

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Welcome to the new online format of our 2016 Annual report.

“91% of members surveyed said Master Builders is a good advocate for the industry and lobbies government on important issues”

(Independent survey by Footprints Market Research, March 2016)

As the 2016 ACT elections approach, this year has been busy resolving a number of important policy issues that have been the focus on the MBA's advocacy efforts over the last term of government. In the last six months, the ACT government has worked closely with the MBA to finalise new building regulation laws which respond directly to the MBA's calls for improvements in building quality, a local industry participation policy has been released, and changes to residential solar access rules were finalised.

2016 was also a critical year for the construction industry as we remain focused on responding to the outcomes of the Royal Commission into Trade Union Corruption. In the ACT early 2016 marked the point when existing CFMEU Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs) expired. The ACT construction industry has lead the nation in rejecting union EBAs and exercising their freedom to enter new EBAs which give employees better working conditions and flexibility, and improve industry productivity.

In late 2016 the ACT will begin a new phase following the ACT elections. Regardless of the political party in power the MBA will work with the government to improve the economic environment so that the local construction industry can thrive.

The MBA ACT's success is largely due to the passion, expertise, and solutions-focused attitude of our members. Many of our members volunteer their time on various sector councils, boards, policy groups and workshops for the good of the construction industry. I thank all of our members for their contribution over the last year and for the years ahead. Special thanks go to out-going President Valdis Luks for his contribution, leadership and drive during his term as MBA President.

Gracie Ferreira. President, Master Builders ACT

MEMBERSHIP

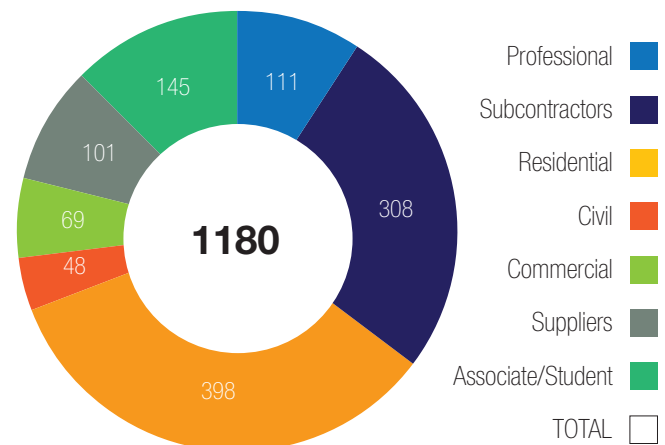
“94% of members surveyed strongly agreed that the Master Builders guarantees a better standard for a building or tradesperson”

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Highlights:

- MBA ACT membership grew during the year so that we now represent around 1,200 ACT construction businesses, making us the largest employer association in the ACT.
- A new membership centre was launched in March 2016, a focal point for providing services to members.
- To read about our membership services [click here](#).

MEMBERSHIP – BY CATEGORY





TRAINING THE INDUSTRY

“MBA Group Training trained 160 construction apprentices in 2016, with an impressive 93% training completion rate, compared to the industry average 50%”.

Rod Mitton, Chairperson MBA Group Training

Highlights:

- MBA Group Training trained 189 construction apprentices in 2016.
- More than 6,000 students, including University of Canberra Building and Construction Degree students, attended short courses and Certificate III, IV and Diploma courses during 2016.

IN THE COMMUNITY

“Construction of two MBA Charity Houses at Deakin commenced in 2016. Once completed the proceeds of the sale will be donated to local Canberra charities”.

Andrew Kerec, Renaissance Homes and Builder of the Deakin Charity houses.

Highlights:

- Through various charitable programs MBA ACT raised money for [list organisations].
- MBA ACT partnered with the National Association for Women in Construction (ACT) to raise participation of women in our industry.
- 20 young Canberran's graduated from the Kids Assist Program.
- In partnership with 12 local builders, MBA ACT launched the MBA Moncrieff Display Village to showcase innovation in design, sustainability and liveable housing.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

“The MBA has implemented a strategic plan to reduce costs and increase income, putting the organisation on a long term sustainable financial trajectory”.

Frank Porreca, Treasurer MBA and MBA Group Training

Highlights:

- Refurbishment of the Member's Centre at 1 Iron Knob Street
- Acquisition of additional land to allow for future expansion of our training business
- Increasing membership income

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please click below to see more on our events and publications.

[Master Builders & Cbus Excellence in Building Awards](#)

[National Awards winners](#)

[The Earth Awards](#)

[Charity Golf Day](#)

[Annual Dinner](#)

[Canberra Building News](#)

[Master Builders Group Training Awards](#)

OUR PEOPLE

“Our staff, apprentices, members and Executive Committee members all work towards a shared goal of servicing, educating and supporting the ACT construction industry”.

Kirk Coningham, Executive Director MBA

Highlights:

- To read more about our Executive Committee members [click here](#).
- To read more about our key staff members [click here](#).
- To read out Workplace Gender Equality Report [click here](#).