



MASTER BUILDERS
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY



2019-20 Annual Report



2019 Master Builders and Asset Construction Hire Excellence award winner - Acumen Artisan Builders & Archertec Interiors

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 base of around 1,200 commercial and residential builders, civil contractors, suppliers, subcontractors, professionals and students, Master Builders ACT members represent the highest quality, and actively pursue excellence in the region's building industry. Our members are primarily small and family businesses.

Master Builders ACT operates Canberra's leading Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and Group Training Organisation (MBA Group Training), MBA Legal, the Master Builders Fidelity Fund and the MBA Skills Centre Building Fund.

Master Builders ACT members and the broader building and construction industry make a significant impact on the ACT economy, employing around 20,000 people and contributing to over 50% of ACT taxes each year.



MBA ACT President
Graciete Ferreira



Chief Executive Officer
Michael Hopkins

Welcome Message

This financial year has presented many challenges for our industry, with MBA members contending with the COVID-19 pandemic, bushfires and a hailstorm. But it's been amazing to see how well our industry has adapted to the 'new normal'. This difficult period has seen innovation and information at the forefront of all work at Master Builders ACT. This includes:

- MBA Group Training introduced remote training for apprentices and across short courses.
- Over 259 member communications were sent over the financial year, including industry news, the latest COVID-19 information, fact sheets and information about our lobbying to the ACT Government.
- We responded to over 3,000 member inquiries, with questions ranging from information about COVID-19, member event queries, our range of short courses as well as IR and Legal guidance.
- We continued to focus on our digital strategy, by implementing new software systems including a learning management system, Events management system and a new finance system.

- MBA was the only training provider in the ACT to continue to train apprentices and offer high risk licence training to the industry during the peak of COVID-19 in the ACT.
- Over the last year we have continued to call for the ACT Government to reduce red tape, release a future pipeline of work and to commence work on large scale projects.
- In March 2020 we called for the construction industry to be classified as an essential service during the COVID-19 lockdown period. The Master Builders ACT team worked diligently to provide COVID-19 site signs, health and safety guidance and helpful resources.
- Sector meetings and member workshops transitioned to a new digital format, to allow for COVID-19 social distancing restrictions.

We would like to thank Master Builders ACT members who have engaged with the Association and continued to support us over the last year. We thank you for your trust in our organisation and we look forward to what our industry will achieve in the financial year ahead.

MBA ACT Executive Committee



Graciete Ferreira
President of MBA ACT and
MBA Australia Representative



Frank Porreca
Treasurer

Chair people



Matthew Rayment
Commercial Builders
Sector Council



Bryan Leeming
Residential Builders
Sector Council



Nick Zardo
Civil Contractors Council
Chair



John Nikolic
Professionals Sector
Council



Simon Butt
Extraordinary Executive
Committee Member and MBA
Australia President



Rosa Josifoski
Suppliers and Subcontractors
Sector Chair (acting)

Alternate chair people



Valdis Luks
Commercial Builders
Sector Council



Richard Corver
Residential Builders
Sector Council



Anisha Sachdeva
Civil Contractors
Sector Council

We would also like to acknowledge the contributions of Stephen Wise (Alternate Chair, Professionals Sector Council) and Karen Porter (Chair, Suppliers and Subcontractors Sector Council) who resigned from their positions earlier this year. Thank you.

Member Milestones

We would like to congratulate the following members who are celebrating significant membership milestones in 2020:

60 Years

G A Anderson & Son Pty Ltd

50 Years

Boral Construction Materials

45 Years

Anderson Holdings Pty Limited

R & A Andriolo Pty Ltd

Project Coordination (Australia) Pty Ltd

40 Years

Hindmarsh Construction Australia Pty Ltd

35 Years

Valley Landscapes

Elvin Group Pty Ltd

CSR Bricks and Roofing

30 Years

Canberra Hire Pty Ltd

Porreca Constructions Pty Ltd

Pinto Homes Pty Ltd

Madison

Bal Building Pty Ltd

Cashmere C A & I J

CRT Building Products

Homebuyers Inspections

Shape Australia Pty Ltd

PBS Building (ACT) Pty Ltd

Sutton & Horsley Pty Ltd

Woden Contractors Pty Ltd

25 Years

Dale & Hitchcock

P & K Joinery Pty Ltd

WR Engineering Pty Ltd

Country Style Windows

MMM Interiors

Charman Earthmoving & Heavy Haulage P/L

Jim Taylor Plumbing

Teamcall Pty Ltd

Condrill (ACT)

