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Building futures: Master Builders ACT connects careers advisors with industry

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In a bid to address workforce needs and highlight the career paths available in construction, Master Builders ACT today hosted a morning tea at The Marion for school careers advisors, providing an overview of the building and construction industry and why students should consider picking up the tools.

Held ahead of National Skills Week from 25 to 30 August, the event aimed to equip advisors with practical information to guide high school students into rewarding career pathways.

The session featured a panel of industry leaders and current apprentices, demonstrating the breadth of careers available. Attendees heard from Emmi Lee, a finalist for Apprentice of the Year at the ACT Training Awards and recent MBA Training carpentry graduate, along with Mark Cole, owner of local building company Freedom Built, and Lach Haskins and Leanne Foresti, both MBA Training Board members and long-term local construction business owners.

'This morning tea was about giving careers advisors a direct, honest look at the opportunities in our sector,' said Anna Neelagama, CEO, Master Builders ACT.

'The construction industry provides stable, well-paid career pathways with genuine progression. By showing advisors the stories of young people like Emmi and Mark, we are helping them see the real potential for their students.'

Ms. Neelagama emphasised the importance of hands-on experience in preparing the future workforce.

'Through our training arm, MBA Training, we trained over 4,000 students last year. Our focus remains on quality apprenticeships that blend theory with practical work.'

Together, we build better. 

'This hands-on experience is what sets our graduates apart and makes them job-ready from day one.'

As part of its commitment to growing the construction workforce for the future, MBA Training will be participating in the upcoming [Careers Xpo](#) from 5 to 6 August at Exhibition Park, where staff and Master Builders ACT members will be on hand to talk with students about starting a career in construction.

The organisation is also hosting a free information session for parents and students on Wednesday 30 September at MBA Training HQ in Fyshwick. Parents and students can register for the information session [here](#).

Images from the event can be found [here](#).

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