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ACT Apprentice of the Year James White

The ACT celebrates Vocational Education and Training

On Thursday 12 September the ACT celebrated our Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector at the 2019 ACT Training Awards.

Thirteen awards were presented at the National Museum of Australia, including the prestigious 2019 ReadyTech ACT Apprentice of the Year award, won by local carpenter, James White.

James, from Kambah, was employed as a fire fighter in NSW when he developed a passion for woodwork and construction. He has since completed a Certificate III in Carpentry through the Canberra Institute of Technology and hopes to one day own his own business. James was nominated by his teacher, who commended him for his commitment, and breadth of skills and capabilities.

Organisational category winners, Wisdom Learning, Canberra Institute of Technology and the ACT Cyber Security Skills Accelerator Collaboration have been successful in being shortlisted for the Australian Training Awards and will join all of the ACT's individual category winners at the Awards in Brisbane this November.

For the full list of 2019 ACT Training Awards winners, visit the Skills Canberra Website <https://www.skills.act.gov.au/awards#C>



Girls in Property program raising awareness of Career Paths within the Property Industry

The Property Council of Australia's 2019 Girls In Property program was held at the University of Canberra (UC) on Tuesday, 3 September 2019, with the goal of showing high school girls the pathways to working in the Territory's property sector.

The program allows high school students to learn about various career opportunities, hear from property experts and make valuable connections with property industry professionals.

Eighty female students from Kingsford Smith School, Lyneham High School, Melba Copland Secondary School and University of Canberra High School Kaleen took part in the program, which will cultivate the next generation of female property leaders.

"With the property industry being Australia's biggest employer, taking

action to engage with tomorrow's professionals today is an important initiative for the Property Council of Australia and the Girls in Property program supporters.

"The program gave students an opportunity to hear first-hand from and connect with, inspirational and talented professionals in the property industry, including some of the best and brightest women working in the ACT property sector," says the Property Council's ACT Executive Director, Adina Cirson.



2019 NAWIC ACT Chapter Committee



Crystal Vision Awards winner Lauren Couter and the Construction Control Team

NAWIC Industry Awards

The National Association of Women in Construction ACT (NAWIC) hosted nearly 500 guests at its annual awards at the National Arboretum in September. NAWIC is a not-for-profit organisation formed to promote an equitable construction industry. The awards are an opportunity to

recognise and celebrate the achievements of women in construction. Lauren Couter (Project Director – Construction Control) took out the top “Crystal Vision” award for her outstanding achievements throughout her impressive career.

Other winners who were honoured on the night included Nadine O’Keefe, Elyse Howard, Jane Loise Alexander, Sarah Carrol, Sarah Anne Duncan, Roberta Brosco, Ntasha Krysti Gerebtzoff, Nichelle Jackson, Sarah Pollheim and Dulani Nanayakkara. Construction company Manteena was recognised as the winner of the diversity and inclusion award. The evening also saw the announcement of new co-presidents, Kim Raysmith and Peita de Boer, as outgoing president Amanda Laverie takes on an advocacy role within the ACT chapter committee.

“Our annual awards provide the opportunity for our members to showcase the professional contributions to Australia’s largest non-service related industry, contributing \$134.2B to the nation’s economy, and employing 1.1 million Australians” says outgoing president Amanda Laverie. Please see the www.nawic.com.au for full details



