

MEDIA RELEASE

Master Builders ACT opens doors to Canberra's next generation of carpenters

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Canberrans considering a career in construction will have the opportunity to meet trainers, employers and industry representatives at the Master Builders ACT 'Build Your Future' Carpentry Information Session on Wednesday 30 September.

The event will showcase the opportunities available through the Certificate III in Carpentry apprenticeship pathway, giving prospective apprentices and their families the chance to understand what a career in carpentry looks like, how to get started and where the qualification can ultimately take them.

Master Builders ACT CEO Anna Neelagama said there has never been a better time for young people, or those considering a career change, to look at the opportunities available in construction.

'At a time when Australians are understandably asking what AI will mean for the jobs of the future, there is something incredibly powerful about learning a trade,' Ms Neelagama said.

'You can't outsource building a home to AI. You can't ask a computer to turn up on a construction site and physically build the schools, hospitals, infrastructure and homes our community needs.

'Construction is the industry that actually builds Australia, and we need the next generation of skilled people to build it.'

Ms Neelagama said carpentry provided much more than a first job, offering a pathway to business ownership, construction management and ultimately becoming a licensed builder.

Together, we build better. 

'A carpentry apprenticeship is often the first step in an incredibly rewarding career. It is a qualification that gives you a skill for life.'

The event follows MBA Training being named the 2026 ACT Small Training Provider of the Year, recognising the quality of its training and commitment to developing the ACT's future construction workforce.

'We are incredibly proud to have been recognised as the ACT Small Training Provider of the Year. Ultimately, our success is measured by the apprentices who come through our doors and go on to build successful careers,' Ms Neelagama said.

'This evening is about giving prospective apprentices the opportunity to hear directly from people making a success in the industry.'

Construction industry employers will be on site, alongside carpentry trainers from MBA Training to answer questions about apprenticeships, training, employment and career pathways.

The event is part of a wider 'Build Your Future' campaign that encourages more Canberrans to consider a career in carpentry by highlighting the opportunities available in an industry with strong demand for skilled workers.

'We're taking this message beyond our own industry and directly to the Canberra community, on radio, on the roadside and through this information evening,' Ms Neelagama said.

'For anyone finishing school, considering their next move or simply wondering whether a trade could be for them, come and have a conversation with us.'

EVENT DETAILS

Build Your Future Carpentry Info Session

Date and time: Wednesday 30 September 2026, 4.30pm

RSVP: Attendance is open to anyone interested in learning more about a career in carpentry.

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