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How **Born to Build** has revolutionised the way careers in construction are promoted

When I first started at Master Builders SA it was obvious the way our industry promoted itself needed a complete overhaul. A massive industry doing \$12 billion+ of work each year, directly employing 65,000+ South Australians, and yet there was minimal presence in schools.



What existed was tired and uninspiring: “Johnny, you don’t have much going on, maybe you should do an apprenticeship?” Nobody was excited by that! There was no equivalent of a university prospectus where kids, parents, teachers and career counsellors could discover the vast opportunities available, and people they could look up to. No wonder everyone went to uni and a massive trade shortage developed!

Our industry had to evolve and promote ourselves as aspirational. We had to showcase those who started as an apprentice and went on to run the most well-known businesses in South Australia. Kids needed to think “Wow, I want to be like THEM -building luxury homes, driving a cool car, going fishing in my own boat on the weekends.” From there the “Born to Build” concept was created. Industry icons like Scott Salisbury and Dino Pietrobon threw their support behind the program. They and many others are now part of the Born to Build Career Handbook, listing occupations, salaries, pathways, success stories and more. Finally our industry can show newcomers we are professional.

Born to Build became the blueprint for others, which is fantastic. CITB South Australia’s Trade Up is a firm nod to Born to Build, and we were pleased to let them use our content for their website. The Skill Shortage Solution Grants, which Master Builders SA called for in the lead up to the election, are supporting great programs like the Brick and Block Careers Field Officer.

I’ll never forget Peter Malinauskas announcing he would support Born to Build. This was the culmination of five years’ lobbying, and I knew the program would change lives, help the industry, our state.

In 2025, so far, we’ve placed 180+ South Australians in apprenticeships, 150+ engagement events in schools and sporting clubs, and provided career advice for tens of thousands of South

Australians. Giving our youth confidence and a sense of purpose whilst they build our state gives us a tremendous sense of pride.

Under her leadership Cassandra Green has taken Born to Build to the next level, and with his incredible story of surviving a shark attack to get back on the tools Chris Blowes always has his audience captivated. You are both legends!

Thanks to Skills Minister, The Hon. Blair Boyer, for his strong support, enabling us to partner with the Adelaide Footy League -what I believe to be the most fertile ground for apprenticeship recruitment there is-providing free training and career advice to players.

Master Builders SA is the official delivery partner of the State Government’s technical colleges at Tonsley and The Heights. We are having input into the curriculum and working with our members to provide career presentations, site visits, work experience opportunities, and most importantly, jobs. We can’t wait to apply Born to Build to this partnership.

We would love you to get involved with Born to Build, even if only for one hour per year –it all helps. For more information check out www.born2build.com.au or call Program Manager Cassandra Green on 0403 033 758.

Supporters are too many to name but Born to Build continues to go from strength to strength because of you. I can’t wait to see what the future holds!

Will Frogley
CEO,
Master Builders SA



It has been a genuine honour to have served as President of Master Builders SA and to have led an association with an impressive 141-year history, while representing the broader construction sector.



As my term as President of Master Builder's SA comes to an end, I would like to acknowledge our CEO Will Frogley and all the dedicated staff at MBA over this period. Working closely with such a committed, motivated team with a "get it done" mindset has meant we have been able to tackle a range of issues and proactive opportunities.

This has been a year of real momentum. Our membership has surged, making Master Builders SA now the largest industry association in the State.

Our Industry has continued to play a pivotal role in shaping South Australia's economy and communities. Construction remains one of the state's largest employers and despite rising costs, interest rate uncertainty and ongoing labour shortages, our members have continued to deliver; building new homes, vital infrastructure, schools, hospitals and the places where our communities live, work and thrive.

We have kept advocacy tightly focused on issues that matter. Over the past year we pushed for fairer practical procurement processes, development ready land, and reforms to planning systems that unlock opportunity rather than delay it.

We continued to maintain pressure on housing affordability, skills shortages, regulatory burden and reminded government that sustainable growth depends on a strong, confident construction industry.

