



MASTER BUILDERS
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

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ABOUT US

Master Builders ACT, formed in 1925, is the largest and most respected industry association representing the building and construction industry in the Canberra region.

With a membership of around 1,200 commercial and residential builders, civil contractors, suppliers, subcontractors and professionals, Master Builders members represent the highest quality and actively pursue excellence in the region's building industry.

Master Builders ACT operates Canberra's leading Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and Group Training Organisation (MBA Group Training), the MBA Fidelity Fund, the MBA Skills Centre Building Fund, and is a significant contributor to Canberra charities through programs like Kids Assist and MBA Charity Houses.

Master Builder members and the broader building and construction industry make a significant contribution to the ACT economy, employing around 14,000 people and make a \$1.7 billion contribution towards the Territory's Gross State Product each year.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



During the last year as President of Master Builders ACT, I have seen first-hand the positive change membership associations such as Master Builders ACT can make on an industry.

At the end of 2016 our industry was in the midst of a sustained and fierce attack by the construction unions - all because our members took a stand and gave evidence to the Royal Commission into Trade Union Corruption. Our members have been pressured, our training organisation has been disparaged, and our reputation for quality and excellence has been challenged.

Today, as we approach the end of 2017, our industry has succeeded in having the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) reinstated. The Federal Government has introduced new laws which ban corrupting payments, such as those uncovered in the Royal Commission, and tighter laws governing unions and Registered Organisations are in effect.

These positive changes make Master Builders ACT's efforts of 2016 and 2017 all worth it.

These positive changes would not have occurred without the leadership provided by the Master Builders, support from our members, and without working in partnership with Master Builders Australia and counterpart Associations in other States and Territories.

If you are a Master Builder member, I encourage you to wear your MBA logo with pride and honour, because by belonging to Master Builders you represent the best of Canberra's construction industry.

Gracie Ferreira - President

CEO'S STATEMENT



The 2016-17 year was one of achievement in our core areas of policy, advocacy, training and member services.

Master Builders continued its advocacy on Territory procurement reform and local industry participation, which culminated on

1 January in the adoption of the ACT Local Industry Participation Policy, which now includes a formal weighting to recognise local content in government tenders.

Master Builders made submissions to the ACT 2017-18 budget pre-consultation, and Selected Committee hearings calling for government to produce a long term capital works program, accelerate land release and remove proposed Lease Variation Charge increases which will have a negative impact on housing affordability.

We have contributed to government policy in areas of road maintenance, housing affordability, insecure work, Territory Plan amendments, building quality reform, security of payment, builders licensing, safety, land release and much more.

A significant part of the operations of Master Builders is our apprenticeship and training programs. At the forefront of apprentice and worker training is a commitment to quality training outcomes and workplace safety. Our sustained commitment to quality and safety makes graduating MBA apprentices the best in the business and the most desired by local employers. As at 30 June 2017, MBA Group Training trained 248 apprentices and employed 116 of these across carpentry, plumbing, civil construction trades and school based programs.

One of the proudest achievements of all MBA staff during the year was being part of raising more than \$2.06 million dollars for local charities through the construction of two MBA Charity Houses in Deakin.

I would like to congratulate all of the Master Builders staff for running an effective business which supports all of our members.

Michael Hopkins - CEO

MBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms Gracie Ferreira (President)

Mr Frank Porreca (Treasurer)

Mr Valdis Luks (Resigned: 16 September 2016)

Mr Peter Naylor (Resigned: 16 September 2016)

Mr Marc Rowland

Mr Stephen Wise

Mr Brian Leeming

Mr Richard Corver

Mr Peter Middleton

Mr Martin Boyd

Mr Simon Butt

Mr Gerrard Allen (Appointed: 6 October 2016)

Mr Jack Harris (Appointed: 4 November 2016)

LIST OF MEMBERS CELEBRATING MAJOR MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

50 years HOLCIM (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD - CONCRETE

