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GEELONG APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR STEED GOLDBURG STACKS UP BRICKLAYING ACHIEVEMENTS

Bricklaying/blocklaying apprentice Steed Goldberg from Lara will be named the Master Builders Geelong Section Apprentice of the Year at Simonds Stadium tonight.

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

The other two winners on the night will be Employer-Nominated winner Toby Sudweeks from Geelong and Chairman's Award winner Nyunt Oo from Corio.

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

"Section winner Steed is a dedicated bricklayer with a keen eye on his future," Mr Flanigan said.

"From the very start of his apprenticeship he recognised that diligence in his training would reap great awards, and we are happy to recognise those efforts."

"Truly an above-average apprentice; dedicated, hard working and diligent," the judges said of Employer-Nominated winner Toby Sudweeks.

"Toby has a passion for his trade and a commitment to always produce the best work possible," Mr Flanigan said.

Chairman's Award winner Nyunt Oo has no fear of challenges. He immigrated to Australia from his native Burma, learned a new language and began his career in an industry with no prior experience.

"Nyunt's determination and commitment make him a fantastic role model for other young apprentices, and an example of what can happen when others like him seize opportunities that lie before them in building a new life in Australia," 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."



MEDIA RELEASE



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 6 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 (Geelong)

When: Wednesday 16 March 2016 from 7pm to 9pm

Where: Simonds Stadium, Geelong

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