We've also invested in the future, new training and Build Connect initiatives are addressing the skills gaps, we expanded apprenticeship support programs to help more young and mature career changers find their pathway into construction.

Our Born to Build program continued to grow, working with schools and with community sport across the SA amateur football and soccer leagues, and basketball association to help place more South Australians into the 90,000 strong construction work force in this state.

I am proud of what we have achieved together, and I am confident that the next chapter for Master Builders SA will continue to be a strong and successful one.

Thank you.

Enzo Zito
President,
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South Australia has real momentum.

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People are choosing to move to South Australia, while locals who would otherwise pursue opportunities elsewhere, are choosing to stay.

By 2050, Greater Adelaide's population is expected to grow by an additional 670,000 people. We have an unprecedented opportunity before us—but that opportunity also presents a challenge, where are all these people going to live?

When my government sees a challenge, we choose to act. Through our actions, we are ensuring that more South Australians than ever will have a place to call home. A key focus in our Housing Roadmap and the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP) is to ensure there is an appropriate supply of serviced land to meet both current and emerging housing demand.

The GARP identifies where 315,000 new homes will be built over the next 30 years and preserves important land for future infrastructure requirements.

There are limited options for where greenfield growth can occur and much of the land identified for the medium to long-term growth is within the Environment and Food Production Areas.

There is opportunity for approximately 61,000 dwellings to be developed on land that is currently within the EFPAs. That is 61,000 dwellings in proximity to existing urban areas which have been locked up and unable to be developed for a significant period.

It's not easy but this Government is making changes to the EFPAs to ensure that Greater Adelaide's growth is appropriate, logical and affords protection to existing land uses.

Without the changes to the EFPAs, South Australia's growth will be stifled. Infrastructure is a key challenge for servicing new greenfield urban growth

areas. What the GARP sets to achieve is a logical and coordinated approach to the identification of key lands which can be used for vital community infrastructure, such as schools, hospitals and emergency services.

To that end, the Government is taking a coordinated approach to growth, releasing the GARP in conjunction with the 20-year State Infrastructure Strategy and the 30-year Transport Strategy. This includes important aspects such as preserving rail corridors both north and south of the city.

As well as planning for homes and critical infrastructure, I remain steadfastly committed to ensuring our communities remain active and healthy, and that the Government makes investments that will encourage younger generations to get off their screens and get outdoors to be active.

The new Northern Park Lands—one of the biggest investments in open space in our state's history—will create almost 1000 hectares of public, green open space for the people in the northern suburbs to enjoy.

We are doing this important work now to maximise the benefit in the future. And while these plans are looking at medium to long term growth, we are working hard right now to get more homes built faster.

We are continuing to invest in water infrastructure, particularly in the north and south, to supply development-ready housing estates that respond to market and community expectations.

We are building more homes, selling more homes, unlocking land on which more homes can be built and investing in the critical water infrastructure everyone can share in the great Australian dream of owning their own home.

This Government is well placed to rise to the exciting challenge of South Australia's population growth and to seize on the opportunities that it creates. But this is going to take more than just government—we need business and industry working together in a concerted, collaborative effort to achieve our goals.

The data shows that South Australia is outranking every other Australian state in this space. That is in no small part because you, South Australia's commercial and residential builders, renovators and subcontractors, are punching above your weight and contributing to amazing outcomes in the sector.



Hon Peter Malinauskas MP
Premier South Australia



Record growth for SA's building and construction industry

The MBA released its bi-annual Industry Forecast – a comprehensive report which revealed South Australia's building and construction industry had made substantial gains.

In 2024/25 an estimated 13,412 new dwellings starts were recorded – up 18% from the previous year.

Master Builders SA Chief Executive Will Frogley said this growth was driven by a sharp rise in high density housing and detached dwellings commencements.

