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## North West Apprentice of the Year Zavier Hobbs working his way to building success

Carpentry apprentice Zavier Hobbs from Horsham will be named the Master Builders North West Section Apprentice of the Year at the Grand Hotel in Mildura tomorrow evening.

Zavier will be among three apprentices from the North West region to be recognised for their dedication, skill and hard work.

The other two winners on the night will be Employer Nominated winner Jonathon Fush from Mildura and Chairman's Award winner Liam Foott from Swan Hill.

Master Builders' Careers Manager Jarrod Flanigan said that this year's nominees showed great determination and commitment to building their careers.

"Section winner Zavier is an outstanding young apprentice who started with his boss while still at school," Mr Flanigan said.

"He has proven himself to be as hard-working as he is determined to learn all he can to be the best he can."

Employer-Nominated winner Jonathon Fush is a mature-aged apprentice with determination and a willingness to learn.

"Jonathon's determination to complete his apprenticeship after starting with another employer is just one of his outstanding attributes," Mr Flanigan said.

Liam Foott's outlook and future plans to combine his trade with his skills in earthmoving demonstrated to the judges that he has the will to succeed with whatever he takes on.

"Liam is never one to shy away from hard work," Mr Flanigan said.

Master Builders Chief Executive Officer Radley de Silva said that apprentices are essential to Victoria's building industry.

"We need a skilled workforce in the building and construction industry that will continue to build Victoria.



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“Acknowledging their hard work and dedication encourages apprentices across Victoria to continue their career path to achieve better and greater things in our industry.”

Regional winners are selected after an interview with a panel of three judges. Once awarded, they will be invited to attend the State Apprentice of the Year Awards on 8 May in Melbourne where the overall winners will be announced.

**Media welcome – interviews and photos of winners available upon request.**

**What:** Apprentice of the Year Awards (North West region)

**When:** Friday 13 March 2015 from 7pm to 9pm

**Where:** The Grand Hotel, Mildura (Seventh St, Mildura VIC 3500)

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