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Master Builders Honour Outstanding Bendigo Apprentices

Future leaders of the Bendigo building industry have been recognised at Master Builders Apprentice of the Year competition, with two of the winners to compete in the Victorian Apprentice of the Year Awards in May.

The Bendigo Regional Apprentice of the Year Awards were held locally last night at the Quality Resort All Seasons, with the following apprentices recognised:

- Bendigo Section Apprentice of the Year – Denny Whittle-Hancock (Elphinstone);
- Employer Nominated Apprentice of the Year – Austin Fithall (Flora Hill); and
- Chairman's Award – Lachlan Prest (Bendigo).

Master Builders Careers Pathways Officer, Jarrod Flanagan, said all three apprentices demonstrated diligence, determination and attention to detail.

“The Bendigo 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.

“The Employer Nominated Apprentice of the Year is selected from a pool of apprentices nominated by local members of the Master Builders Association. These two are then shortlisted for the State Award.

“Lachlan Prest was announced as winner of the Chairman’s Award, which is presented at the discretion of the Chairman of Master Builders Bendigo 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 tonight’s winners and I wish them all the best for their future careers in building,” said Mr Flanagan.

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