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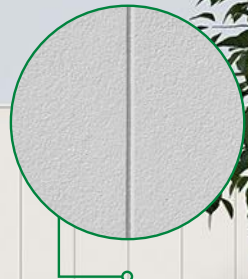
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“This was a momentous first year of the National Housing Accord for our State with a record of new dwelling starts and 2025-26 is forecast to make more gains and growth.

The residential sector wasn't the only industry recording big wins.

“Non-residential building activity also increased significantly up 16.9% from the previous year and that figure is expected to surge by 46% in the coming Financial Year,” Mr Frogley said.

The sharp rise of construction activity has lifted South Australia to be the best performing mainland state, and the future is looking bright for the thousands of people working on civil and major projects such as the Torrens 2 Darlington (see graph on page 2).

“By having a steady pipeline of works for the coming years, means our workers can plan for their families, their finances and their future,” Mr Frogley said.

However, it is anticipated that some building activity is likely to slowdown in the coming years—particularly in the commercial and industrial sectors.

Master Builders Australia has outlined a clear set of productivity reforms to help turn this trajectory around. These include: streamlining planning

Engineering and civil construction activity: Master Builders Australia forecasts for South Australia to 2029–30 (millions of 2022–23 dollars)

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Total engineering and civil construction activity	\$8,772.2	\$8,778.6	\$8,167.1	\$8,916.2	\$9,618.0	\$9,686.2	\$9,858.8	\$9,613.2
Change on previous year (%)	+2.6%	+0.1%	-7.0%	+9.2%	+7.9%	+0.7%	+1.8%	-2.5%
Transport construction work	\$2,196.1	\$2,406.9	\$2,176.8	\$2,785.4	\$3,156.0	\$2,983.5	\$3,039.0	\$3,021.8
Change on previous year (%)	-13.8%	+9.6%	-9.6%	+28.0%	+13.3%	-5.5%	+1.9%	-0.6%
Utilities construction work	\$2,904.4	\$2,932.9	\$2,970.3	\$3,547.2	\$3,853.5	\$4,112.8	\$3,992.6	\$3,925.5
Change on previous year (%)	+19.7%	+1.0%	+1.3%	+19.4%	+8.6%	+6.7%	-2.9%	-1.7%
Resources construction work	\$2,767.0	\$2,698.0	\$2,421.9	\$1,858.9	\$1,847.7	\$1,804.6	\$2,017.6	\$1,831.2
Change on previous year (%)	-2.0%	-2.5%	-10.2%	-23.2%	-0.6%	-2.3%	+11.8%	-9.2%
Recreation and other engineering construction	\$904.7	\$740.8	\$598.0	\$724.7	\$760.8	\$785.2	\$809.6	\$834.7
Change on previous year (%)	+4.6%	-18.1%	-19.3%	+21.2%	+5.0%	+3.2%	+3.1%	+3.1%

Source: Master Builders Australia—produced forecasts and analysis of ABS Building Activity (8752 0)

and approvals; pausing non-essential changes to the National Construction Code; boosting skilled migration and apprenticeship incentives; investing in infrastructure; and creating a “tell-us-once” government data hub to cut red tape.

Mr Frogley said these reforms and investments in skills are essential if Australia is to close the gap on the Accord's 1.2 million home target for the nation.

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Copper Theft on Notice

In 2024 members of Master Builders SA (MBASA) raised serious concerns about the increasing incidents of copper theft from building sites.

MBASA then commissioned a survey to ascertain what it was costing the industry.

The results showed that it was costing some \$70 Million per year.

As a result, MBASA began lobbying the State Government to introduce legislation to address the matter.

In February this year, the Government released a discussion paper examining the impact of copper and other material theft from building sites. The paper invited feedback from both industry stakeholders and the wider public through a survey that explored a range of potential policy options.

Following this consultation, and the persistent advocacy of Master Builders SA (MBASA), a Bill was released for comment.

MBASA provided detailed submissions to strengthen and refine the wording, and the Government responded by tightening several loopholes that had been identified as problematic.

