



Newsletter

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TOGETHER, WE CAN SAVE LIVES



OzHelp Presents Canberra's workplace Suicide Prevention Forum

SAVE THE DATE

10th May 2018 9.00am -2.00pm

Meyer Vandenberg Lawyers
2/121 Marcus Clarke St, Canberra ACT 2601

Tickets \$100.00

Early Bird \$75.00 (before 28th February 2018)

- Building solutions to prevent suicide and provide support in the workplace
- Return to work - The cost and journey for the Employer and Employee
 - Legislation
 - A story of lived experience

SPEAKERS

Greg Jones (Worksafe ACT Commissioner)
Maree Cummins (Injury Manager QBE)
Tony Holland (CEO OzHelp)
Michael Grieshaber (Technical Manager QBE)
Karen Etheredge (Director of Services)

Morning tea and a light lunch will be supplied

LIMITED AVAILABILITY SO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

<https://ozhelp.org.au/course-registrations/workplace-suicide-prevention-forum/>

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Liz Nair MBA-ACT Commercial Director, James Hubbard MBA- ACT Apprentice of the Year and Tony Keir Apprenticeship Support Australia

2018 Master Builder's ACT Apprentice Awards

The 2018 Master Builders Apprentice Awards were held on Friday 9th March at the Hellenic Club Canberra. Each year, Master Builders and its industry partners celebrate the success of MBA employed and trained apprentice across the Carpentry, Plumbing and Civil Construction Trades. Also recognised are long standing host employers as well as host and employer who have shown outstanding commitment to training and mentoring apprentices.

The Overall 2018 Award winners were:

- James Hubbard – 2018 MBA- ACT APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR
- Travis McGrath – Plumbing
- Simon DeCosta – Civil Construction

MBA would like to thank all of their supporters Apprenticeship Support Australia, Asset Construction Hire, St George, Cbus, Harvey Norman Commercial, MBA Insurance Services, Worksafe ACT, Woden Contractors, Capital Certifiers, Training Fund Authority, Master Builders Australia, OzHelp, Village Building Co, Seears Workwear CITC and MBA Fidelity Fund.





The outside compound for Concreting and Bricklaying activities

St Mary Mackillop College Construction Program

Since the establishment of a Trade Training Centre at St Mary MacKillop College Isabella Campus in 2012, students have been undertaking training within the construction industry to acquire the skills and knowledge across a range of trade occupations, such as joinery, shopfitting, carpentry and bricklaying through the training of a Certificate II in Construction Pathway qualification.

St Mary Mackillop College has a strong commitment to authentic teaching and learning with students constructing a house from the foundations to the roof, utilising industry practices and techniques. Students learn WHS procedures, how to correctly use tools and equipment, they acquire knowledge about materials and techniques, in order to achieve quality standards. The college trainers, Scott Clegg and John Solari have worked within the construction industry for numerous years and provide training and assessment that is current and relevant.

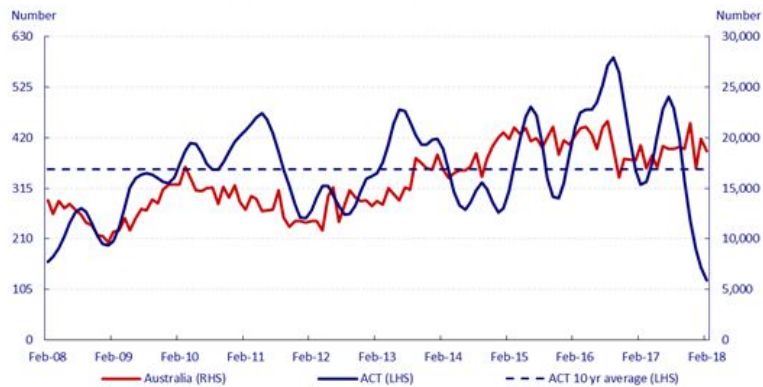
The number of students enrolled in Construction Pathways at St Mary Mackillop College has grown significantly with sixty students in Years 11 & 12 currently enrolled in this valuable pathway qualification.

The TFA, as part of the entry level program outlined in the TFA Training Plan provide incentives to the College for students that are undertaking an approved Vocational Education & Training program in Certificate I or II in Construction. Such courses provide an opportunity for students who are soon to leave College to gain high quality workplace simulation prior to embarking on their career of choice.

Building Approvals - February 2018

ABS Cat No 8731.0

**Number of Residential Building Approvals, Monthly Data
Trend Data (ACT); Seasonal Adjusted Data (Australia)**



Source: ABS Cat. No. 8731.0

Building Approvals, ACT and Australia, February 2018

State/National	Number	Change (%)	
		Monthly	tty ¹
ACT			
Residential			
No. of Approvals ³	123	-18.5	-61.8
Value of Approvals ² (\$ million)	69	60.2	-54.1
Non-Residential⁴			
No. of Approvals ²	37	15.6	-26.0
Value of Approvals ² (\$ million)	29	-44.4	-42.6
Australia			
Residential			
No. of Approvals ⁵	18,671	-6.2	-3.1
Value of Approvals ⁵ (\$ million)	6,601	-4.3	-7.9
Non-Residential⁴			
No. of Approvals ²	2,373	22.8	4.2
Value of Approvals ⁵ (\$ million)	3,820	22.6	5.0

Source: ABS Cat. No. 8731.0

¹ Through the year (tty) growth is the percentage change from the same period in the previous year.

² Care should be taken when interpreting original data due to its volatility.

³ In trend terms.

⁴ This comprises non-residential building approvals valued at \$50,000 or more and of an educational; health; aged-care; office; religious; transport; industrial; and commercial nature.

⁵ In seasonally adjusted terms.

ACT (trend and original)

Residential: The ACT's monthly trend result of 123 residential building approvals is the lowest since September 2005, and has decreased consecutively over the past seven months. The monthly fall of 18.5 per cent in trend terms is the lowest result of any State and Territory. The number of units approved in the month (115)^[3] is lower than the five year average of 278. All units approved were townhouses. The through the year decline of 61.8 per cent reflects a relatively high base from a year ago, combined with a low monthly result.

Non-residential: Non-residential building approvals are often associated with one-off events, and hence are highly volatile. In February 2018, there was \$29 million worth of non-residential building approvals. The monthly

decline of 44.4 per cent was partly due to coming off the high base of January 2018.

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[2] Care should be taken when interpreting original data due to its volatility.

[3] Original data.

Upcoming Events

Australian Capital Tree Community

Tree Climbing Championships

5-6th May from 7am

Australian National Botanical Gardens

Master Plumbers Association - ACT

Industry and Apprentice Awards

Friday 18th May

Canberra Southern Cross Club

MBA ACT

Excellence in Building Awards

Friday 29th June

National Convention Centre



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