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ACT's best in building and construction recognised

The ACT's best residential, commercial and civil construction projects from the last 12 months were recognised last night, Friday 5 September 2025, at the Master Builders and Asset Construction Hire Excellence Awards.

Over 1,200 industry guests gathered at the National Convention Centre to celebrate excellence in building and construction at Canberra's largest annual black-tie event.

Master Builders ACT Chief Executive Officer, Anna Neelagama, congratulated all finalists and winners, reflecting with pride on the major category winners.

The prestigious 2025 Project of the Year was awarded to Kane Constructions for their refurbishment of the Australian War Memorial.

'This project was an outstanding collaboration between Kane Construction and partners and suppliers from around the world, as well as local ACT companies,' said Ms. Neelagama.

'Of particular note was the partnership with the Spanish glass manufacturer who produced the panes for the iconic Oculus feature. Locally, Kane Constructions also worked with Gosford Quarries to source the sandstone cladding from the same quarry site the original cladding was sourced from, in order to create a seamless integration between the existing building and the new addition. Finally, local bespoke carpentry firm Details By Ned delivered the stunning hand-carved timber staircase that graces the new southern entrance.'

2025 House of the Year was awarded to Ewer Constructions for their incredible timber-clad 'Batten House' in Curtin.

'This is our most prestigious residential award, and we are thrilled to recognise Ewer Constructions for this incredibly unique home,' said Ms. Neelagama.

'This home is a beautiful example of design that delivers form and function, while still encasing everything in a beautiful facade. Batten House is a unique, standout family home. The attention to detail and level of hand finishing, especially with regard to the extensive timber features, are increasingly rare to see, and are what set this build apart for our judges.'

Ms. Neelagama also acknowledged the winners of the individual categories.

'Special acknowledgements must go to Young Builder of the Year, Jake Casey of Casey Projects, Construction Woman of the Year and Project Manager of the Year Jemma Butt of Hindmarsh Construction Australia, Professional of the Year, Dean Kensit of Oztal Architects and Construction Manager of the Year, Isaac Hamad of Fore Group.'

'Recognising the individuals who are making outstanding contributions to their businesses, clients and community is a critical part of our awards. It is especially important to recognise the efforts of individuals during industry downturns where everyone is feeling the effects.'

'I'd like to offer a huge congratulations to all of our valued Master Builders ACT members who took home an award.'

58 total individual, commercial, civil and residential Awards were presented, with 37 categories to compete on a national stage at the Master Builders Australia 2025 National Excellence in Building and Construction Awards on 28 November 2025.

WINNERS

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Images are available to download, also under embargo, [here](#). Further images are available on request.

- 2025 House of the Year - Ewer Constructions, Curtin
- 2025 Project of the Year - Kane Constructions, Australian War Memorial, Southern Entrance
- Apartments and Units 4 storeys and above - Hindmarsh Construction Australia, Marigal Gardens Stage 2
- Young Builder of the Year - Jake Casey, Casey Projects
- Construction Woman of the Year and Project Manager of the Year - Jemma Butt, Hindmarsh Construction Australia
- Onsite Construction Manager of the Year - Isaac Hamad, Fore Group
- Professional of the Year - Dean Kensit, Oztal Architects
- Apartments and Units Highrise Living - Milin Builders, Phillip
- Bathroom Project less than \$50,000 - Prof Homes, Loft Studio Canberra and Architects Ring and Associates, Bruce
- Bathroom Project more than \$50,000 - NEWR, Jerrabomberra
- Best Use of Material in a Commercial Project - Eifer, Australian War Memorial, Southern Entrance
- Best Use of Material in a Residential Project - Nikias Diamond and DNA Architects, Forrest
- Civil Bridgeworks - RAM Constructions, Denman Village Park Pedestrian Bridge
- Civil Hydraulic - Complex Co, John Gorton Building Hydraulic and Intersection Works
- Civil Other - Guideline ACT, Molonglo Valley Interceptor Sewer (MVIS) Odour Mitigation Project Design & Construction of Four Odour Control Units
- Civil Roadworks - Guideline ACT, Braddon Public Realm Upgrade
- Civil Subdivision less than \$30million - BMD Group, Jacka Estate 2 Stage 1A Civil and Landscape Works