The Cost of Copper Theft

Data reveals that theft from building sites – driven by the rising value of copper – has been costing the industry an estimated \$70 million annually. These crimes not only inflate costs but also extend build times and delay the handover of homes. Builders are being forced to invest heavily in site security, surveillance, and stronger temporary fencing, with these expenses passed on to homeowners.

Scrap Metal Dealers Under Scrutiny

A key issue fuelling the problem is the role of scrap metal dealers who fail to properly verify the source of materials or the identity of sellers. The widespread practice of advertising “cash for scrap” perpetuates anonymity, making transactions untraceable and enabling stolen goods to enter the market unchecked.

Legislative Progress

MBASA has welcomed the introduction of the Scrap Metal Dealers Bill 2025, which has now been passed by Parliament.

The regulations underpinning the Bill have to be drafted and the Bill will not become legislation until early next year.

Drawing inspiration from similar legislation in New South Wales – which achieved a 30% reduction in reported copper theft – the Bill contains several key reforms:

- Establishing a registration scheme for dealers, including “fit and proper person” tests to exclude individuals with criminal links.
- Mandating electronic transactions and banning cash payments for scrap metal.
- Prohibiting the advertising of cash payments by registered dealers.
- Requiring identity checks and record-keeping for all transactions.
- Setting minimum standards for data retention.
- Granting police expanded powers to inspect and shut down non-compliant dealers.

The legislation also introduces significant penalties for breaches, and the Government will dedicate resources for SAPOL to enforce compliance.



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Safety is Ahmad's Number one policy

In 2021, the Australian military conducted one of the largest airlift operations in history; evacuating more than four thousand people before the Taliban regime took over Afghanistan.

21-year-old Ahmad Fawad and his sister were two of the lucky ones to escape.

They eventually settled down in Adelaide and Ahmad vowed to learn a trade and help his remaining family members who faced an uncertain fate.

They were also forced to leave Afghanistan because their lives were in danger. After their father's real estate business went bankrupt, there was no hope left for them to make a living. Schools and universities for girls had been closed, cutting off any chance of education and a future. Life in Afghanistan had become unbearable, filled with fear and uncertainty. On top of this, the Taliban directly threatened their safety, leaving them with no option but to flee their home and everything familiar, in search of safety, dignity, and the chance to rebuild their lives. They left everything behind, crossing into Pakistan with only the clothes on their backs, forced to live in fear and uncertainty without legal status.

Back in Adelaide, Ahmad took on a bricklaying apprenticeship, but he struggled to stay the course and sought help from Master Builders SA mentor Nelson Manonella.

"We had some really honest and insightful conversations and offered our ongoing support to help him realise his career and family goals," Nelson said.

"So I made the decision to switch trades and become a plumber through Master Builder's Group Training Organisation.



"Straight away, I felt supported, and the work was easier on the body, plus it pays good money which is important for me to assist my family," Ahmad said

Ahmad's field officer at MBA, Gavin Watson, helped him find a great fit with Host Employer Jordan Plumbing and within a few short months, his hard work, attention to safety and talents were quickly recognised.

"He was working on a massive project – the Modbury Health Precinct and the head builder Built Environs presented him with Safety Award of the Month due to his great attitude and strict adherence to safety and PPE.

"His supervisor said to me 'I would have Ahmad on any site at any time, he's one of the best 1st yr apprentices I've ever worked with,'" Gavin said.

Gavin and the team also decided to award Ahmad with Master Builders SA Apprentice of the Month.

"For a first-year plumber, it's an outstanding achievement, and we wish him every success in his career and life," Gavin said.



Fitness, mindset, teamwork - Celebrating our Sporting Partnership with the Adelaide 36ers

We were proud to present the Born to Build Tradie Round on 16 October for the second year.

In fact, at Master Builders SA we sponsor a number of sporting codes on both an amateur and professional level - like the 36ers - and the reason we do this is because we know that a lot of young people who love sport are also looking for a career that suits their purposes and provides a good work life balance.