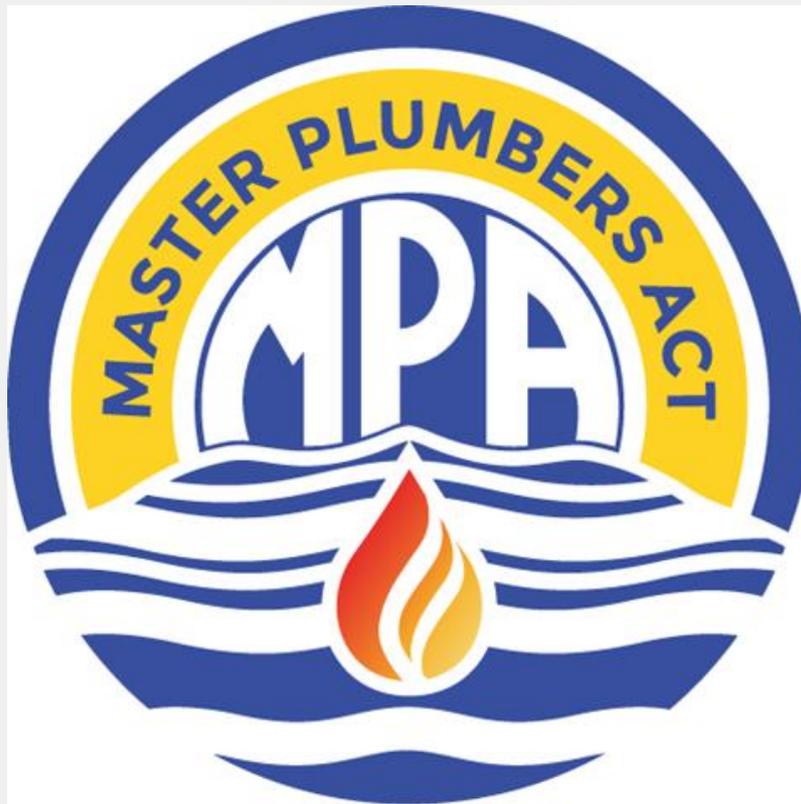
Chris Baseden, Lauren Basedon and
Minister Susanne Orr

CITC Annual Apprentice Awards

The Chief Minister, Mr Andrew Barr MLA, was joined by the Territories newest Minister, Ms Suzanne Orr MLA to help share our industries Outstanding Apprentices achievements at the Hellenic Club on Thursday 29 August. Over 300 people attended these Awards and it was great to

see so many of our industry Apprentices being recognised for their outstanding contribution to their trades and the construction industry.

Lauren Baseden scooped the pool, Lauren not only won the Outstanding Electrical Apprentice Award and the Outstanding Woman in a Non-traditional Trade Award but also won the overall 2019 Construction Industry Outstanding Graduating Apprentice. Lauren is employed by 5 Star Electrical.



Master Plumbers ACT & Icon Water tour

On a very very cold winter morning in August, 20 Master Plumber members were treated to a tour of ACT's critical water infrastructure hosted by Icon Water Community Engagement Officer, Kate Rhook. The sites we visited were the Cotter Dam, the Cotter Pumping Station and Stromlo Water Treatment Plant.

Kate's knowledge of the technicalities of the catchment dams and water network supply was astounding and she also covered the Indigenous Heritage and National Capital history of the works. The Cotter Pumping Station was built in 1915 to pump water from the Cotter Dam to what is now the Mount Stromlo Water Treatment Plant. This plant is still in working order today.





Time to Act - Slip Slop Slap

You should not be surprised to know that the workplace is a major source of sun (UV) exposure for many adult Canberrans. Outdoor workers are required to spend long periods working under the sun, day after day and year after year, and as a result have a higher than average risk of developing skin cancers. It has been estimated that 200 deadly melanomas and 34,000 non melanoma skin cancers per year are caused by occupational UVR exposure in Australia.

ACT workplaces (PCBUs) have a duty of care and WH&S responsibility to protect their workers as much as reasonably practicable from skin cancer.

ACT workplaces can request a free hardcopy of Cancer Council's new 44 page guide – **Skin Cancer and Outdoor Work** by contacting David Wild at Cancer Council ACT, or download a copy via the website:

<https://actcancer.org/prevention/sunsmart/workplace-awareness/outdoor-workers/resources/>

ACT workplaces can now host a FREE 1 hour SunSmart Workplace Training Session or a 15 minute Toolbox Talk anywhere and anytime – read more and book online: <https://actcancer.org/prevention/sunsmart/workplace-awareness/invite-sunsmart-into-your-workplace/>

If your workplace simply requires some posters and brochures to raise sun protection awareness among your workers please contact David at Cancer Council ACT.

Contact Cancer Council ACT p 6257 9999 e david.wild@actcancer.org

Upcoming Events:

- **ACT Building & Construction Industry TFA 20 year Anniversary**
20th November Old Parliament House



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