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Master Builders welcomes first female Board Member

The Master Builders Association of Victoria's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Melbourne today saw the election of the Association's first ever female Board Member.

Master Builders welcomed to its Board of Management, Ms Melanie Fasham, of Fasham Johnson Homes.

Master Builders President David Newnham said Ms Fasham is the first woman to be elected to the Board of Management in the Association's 134 year history and assumes this position through her successful election to Chairman of the Master Builders Housing Sector Committee.

"Ms Fasham's election demonstrates the changing nature of the building industry with the increasing participation of women in building. Master Builders encourages more women in the industry to become involved in on-site roles and at the management level," he said.

"Ms Fasham has risen quickly in the Association representing residential builders for two years on the Council of Management and four years on the Housing Sector Committee," said Mr Newnham.

Ms Fasham is the Joint-Managing Director of Fasham Johnson Homes, a leading Victorian residential building company.

"I'm proud to have been elected to the Board of Master Builders and hope my role will encourage further participation of women in the building and construction industry," said Ms Fasham.

Ms Fasham, mother of young twins, is a chemical engineer by training with many years experience working internationally for multi-national corporations. Five years ago she joined the company founded by her father in 1972 and studied to complete her Diploma of Building.

Mr Darren Nixon was elected to Chair of the Association's Manufacturer, Materials and Suppliers (MM&S) Committee.

Master Builders thanks outgoing Board members Nick Pateras and Neil Grenfell for their fine service to the Association.

Master Builders Association of Victoria Board of Management 2009-10

President	David Newnham
Vice President	Hedley Davis
Treasurer	Greg Zuccala
Immediate Past President	Trevor Evans
Housing Chairman	Melanie Fasham
General Contractors Chairman	Steven Sweeney
Specialist Contractors Chairman	John Bolton
Country Sector Chairman	Brendan Liddle
MM&S Chairman	Darren Nixon

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