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## BALLARAT APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR SAM NUNAN GOING THE EXTRA MILE FOR BUILDING SUCCESS

Carpentry apprentice Sam Nunan from Ballarat will be named the Master Builders Ballarat Section Apprentice of the Year at the Mercure Ballroom tomorrow evening.

Sam will be among three apprentices from the Ballarat region to be recognised for their dedication, skill and hard work.

The other two winners on the night will be Employer Nominated winner Joel Antonio from Creswick and Chairman's Award winner Ashley Heffernan from Sebastopol.

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

"Section winner Sam's attitude to his trade, employer and trade school stood out above those of everyone else," Mr Flanigan said.

"His willingness to go the extra mile is a great indication that he will succeed and grow within the building and construction industry."

Employer Nominated winner Joel Antonio impressed the judges with overall competence and passion for his trade.

"Polite, conscientious and hard working are just a few words that describe Joel," Mr Flanigan said.

Chairman's Award winner Ashley Heffernan was described by one of the judges as the 'type of apprentice that all builders like to have working for them'.

"Ashley was selected for his diligence and his commitment to never let the boss down," 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.

"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 (Ballarat region)
**When:** Thursday 5 March 2015 from 7pm to 9pm
**Where:** Mercure Ballroom, 613 Main Road, Golden Point VIC 3350

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