We see physical and mental fitness as critical tools for those who play sport, and also for tradies - particularly when you're on a site or required to take part in a physically demanding job.

Our bespoke program, Born to Build is a unique and proven pathway for aspiring young apprentices, and we have a number of vacancies right now.

Born to Build guarantees young people full-time employment and award rates of pay and conditions

for the length of your apprenticeship whether it's in carpentry, electrical, plumbing, painting or plastering. So, if you or someone you know is interested in a career path that will earn them a great wage and learn a great trade - while keeping fit, we'd love to hear from you.

We can provide you with all the information about how to get started. We don't just sign people up to our Born to Build program, we train them, support them, place them with employers and mentor them throughout the entire process to ensure they see it through and are happy. Our results are well above industry average too with a near 90% success rate for completion of our apprenticeship programs.



Barossa Park a game-changer

The landmark \$45.7 million Barossa Park has made a spectacular debut in 2025 AFL Gather Round, reinforcing the Barossa as a premier events destination.

Around 20,000 fans flocked to Barossa Park in April for two AFL blockbusters, set against the stunning backdrop of the Barossa's iconic rolling hills and vineyards.

Initial estimates put the economic benefit to the Barossa at over \$8 million as 45 venues across the region celebrated the inaugural Festival of Footy and official launch of Barossa Park.

The joint initiative between The Barossa Council and the State Government has seen Lyndoch Recreation Park transformed into a multi-use destination in the heart of the world-renowned wine region.

The main building features a light-filled 300 seat event space, commercial kitchen, clubroom, change facilities and gym. The architecture includes a unique roofline and takes advantage of panoramic views through thoughtful orientation and expansive windows.

The main oval, illuminated by 750 lux lighting, is complemented by a second oval and recreation green, new netball courts, nature-inspired playground and extensive landscaping.

Co-designed with local sporting and community groups, the precinct supports a wide range of users representing football, netball, tennis, little athletics, bowls and pigeon racing.

Beyond AFL Gather Round, Barossa Park will be a regional destination that is much more than a sports venue, delivering a multi-use precinct that will bring attract events and festivals, and drive visitation to the State.

The benefits of the development --including as a conference venue--will significantly boost the regional economy, with potential for an additional 18,000 visitor stays in the Barossa each year.

Clever design principles and energy efficient systems throughout the precinct are another drawcard for visitors who care about sustainable tourism.

"This landmark upgrade and new precinct will live on well beyond AFL Gather Round and I'm excited to see how it will benefit the community, and our great state, for years to come," said Premier Peter Malinauskas.

"My government was determined to include the Barossa in the AFL Gather Round experience, and thanks to this seriously impressive development, that is now of course a reality."

Barossa Mayor Bim Lange said Barossa Park represents Council's largest and fastest infrastructure build ever, constructed in under 12 months.

It benefited the regional economy through the use of local trades to the value of approximately \$4 million, with more than 97% of all works supplied by SA businesses.

"I couldn't be prouder of what has been achieved at this site in 11 short months in partnership with the Malinauskas Government, which will be a game-changer for our community and the regional economy," Mayor Lange said.

"We couldn't have scripted a better outcome for the Barossa, with two AFL games, A Festival of Footy and tens of thousands of footy fans enjoying the best the Barossa has to offer.

"What's more, our community will be the custodians of this marquee venue, ensuring recreation, social and tourism benefits for generations to come."

Fast facts:

- Barossa Park has benefited the regional economy through the use of local trades to the value of approximately \$4 million
- Over 97% of all works were supplied by SA businesses
- Around 350 square metres of feature stone has been laid across the precinct
- Around 40,000 square metres of turf was laid to both ovals; 18,000 square metres was laid by hand, with another 15,000 square metres of grassed area around the ovals
- 1800 tonnes of soil was transported into the site during construction
- 15,000 tubestocks were grown at Barossa Bushgardens to green the site
- Over 450 trees will be established across the precinct

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2025 Master Builders SA Building Excellence Awards Shine Bright for SA

On 15 August, Master Builders SA held its night of nights and the highlight of, not on the building and construction industry's calendar, the 2025 Building Excellence Awards. There were more than 200 entries and a full house with over 1500 guests.. Master Builders SA CEO, Will Frogley, brings us this comprehensive summary.

