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# Canberra's stars of civil construction recognised in the 2026 CCF Earth Awards

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**Canberra, ACT | Friday 22 May 2026**

**Canberra's civil construction industry gathered at the stunning new ANZAC Hall Atrium at the Australian War Memorial on Friday 22 May to celebrate the best in the region's civil construction.**

One of the first large scale events to be held in the new space, the 2026 Civil Contractors Federation (CCF) ACT Earth Awards highlighted outstanding civil construction projects from the past year, honouring innovation, safety and commitment to excellence.

The 2026 CCF ACT Project of the Year was awarded to BMD Group for the Molonglo River Bridge Project. This landmark \$225 million initiative, a collaboration between the Federal and ACT Governments, involved twelve precision heavy-lift girder installations using Australia's largest operational crawler crane. It is the heaviest lift project ever delivered in the ACT, executed under the highest critical-lift classification.

The project also won the WHS Civil award for outstanding commitment to workplace safety standards.

Abbie Forrester from Canberra Contractors was honoured as the Outstanding Woman in Civil Construction. Her remarkable journey from a site labourer at seventeen to a senior leadership role underscores the importance of determination and leadership in encouraging more women to take up careers in civil construction.

'Tonight, we celebrate the passion and dedication of the civil construction sector in Canberra,' said Anna Neelagama, CEO of the Civil Contractors Federation ACT.

'The Molonglo River Bridge project is an incredible example of how collaboration and innovation are transforming our city and will be one for the history books.

'It is also heartening to see inspiring young women like Abbie rising up and taking their place in traditionally male-dominated fields like civil construction.



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'I extend my congratulations to all of the winner and finalists.'

The CCF ACT Awards are decided by a fully independent judging panel, and all finalists and winners are selected based on objective scores awarded against established criteria. Each entrant receives a scorecard to guarantee transparency in the judging process, ensuring that excellence is recognised fairly and equitably.

### **Awards by category**

#### **Civil Contractors Federation ACT Project of the Year 2026**

BMD Group, Molonglo River Bridge Project

#### **Outstanding Woman in Civil Construction 2026**

Abbie Forrester, Canberra Contractors

#### **Project Value over \$75 million**

Abergeldie Complex Infrastructure, Raising London Circuit Project

#### **Project Value \$10 million to \$30 million**

Complex Co., Acton Waterfront Civil and Temporary Landscape Project

#### **Project Value \$5 million to \$10 million**

Complex Co. and Suburban Land Agency, West Belconnen Southern Pathway Break Landfill Remediation

#### **Project Value \$2 million to \$5 million**

Complex Co., Netball ACT Court Remediation Works - Stage 2

#### **Project Value up to \$2 million:**

Complex Co., ACT Bridge Maintenance Program

#### **WHS Civil**

BMD Group, Molonglo River Bridge Project

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**Project images can be downloaded [here](#). Image captions can be found [here](#).**

**Photos from the event will be sent by 9am Saturday 23 May.**

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