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MBA Training named finalist in 2026 ACT Training Awards

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Master Builders ACT is proud to announce its training arm, MBA Training, has been named a finalist for the ACT Small Training Provider of the Year at the 2026 ACT Training Awards.

‘Being selected as a finalist in the awards reflects the hard work and commitment of our trainers, administration staff and leadership team,’ said Anna Neelagama, CEO of Master Builders ACT.

‘This achievement also reflects the trust placed in us by our apprentices, employers, and industry partners, and why we are a provider of choice for construction training in the ACT. We’re especially proud that MBA Training boasts completion rates of over 80% for our carpentry apprentices, which is far above the national average of 57% for construction trade apprenticeships.’

An MBA Training apprentice is also in the running for an award, with third-year carpentry apprentice Emmi Lee, employed by local custom building company and Master Builders ACT member Pichelmann’s Custom Building Services, shortlisted for ACT Apprentice of the Year.

‘Emmi is a great example of what young women can achieve in the construction industry,’ said Ms Neelagama.

‘We desperately need more women in construction to address the chronic skills shortage being faced by our industry. We especially need more young women to consider careers in building and construction, not only to firm up our future pipeline of qualified builders, but to expand the diversity of the construction workforce.’

‘This is a proud moment for Master Builders ACT, MBA Training, and the broader industry we serve. Together, we are shaping the future of the construction workforce in the ACT,’ said Ms Neelagama.

Together, we build better. 

The ACT Training Awards are recognised as the most prestigious celebration of vocational education and training in the region. Winners will be announced at the 2026 ACT Training Awards ceremony on Thursday 3 September 2026.

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