## MEDIA RELEASE

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## Master Builders ACT celebrates excellence in construction during National Apprenticeship Week

**Canberra, ACT** – Master Builders ACT, the peak industry association for the building and construction sector, proudly announced its highly anticipated Apprentice of the Year award on Friday as part of National Apprenticeship Week. This initiative underscores MBA ACT's commitment to fostering the next generation of skilled tradespeople who will shape the future of Canberra's vibrant construction landscape.

Luke Murphy was announced as MBA Apprentice of the Year, with Jake Rapana and Nicolas Stewart awarded Stage 1 and Stage 2 winners respectively.

Anna Neelagama, CEO of Master Builders ACT, said 'National Apprenticeship Week is a fantastic opportunity to highlight the importance of apprenticeships in our industry.

'These young people are the future of our industry, and their hard work lays the foundation for a robust construction sector that supports our community and economy.'

'As we approach our centennial celebration in 2025, Master Builders ACT continues to champion excellence within the industry with our Apprentice Awards.

'This acknowledgement not only honours their achievements but also serves to inspire all aspiring builders and tradespeople.'

Master Builders ACT takes pride in its long-standing history of nurturing talent through its training organisation, MBA Group Training. Since 1969, MBA Group Training has provided quality training and resources to ensure that apprentices receive the best possible start to their careers.

## **About Master Builders ACT**

Founded in 1925, Master Builders ACT is the leading industry association for the building and construction industry in the Australian Capital Territory. We are dedicated to providing support, training, and advocacy for our members and the wider construction community. As we celebrate 100 years of building Canberra in 2025, we remain committed to fostering a thriving construction sector that benefits all.

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