

North apprentice wins MBA Apprentice of the Year

MBA NEWCASTLE EXCELLENCE IN BUILDING AWARDS WINNERS

North Construction & Building

NORTH Construction & Building Pty Ltd (North) apprentice, Madelyn Henry, has been named Commercial Apprentice of the Year at the 2025 MBA Newcastle Excellence in Building Awards.

The awards, held at NEX Newcastle to mark their 30th anniversary, recognise outstanding building and construction projects across the Hunter, Central Coast, Manning, Oxley and Tamworth regions.

Celebrating the skill, craftsmanship and innovation of the industry, the event showcased achievements from small renovations to large-scale commercial projects, as well as individual awards recognising apprentices, women in building and subcontractors.

Reflecting on the achievement, Madelyn said, "Being an apprentice at North has been one of the most fulfill-

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"I enjoy learning from our supervisors and trades, continually improving my skills and knowledge. I am so grateful to everyone at North for providing me with the opportunity and support to do what I love. I'm honoured to have received this award."

The judging panel commended Madelyn for her ambition and the exceptional standard of her work, commenting, "Madelyn has the ambition to complete her apprenticeship and progress into leadership roles.

The judges were highly im-

pressed with her maturity and desire to excel, noting her apprentice journal as a gold standard for future training."

"They congratulate Madelyn on a thoroughly deserved award and believe she has a bright future in the building industry."

North has a deeply proud history of developing the next generation of leaders in our industry, having supported our apprentices for over ten years to receive recognition as Commercial Apprentice of the Year.

Four of these winners have gone on to the national stage, winning the overall National Commercial Apprentice of the Year.

Apprentice Manager, Grant Cameron, has played a central role in mentoring and guiding apprentices to achieve their best.

In addition to Madelyn's recognition, North also received multiple project awards on the night. North is very proud once again to receive awards at this year's event.



Madelyn Henry apprentice at North Construction. Picture supplied

"It's great to have continuing recognition each year to our contribution to the Newcastle/Hunter construction industry, and we thank the Newcastle Master Builders Association for our winning awards," CEO of North Construction & Building, John Melvin said.

These awards included:

- Commercial Projects
\$9m-\$15m - Ingenia Lifestyle Element Fullerton Cove
- Commercial Pools -
Ingenia Lifestyle Element Fullerton Cove
- Best Use of Brick - Ingenia Lifestyle Element Fullerton Cove
- Commercial Projects under

\$2m - Port Stephens Koala Sanctuary

"It's a testament to our effort in building great working relationships with all our stakeholders.

"We'd like to thank our partners in delivery - clients, trade contractors and consultant teams that contributed to our body of work this year, especially our nominated projects.

In every project, we work hard at living our purpose by 'Building With Trust', Mr Melvin said. "North congratulates Madelyn on her well-deserved award. We are incredibly proud of the external recognition for her efforts throughout her apprenticeship.

Our focus is to provide a framework for our apprentices to grow and develop their skill set, and Madelyn took full advantage of this and continues to work hard throughout her apprenticeship.

"This award continues our rich history as a training-focused business with our apprenticeship programme delivering excellent apprentices and tradespeople year on year."

These achievements reflect North's ongoing commitment to building excellence and developing the next generation of industry leaders.

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Ingenia Fullerton Cove

Port Stephens Koala Sanctuary – Extensions

Madelyn Henry

We would like to acknowledge the project teams and extend our thanks to all our delivery partners—clients, trade contractors, and consultant teams—who contributed to the success of these award-winning projects pictured. We also congratulate

Madelyn Henry on receiving the *Commercial Apprentice of the Year Award*.

Across every project, we remain committed to living our purpose: *Building with Trust*.