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BUILD 2026: Master Builders ACT launches complete guide for home builders and renovators

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Master Builders ACT is proud to announce the launch of [BUILD 2026](#), a free resource designed to support aspiring home builders and renovators in navigating the complexities of building and renovating in Canberra.

The updated edition of the guide comes at a crucial time, as the cost of building has surged by over 40% compared to pre-COVID levels. *BUILD 2026* offers invaluable insights and practical tools to help homeowners make informed decisions.

'With rising costs and evolving regulations, it's more important than ever for potential builders and renovators to arm themselves with the right knowledge,' said Anna Neelagama, CEO of Master Builders ACT.

'Our guide provides comprehensive information on comparing builder quotes, understanding the different types of builders, and selecting the right one to fit your specific needs.'

BUILD 2026 also includes information on the latest updates to the National Construction Code and how these changes may impact homeowners. In addition, readers will benefit from expert advice and insights from builders and designers, ensuring a personalised approach to designing a home that reflects their lifestyle.

Key features of the guide include:

Together, we build better. 

- a detailed checklist and timeline for the building and renovating process
- a template questionnaire to facilitate meaningful conversations with potential builders
- inspiration from the winning homes showcased at the 2025 Master Builders ACT Excellence Awards

The official launch of *BUILD 2026* will take place on Saturday 14 March 2026, at The Showroom Canberra Home and Lifestyle Show at Exhibition Park. The event will feature an expert panel where valued Master Builders members will share insights on how to build your home better in 2026.

‘We invite all attendees to hear from our member builders, and participate in our prize draw for a chance to win a home and lifestyle pack,’ said Ms Neelagama.

‘This guide is an essential tool for homeowners in the ACT who want to build a great home in 2026. Master Builders ACT remains committed to empowering our community through knowledge and resources.’

Copies of *BUILD 2026* will be available for free at The Showroom, at Master Builders ACT Headquarters located at 1 Iron Knob St, Fyshwick, and at the Canberra Outlet Centre Homemaker Centre. The digital edition will be available online at mba.org.au.

BUILD 2026 Launch and Panel: Build your home better in 2026

Saturday 14 March 2026, 11.45am at The Showroom Canberra Home and Lifestyle Show, Exhibition Park

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