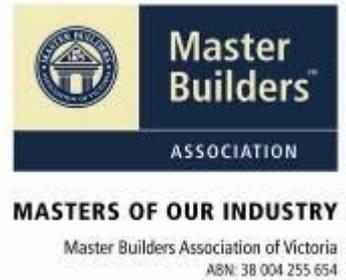


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Master Builders Awards Ballarat Region Apprentices

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

Christopher Cvirn from T.A & N Willams was named the Master Builders 'Apprentice of the Year' for Ballarat and will go on to the State Final to be held on 9 May.

Joseph Rayner from Jeffrey Constructions P/L received the Chairman's Award and Joshua Wheeler from Decorator Kitchen and Joinery Centre won the Employer Nominated Award. All three winners attend the University of Ballarat.

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 300 people attended the awards night at the Mercure Ballarat Hotel and convention Centre.

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

"Christopher's passion for the industry set him apart from other nominees and the judges commented that Christopher has a bright future in the Ballarat region," Mr Welch said.

"Joshua's eye for detail and determination to meet the client's needs has meant that Joshua is a sought after tradesperson," he continued.

"Joseph had a hard start to his apprenticeship with the GFC and it looked as if he may not complete. Through hard work, commitment and a dedication to his trade Joseph is now a trusted employee and is given responsibilities on the work site not usually attributed to an apprentice," he said.

"Master Builders is proud to award the initiative and excellence of the region's best apprentices. These apprentices are our future leaders in the industry."

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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