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## BENDIGO APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR DANIEL CARROLL BUILDING HIS WAY TO SUCCESS

Carpentry apprentice Daniel Carroll from Heathcote will be named the Master Builders Bendigo Section Apprentice of the Year at the Conservatory, Quality Resort Bendigo on Tuesday (10/03/2015) evening.

Daniel will be among three apprentices from the Bendigo region to be recognised for their dedication, skill and hard work.

The other two winners on the night will be Employer Nominated winner Bryce Alexander from Long Gully and Chairman's Award winner Darren Clutton from Bendigo.

Master Builders' Careers Manager Jarrod Flanigan said that this year's nominees showed great determination and commitment to building their careers.

"Section winner Daniel's determination to succeed and eagerness to learn showed the judges that he has a bright future ahead of him," Mr Flanigan said.

"He is honest, genuine, and passionate – a real credit to himself, his employer and his training organisation."

Employee Nominated winner Bryce Alexander impressed the judges with his versatility to use different kinds of equipment and assistance in the preparation of a site.

"Bryce's loyalty and commitment to his employer has led him to become a trusted member of his team, and as a result, he has been given more responsibilities," Mr Flanigan said.

Mature-aged apprentice Darren Clutton demonstrated enough 'true grit' to be rewarded with the Chairman's Award for the Bendigo section.

"Darren is proof that you are able to begin and succeed in a new career at any age as long as you are dedicated and willing to work hard," Mr Flanigan said.

Master Builders Chief Executive Officer Radley de Silva said that apprentices are essential to Victoria's building industry.

"We need a skilled workforce in the building and construction industry that will continue to build Victoria.

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"Acknowledging their hard work and dedication encourages apprentices across Victoria to continue their career path to achieve better and greater things in our industry."

Regional winners are selected after an interview with a panel of three judges. Once awarded, they will be invited to attend the State Apprentice of the Year Awards on 8 May in Melbourne where the overall winners will be announced.

Media welcome – interviews and photos of winners available upon request.

What: Apprentice of the Year Awards (Bendigo region)
When: Tuesday 10 March 2015 from 7pm to 9pm

Where: Conservatory, All Seasons Hotel and Quality Resort, 171-183 McIvor Road, Bendigo VIC 3550

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