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Leopold carpenter named 2012 Apprentice of the Year for Geelong region.

Leopold carpenter Thomas Richardson was last night named the Master Builders Apprentice of the Year for the Geelong region.

He will now go on to the Master Builders Association of Victoria Apprentice of the Year Awards in Melbourne on 9 May.

Thomas, who is trained by Skill Training Victoria, was one of two apprentices honoured at the awards. About 160 people celebrated the night at Skilled Stadium in Geelong and also saw Grovedale carpenter Matthew Marmont take home the Chairman's Award.

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

"Thomas is a credit to his Highton based employers R&P McCann Builders. His dedication and plans for the future have made Thomas the stand-out apprentice in the Geelong region and a worthy recipient of this award," Mr Welch said.

"He was a unanimous winner from the judges' points of view."

Matthew, who also trains at Skill Training Victoria, works for G-Force which is based in Geelong.

"When awarding the Chairman's Award, the Chairman looks for dedication, commitment and a passion not only for a trade, but for the building industry and Matthew conveyed these qualities in abundance," Mr Welch said.

"I'm told by the Chairman that it was a pleasure to award Matthew for his achievements."

"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."

Interviews and photos or photo opportunities are available on request.

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