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Master Builders Association ACT turns 100

Friday 14 February, 2025

Canberra, ACT – The Master Builders Association of the ACT (MBA ACT) last night (13 February 2025) marked a significant milestone in the ACT's history, marking 100 years of member contributions to building Canberra.

Speaking on the occasion, Anna Neelagama, CEO of Master Builders ACT, expressed her gratitude and excitement for the upcoming celebrations, stating, 'As we celebrate 100 years of building Canberra, we reflect on our enduring commitment to excellence and innovation in the construction sector. This milestone not only honours our past achievements but also propels us forward with a vision for a sustainable and prosperous future for the building industry.'

'The MBA ACT looks forward to engaging with members and stakeholders throughout the year, celebrating their achievements and giving them space to share their own stories of building in Canberra.'

'We are asking anyone with a connection to building in Canberra to be part of our centenary story, and to get in touch with us and share their stories for our website, and our centenary publication which will launch on our 100-year anniversary on 18 August.'

'We believe we are the first industry body to join the 100 Club here in the ACT. Ten builders met on 18 August 1925 to discuss the challenges ahead of building our nation's capital. Just look at the remarkable legacy they indeed forged.'

The launch event was attended by over one hundred ACT building and construction industry members, including Master Builders ACT members, commercial partners, staff, as well as esteemed Life Members, living past Presidents, and CEOs. ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr MLA addressed the gathering, commending the Association for its remarkable contributions to the development of the region over the last century, and to its continued spirit of engagement with government on issues that matter to the building industry.

For more information on the MBA ACT centenary celebrations and upcoming events, visit www.mbaact100.org.au.

****About Master Builders Association ACT:****

The Master Builders Association ACT is the leading members association for the building and construction industry in Canberra. Established in 1925, we are dedicated to supporting our members through advocacy, training, and resources, ensuring a sustainable and prosperous future for the industry.

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