35 years T.OK CARPENTRY & PARTITIONING PTY LTD

35 years BELCONNEN CONCRETE PTY LTD

30 years ERINCOLE BUILDING SERVICES PTY LTD

30 years OZTAL ARCHITECTS PTY LTD

25 years MCINNES WILSON LAWYERS

25 years M HOMES PTY LIMITED

25 years SIMEONOV CIVIL ENGINEERING PTY LTD

25 years PURDON PLANNING PTY LTD

25 years THE LAMINEX GROUP PTY LTD

20 years BELLEVUE BUILDING PROJECTS PTY LIMITED

20 years BRIGHT PARTNERS PROPERTY GROUP PTY LTD

20 years MEYER VANDENBERG LAWYERS

20 years O'NEILL & BROWN PLUMBING CO PTY LTD

20 years ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER

20 years SCHMIDT QUARRIES

20 years CANBERRA CONCRETE RECYCLERS PTY LTD

20 years STOWE AUSTRALIA

20 years MONARO MIX SPECIFIED CONCRETE P/L

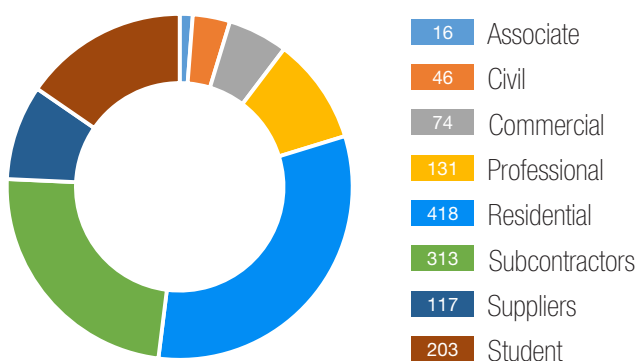
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MEMBERSHIP

Members are the core of our organisation and a strong, growing, quality membership base is reflective of the strength of our organisation.

Master Builders membership base grew by 12% during 2016-17, reflective of our strategy of recruiting more quality construction businesses to the organisation.

Members as at 30 June 2017



POLICY & ADVOCACY

Master Builders has been active across a wide range of advocacy areas during the year. Here is a summary of our advocacy achievements for 2016-17:

- Advocated for procurement reform (including review of GC21 contracts) and greater local industry participation in government tenders
- Successfully negotiated amendments to the Territory Plan's controversial solar access rules for Greenfield areas
- In conjunction with the MBA National Office successfully lobbied for the return of the ABCC
- Advocated for strengthening of Security of Payment Act laws
- Supported members in the Fair Work Commission, including to terminate redundant EBAs
- Successfully worked with the ACT Government to negotiate transition provisions for the unwelcome increases in Lease Variation Charge affecting certain residential leases
- Made submissions to many Territory Plan amendments
- Advocated for changes to new capital contribution funding arrangements for water and sewerage infrastructure being imposed by ICON Water

- Made a submission supportive of Light Rail Stage 2
- Made submissions to government committee inquiries including:
 - Inquiry into the extent, nature and consequences of insecure work arrangements and employment practices in the ACT
 - Inquiry into the Planning, Management and Delivery of Road Maintenance in the ACT
 - Select Committee on Estimates - 2017-18 ACT Budget
- Assisted many members to produce company specific EBAs
- Participated in the Building Regulatory Advisory Committee (BRAC)
- Assisted many members in resolution of contractual disputes
- Appeared in the Fair Work Commission four yearly Award Review in front of the Fair Work Commission
- Provided advice and information to our members to ensure compliance with the new industrial laws
- Provided advice and information on the ABCC
- Provided advice and information on Right of Entry laws
- Participation in the ACT Work Safety Council and Construction Safety Advisory Group
- Participation in (and support of) RMIT safety culture survey and cross border inspections (a joint taskforce of WorkSafe ACT and Safe Work NSW inspectors visiting residential sites in NSW and ACT)
- Worked collaboratively with the ACT WorkSafe Steering Committee to produce safety videos
- Contribution to the development and review of Safe Work Australia published material and Australian Standards

IN THE COMMUNITY

One of the qualities of being a Master Builder is a strong sense of community. Master Builders members give generously to the community that supports our industry.

The pinnacle of our fund raising efforts in 2016-17 was the completion of two MBA Charity Houses in Deakin. Partnering with the Land Development Agency and Renaissance Homes, Master Builders made one of, if not the largest, donations to community organisations in Canberra history. More than \$2.06 million was raised from the sale of the two Deakin properties, and the proceeds will be donated to local Canberra charities.