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SOUTH WEST APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR MATTHEW HUF EARNS ANOTHER VICTORY IN THE BUILDING INDUSTRY

Carpentry apprentice Matthew Huf from Woolsthorpe will be named the Master Builders South West Section Apprentice of the Year at The Carmichael tonight.

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

The other winners on the night will be Employer-Nominated winner Alex Mason from Portland and Chairman's Award winner Tyson Umbers from Warrnambool.

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

"Section winner Matthew is an impressive apprentice who has shown that he can succeed in a wide range of areas, both within and outside his career," Mr Flanigan said.

"His commitment to his trade and his positive outlook and maturity are rarely seen in such a young apprentice," he said.

A relaxed, easygoing young carpenter, Employer-Nominated winner Alex Mason believes his employer deserves great respect for the way he has treated him, and that every apprentice owes time to their employer for putting them through an apprenticeship.

"He is very passionate about his trade and hopes to start his own business, with apprentices with whom he can share his knowledge," Mr Flanigan said.

Chairman's Award winner Tyson Umbers impressed the judge with his diligence, loyalty and his intention of one day employing apprentices of his own.

"Tyson has shown a high level of maturity, commitment and dedication to his trade, and has a well-planned future ahead of him," 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 (South West)

When: Thursday 17 March 2016 from 7pm to 9pm

Where: The Carmichael, 50-58 Cramer Street, Warrnambool

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