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Master Builders Awards Gippsland Region Apprentices

Gippsland's top building and construction apprentices were named last night at the Master Builders regional awards.

Craig Thomas from Kayjor Carpentry was named the 'Apprentice of the Year' for Gippsland and will go on to the State Final to be held on 9 May. He attends the Central Gippsland Institute of TAFE.

Marcus Luscombe from SC & MM Moore Painting and Decorating and hosted by B & CA Ramsden received the Chairman's Award and Mitch Bell from Jimmy Jessep Carpentry won the Employer Nominated Award. Both attend East Gippsland Institute of TAFE.

The Employer Nominated Award is one which employers, who are Master Builders members, from across Victoria nominate their apprentices rather than TAFES. The Chairman's Award gives the Chairman from that region an opportunity to reward a local apprentice.

More than 160 people attended the awards night at the Premier Function Centre, Traralgon.

Executive Director Brian Welch said the winners were recognised for their hard work and leadership.

"Master Builders is proud to award the initiative and excellence of the region's best apprentices," Mr Welch said.

"These apprentices are our future leaders in the industry," he said.

"Regional winners were selected after an interview with a judging panel of three judges. They will now be invited to the Master Builders State Apprentice of the Year Awards on 9 May."

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