Papas Painting Contractors Pty Ltd

Universal Truss Management Pty Ltd

Narona Homes

A J Ewer Pty Ltd



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AMC Architecture Pty Ltd	Smart Bathrooms Pty Ltd
Coates Hire Operations Pty Ltd	Le Danh Constructions Pty Ltd
Peet Limited	Paul Richardson
Builders Trading Co-operative Limited	Maximus Projects (ACT) Pty Ltd
Bordeaux Construction & Management Pty Ltd	Lend Lease Building Pty Ltd
Matthew Homes Pty Ltd	Southland Projects Pty Ltd
Birriwa Constructions	AMC Homes Pty Ltd
Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd	John Cobanov
Per-Se Developments Pty Limited	James Chinn Licensed Builder
Dreware Constructions Pty Ltd	Bink Cement Products
Antos Constructions	Reliance Building Services (Aust) Pty Ltd
Caliber Kitchens	D Z Designs Landscaping
RHG Constructions	Hinds Construction
Aabre Building Pty Ltd	Melinda Boag Design
Bell-Air Air Conditioning Pty Ltd	Simply Ceramics
Prestige Scaffolding Services Pty Ltd	Complete Constructions (Aust) Pty Ltd
Archertec Interiors	
Dellow Excavations Pty Ltd	
Territory Constructions Pty Ltd	
Pink Building Services Pty Ltd	



Achievements

The 2019-20 year saw the entire world hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. The MBA was not immune to the effects of COVID-19, and it took significant adjustment from our members and staff to comply with the changing health and safety guidelines. Despite the impacts of COVID-19, we saw a number of exciting developments over the financial year.

There are a number of achievements to be highlighted from the 2019-20 financial year:

- MBA has remained a fierce advocate for the building and construction industry, in May 2020 we made a submission to the ACT Government calling on them to support our industry. The submission included 16 proposed stimulus measures on how the ACT economy could be supported, and in particular, the construction industry throughout COVID-19.
- MBA Group Training delivered a number of new courses, including Residential Construction Safety, Emergency Response Training, Mental Health Workshops and Emergency Controllers Training ECO Training.
- MBA Group Training introduced remote training for Apprentices and across our short courses.
- A record number of projects were entered in the 2020 Excellence Awards and the 2020 CCF Earth Awards.
- Delivered the first digital only edition of Canberra Builder in June 2020.

Across Member Services:

- Master Builders ACT launched a new member service, eDocs, allowing members to purchase contracts online.
- We welcomed over 3,400 attendees to our member events - both in person prior to COVID-19, and online since. This includes topics such as Right of Entry, WHS Obligations, Accounting, Tax, Award Changes and more.

In the building and construction industry:

- Three Master Builders ACT members received awards in the 2019 MBA Australia National Business Leadership Awards. Congratulations to New Level Landscapes, Guideline ACT and Complex Co.
- Master Builders ACT members, Manteena Commercial and Shaw Building Group, delivered the COVID-19 ACT emergency hospital build in just 37 days in May 2020.
- The Federal and ACT Governments released the HomeBuilder grant which provides eligible owner-occupiers with a grant of \$25,000 to build a new home or substantially renovate an existing home. The grant was aimed at encouraging new builds and renovations to support the residential construction sector.
- The Federal Government also announced the JobKeeper stimulus measure, which helped our members retain their staff members. The scheme allowed eligible businesses to receive up to \$1,500 a fortnight per eligible employee. The scheme was recently extended until March 2021, which will provide much needed support for the construction industry.

A copy of the Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2020 for the Master Builders Association of the ACT and its controlled entity is available at www.mba.org.au



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