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Master Builders Awards North West Region Apprentices

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

Matthew Ablett from Steel Frames Mildura was named the Master Builders 'Apprentice of the Year' for the region and will go on to the State Final to be held on 9 May.

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

"With a hard work ethic and a determination to succeed, Matthew showed the judges characteristics that every employer wants to see in an apprentice. His desire to take on roles of responsibility at the work place shows that he will be a future leader within the building industry," Mr Welch said.

Charles Sonsie from G.J and B.M Sonsie Carpeneter/Tiler received the Employer Nominated Award. He attends Sunraysia Murray Group Training while Matthew attends Sunraysia TAFE.

"Charles showed a maturity beyond his years, having completed a multiskilled carpentry apprenticeship with his grandfather. Charles has shown attributes that will make him a great teacher of future tradesmen for years to come," Mr Welch said.

The Employer Nominated Award is one which employers, who are Master Builders members, from across Victoria nominate their apprentices rather than TAFEs.

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

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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