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Master Builders ACT launches ultimate guide to building and renovating in the ACT

On Saturday 15 March, Master Builders ACT launched the 2025 edition of BUILD magazine, the ultimate guide to building and renovating in the ACT, at The ShowRoom Canberra.

At the launch event, aspiring homeowners and would-be builders and renovators heard from four Master Builders members about budgeting effectively for their build, pitfalls to avoid, whether it's more worthwhile to renovate or build new, and upcoming trends home design.

The expert panel included Sunny Malhotra of Sunny Homes, Matthew Hall of Build Professional, Josh Sammak from Refined Building and Kier Gregg from Department of Design, all of whom offered valuable insights on building and renovating.

Anna Neelagama, CEO of Master Builders ACT, said "With building costs over 40% higher in the ACT since pre-pandemic, a guide like this is what's needed to help consumers. We're hoping to help aspiring homeowners crystallise their build budgets and plan effectively."

"There are many points at which things can come unstuck in the building and renovating process. BUILD is designed to help aspiring home builders and renovators in Canberra navigate the building process, with up-to-date, ACT-specific information and guidance."

The guide offers industry-leading insights from MBA on budgeting, design, energy efficiency, rules and regulations specific to the ACT, choosing a builder and architect and much more, along with some fresh content on current home design trends and how to design your home to suit your lifestyle needs. It also includes a tear-out timeline and checklist to help keep consumers on-track during their build.

BUILD magazine is available online through the Master Builders website, and in print from Master Builders ACT headquarters at 1 Iron Knob St Fyshwick.

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