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Master Builders Recognise Outstanding South West Apprentices

Future leaders of South West Victoria's building industry have been recognised at the Master Builders Apprentice of the Year Awards in Warrnambool last night, with the two joint winners to compete in the state-wide Victorian Apprentice of the Year Awards in May.

The South West Section Apprentice of the Year Awards were held at the Country Comfort Mid City, with the following apprentices recognised:

- South West Apprentice of the Year (Joint Winner) – Ben Noonan (of Ayrford);
- South West Apprentice of the Year (Joint Winner) – Shamaus Walsh (of Koroit); and,
- Chairman's Award – Nicholas Tucker (of Portland).

Master Builders Careers Pathways Officer, Jarrod Flanigan, said the apprentices demonstrated diligence, determination and attention to detail.

"The South West Section Apprentice of the Year must be nominated by an employer or a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and then work through a lengthy selection process," he said.

"These two are then shortlisted for the State Award.

"The Chairman's Award is given at the discretion of the Chairman of Master Builders South West Section.

"Several criteria are considered by the judges. Winners must be safety minded and demonstrate an interest in further studies as part of continuous career development.

"Importantly, judges are looking for exemplary apprentices who can send the right messages to new and future apprentices about what can be achieved by completing a trade.

"Well done to the winners and I wish them all the best for their future careers in building," said Mr Flanigan.

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