- Civil Subdivision more than \$30million - Huon Contractors, Egis Consulting and Riverview Projects, Macnamara EDP 1 Package 1
- Commercial Construction \$20million to \$50million - Construction Control, LDK Amberfield - Stage 1
- Commercial Construction \$50million to \$100million - Kane Constructions, Australian War Memorial, Southern Entrance
- Commercial Construction \$5million to \$20million - Projex Building Group and CK Architecture (Aust), Gugan Gulwan
- Commercial Construction less than \$5million - RAM Constructions, Denman Village Park Amenities Building
- Commercial Construction more than \$100million - Multiplex Constructions, Canberra Hospital Expansion Project
- Commercial or Retail Fitout, Refurbishment or Alteration \$1million to \$5million - Shaw Building Group, Red Hill Lunetta Restaurant and Trattoria Refurbishment
- Commercial or Retail Fitout, Refurbishment or Alteration \$5million to \$10million - FDC Construction & Fitout (ACT), Department of Health and Aged Care - Stage 1
- Commercial or Retail Fitout, Refurbishment or Alteration less than \$1million - Yara Co, National Gallery of Australia Boardroom Refurbishment and Hydraulic Jacking Works
- Commercial or Retail Fitout, Refurbishment or Alteration more than \$10million - Fore Group, West Block
- Commercial Subcontractor of the Year - ACT Steelworks, ACT Steelworks
- Custom Built/Project Home \$1million to \$2million - Casey Projects, Lyons
- Custom Built/Project Home \$2million to \$4million - Ewer Constructions, Curtin
- Custom Built/Project Home \$350,000 to \$500,000 - Prof Homes and Jast Design, Whitlam 25/84
- Custom Built/Project Home \$500,000 to \$750,000 - Prof Homes, Whitlam
- Custom Built/Project Home \$750,000 to \$1million - Megaflora and MyMyMy Architecture, Sutton
- Custom Built/Project Home more than \$4million - Manteena, Deakin
- Display Home less than \$500,000 - Sunny Homes ACT, Googong
- Display Home more than \$750,000 - Prof Homes, Architects Ring and Associates and Dept of Design, Denman Prospect
- Kitchen Project \$50,000 to \$100,000 - Creative Contractors, Pearce
- Kitchen Project less than \$50,000 - NEWR, Jerrabomberra
- Kitchen Project more than \$100,000 - Prof Homes, Loft Studio Canberra and Architects Ring and Associates, Bruce
- Landscape Design and Construction Commercial - RAM Constructions, Denman Village Park
- Landscape Design and Construction Residential - ACT Landscape Construction and ACT Decks, Jerrabomberra
- Medium Density Dual Occupancy/Habitable Suite - Classic Constructions (Aust) and DNA Architects, Yarralumla
- Medium Density Townhouses and Villas - REP Building, Studio Black Interiors and Oztal Architects, Dickson

- Project Displaying Technical Difficulty or Innovation - Details By Ned, Australian War Memorial - Timber Staircases
- Project Manager of the Year - Jemma Butt, Hindmarsh Construction Australia
- Renovation/Extension \$1million to \$2.5million - Creative Contractors, Pearce
- Renovation/Extension \$250,000 to \$450,000 - Build Professional, Gleneagles
- Renovation/Extension \$450,000 to \$1million - Drewaire Constructions and The Mill Architecture and Design, Forrest
- Renovation/Extension less than \$250,000 - Elite Renovations ACT, Chapman
- Renovation/Extension more than \$2.5million - Brother Projects, Griffith
- Special Purpose/Adaptable Commercial Project - Construction Control, Red Shed
- Special Purpose/Adaptable Dwelling - Projex Building Group, Whitlam
- Supplier of the Year - Rivoland Tiles
- Sustainable Civil Project - Complex Co, Jacka Subdivision Stage 2
- Sustainable Residential Project - Edward Robert Builders and Neighbourhood Architecture, O'Connor
- WHS Commercial - Hindmarsh Construction Australia, Aunty Agnes Shea High School
- WHS Residential - The Village Building Company, South Jerrabomberra at Tralee
- WHS Targeted Risk Management System - Complex Co, Scrivener Dam - WHS Targeted Risk Management System

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