

Newcastle Master Builders Apprenticeship Scheme Update



Date: August 2020

Message from the Manager

It is hard to believe we are already in the month of August! These slower times in the Industry make us all work harder to achieve the results we need, and make the time fly by!

Newcastle Master Builders Apprentices is proud to announce our success at the 2020 HRATA Awards (Hunter Regional Apprentice and Trainee Awards) for 2020.

These are very prestigious awards where the best of the best Apprentices and Trainees are recognised for being the finest in their category.

Our winners were Levi Smith – Carpentry Apprentice of the Year, hosted by Core Project Group and Shannon Davis – Bricklaying Apprentice of the Year, hosted by All Things Masonry.

We also had two finalist's Tyler Johnson – Carpentry, hosted by Haines Build and Brandon Hortle – Carpentry, hosted by Peter Sosso Building, a great effort.

The winners will go down in history on our Honour Wall here at the Newcastle MBA with the other winning Apprentices since 1999. We have won over (40) HRATA Awards from that time which is a credit to our Host Employers, Apprentices, and staff here at Newcastle.

We would like to congratulate both winners and finalists on their efforts throughout their Apprenticeship to reach this level of awards, also the Host Employers – Core Project Group and All Things Masonry, Haines Build and Peter Sosso Building for their patience, quality training and commitment to the Apprentices and the Building Industry.

By Brett Lester

Recruitment Report

Already past the halfway mark for 2020, the year is flying!

A sincere thank you to all our Host Employers, repeat and new that have given a young person an opportunity to build themselves a career within our Building and Construction Industry!

Are you currently in your 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th year of your Apprenticeship, or know someone that is currently out of work seeking a position? Please head to our website www.mbagtp.com.au to submit an application as we are always looking for available Apprentices to join our scheme!



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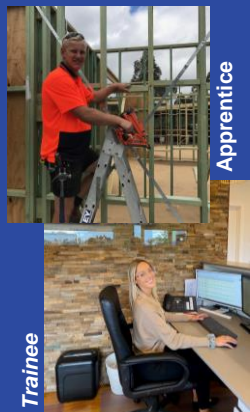
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Be sure to follow our Facebook page '**Newcastle Master Builders Apprenticeship Scheme**' & Instagram **@mbaapprenticeshipschemes** for regular updates, job vacancies or further information on our Apprenticeship scheme and how we can assist you in gaining entry into the Building Industry to start your future career!

By Alisha Howard

MBA Staff

It has been an extremely busy 2020 and we cannot believe it is nearly over already. We would like to refresh your memory with our current staff positions and best contact numbers.

Please see below:

Brett Lester	Manager	Full-Time	0402 000 892
Megan Read	Office Manager	Part Time (Monday, Wednesday & Friday's)	4979 0170
Alisha Howard	Recruitment Officer	Full-Time	4979 0173
Gabrielle Harden	Senior Payroll Officer	Full-Time	4979 0171
Madeleine Dobing	Payroll Officer	Full-Time	4979 0170
Rachael Wheeler	Special Projects	Part Time (Tuesday & Friday's)	4979 0179
Arthur Hawkins	Field Officer	Full-Time	0408 403 937

TAFE Notice / Important Dates

TAFE NSW – Coronavirus Update

With the easing of restrictions, TAFE NSW have been able to re-open and have implemented a range of new proactive measures to limit the impact of COVID-19 on students' study.

These new measures allow controlled face to face learning, alongside connected learning, to provide students with the best possible experience and educational outcomes in Term 3.

No matter how training is delivered, TAFE NSW has state-wide guidelines, and risk management practices in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all staff and students.

TAFE Important Dates 2020

20th July – 27th September
28th September – 11th October
12th October – 6th December
14th December – to be advised

Term 3
End of Term 3
Term 4
End of Term 4



Safety Reminder

With the current circumstances of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the flu season please ensure you're completing all prevention strategies:

Wash your hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve or elbow.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

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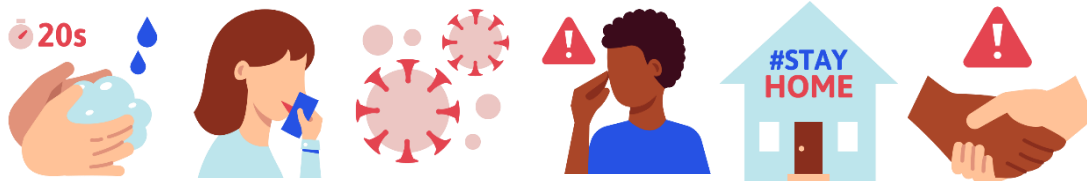
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Symptoms may include any of the following:

Fever
Cough
Sore throat
Nasal Congestion
Runny Nose
Diarrhoea

If you are experiencing any of the above symptoms, please contact our office and your Host Employer immediately. If you are required to get testing done for Coronavirus, please attend this urgently. You will not be able to return to work until you have been tested negatively for the virus and received medical clearance.

If you are tested positive or for further information, please call us on 02 4979 0170.

A reminder on the importance of safety on-site; it is important to ensure you are always wearing the appropriate safety equipment (PPE). If you do not have the appropriate equipment, please seek this as soon as possible by contacting our office.

If you get injured in the workplace, please do the following:

- Notify your supervisor
- Notify MBA (02 4979 0170)
- Have someone take you to our preferred medical centre for all onsite injuries – **Hamilton Doctors – 60 Lindsay Street, Hamilton NSW 2303 – 4961 3017**. Our preferred medical centre will see you promptly and have you on your way sooner.
- If you seriously injure yourself, please call an ambulance
- Contact MBA again after your appointment and send through photos of your Workers Compensation paperwork.



Raising Awareness

Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea – 28th May 2020 – MBA enjoyed a lovely morning tea to raise money and awareness for the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea. MBA donated an amazing \$250.00 to help people affected by cancer. Through funding life-saving research, prevention programs and support services, we're making a real difference to people affected by cancer.



Beanies for Brain Cancer – Mark Hughes

Foundation – We encourage the community to come together and support this foundation to raise funds to promote research, heighten awareness and support brain cancer patients and their families within the community. Our staff are getting behind the Mark Hughes Foundation this winter!



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National Blood Donor Week – 19th June 2020 – Australia's blood donors made 1.5 million donations in the past year! NMBA Staff did their bit for National Blood Donor Week in June at Lifeblood Donor Centre – Broadmeadow.



Pyjama Day – 17th July 2020 – National Pyjama Day is all about raising much needed awareness and funds for children in foster care, our staff wore the favourite pair of PJ's to support this great cause.



Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 7th August 2020

– When you support Jeans for Genes you can count on proven experience, making a difference and giving hope to kids and their families facing birth defects and genetic diseases. Our staff all wore their jeans to raise awareness for an extremely important research institute.



Congratulations

We would love to congratulate our Manager Brett Lester on his fantastic achievement of 20 years of service here at Newcastle Master Builders Group Training on Friday 7th August 2020.

Congratulations Brett on such a huge achievement, we are so lucky to have you as our Manager here at MBA.

Your pride and believe in the Apprentices and the Building and Construction Industry as a whole is remarkable and has been for the past 20 years.



For further information on any of our services – please contact our friendly staff on (02) 4979 0170 or visit our website www.mbagtp.com.au

Our next Newsletter will be released in **December 2020**.

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