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Master Builders Recognise Outstanding North East Apprentices

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

The North East Section Apprentice of the Year Awards were held at Rafferty's Reception Centre in Benalla, with the following apprentices recognised:

- North East Apprentice of the Year – Matthew Sim (of Cobram);
- Employer Nominated Apprentice of the Year – Tim Hall (of Mooroopna); and,
- Chairman's Award – Brenton Cooper (of Myrree).

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

"The North East 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.

"The Chairman's Award is given at the discretion of the Chairman of Master Builders North East 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 Flanigan.

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