completes his apprenticeship at Gordon TAFE."

Executive Director Brian Welch said it was important that leading apprentices were recognised for their hard work, skill and perseverance.

"Master Builders applauds the outstanding achievements of Victorian apprentices in the building and construction industry," Mr Welch said.

"Regional winners are selected after an interview with a judging panel of three judges. Once awarded, 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."

Interviews and photos of winners available upon request.

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