"I love this night because it represents everything being a Master Builder is all about –excellence –not just going through the motions but constantly striving to be the best you can be. The projects presented at these awards in 2025 are truly world class.

The master builders attending the awards are all part of a long and proud heritage. Owning and operating businesses or managing them and working in the building industry does not come without its challenges, but now more than ever our industry is vital and of great importance.

At Master Builders Association, we are here to help you maintain, grow and improve your business and to enable you to achieve your business goals and aspirations. Whether it's training, up-skilling, legal, work health and safety advice, or apprentice or return to work services you need; the Master Builders Association is here to help.

But as an industry association we're only as good as our members and sponsors. We've been around since 1884 and we've never had more members than we have today, with well over 3000 businesses part of the MBA family. We're the largest industry association of any kind in South Australia, and it is with our members and sponsors strong support that enables us to do more.

Skills has been a major focus, and we are really excited to be the official delivery partner on the Technical colleges at Tonsley and The Heights, where we are having input into the curriculum, and providing interactive working stations, site visits, mentoring and job opportunities.

Born to Build continues to lead the way in promoting trade careers to students students from year 7 onwards right across the state, and this year alone has placed more than 130 South Australians into apprenticeships across our industry.

We're proud to be the biggest supporter of mature aged apprentices in South Australia, with this widely overlooked cohort now making up a quarter of our booming apprenticeship program.

We will continue to work closely with the Malinauskas Government and all stakeholders who want to see a strong building and construction industry and South Australian economy.

We pride ourselves on representing the whole of the industry, which is evidenced by the various awards presented.

Each entry is judged by a panel of independent industry professionals and their dedication to the judging process is second to none. They visit each site and challenge each other's opinions to ensure a true standard of excellence is achieved.

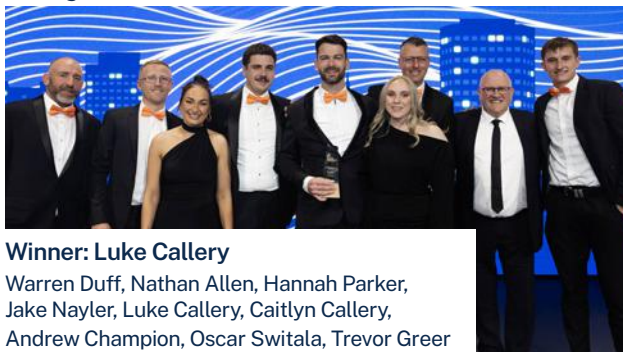
It's for these reasons that winning a Master Builders award is the most highly-sought honour available in the industry. To all our fantastic judges: thank you for dedicating countless hours to our Awards. Without your tireless efforts, we couldn't have this wonderful awards program.

I'd also like to thank our sponsors who support this great event year after year.

Major Award Winners 2025

Congratulations to all of
our 2025 Award Winners!

Young Builder of the Year 2025



Winner: Luke Callery

Warren Duff, Nathan Allen, Hannah Parker,
Jake Nayler, Luke Callery, Caitlyn Callery,
Andrew Champion, Oscar Switala, Trevor Greer

Master Builder of the Year - Residential 2025



Winner: Urban Habitats

Fraser Evans, Nick Champion MP, Jock Merrigan,
Josh Semmler, Sarah Stephen

HiViZ Women Building SA

Outstanding Woman in Construction 2025



Winner: Rebecca Lamont

Megan Cree, Rebecca Lamont

Master Builder of the Year - Commercial 2025



Winner: Hansen Yuncken

Scott Brumfield, Nick Champion MP, Andrew Andreou

Young Specialist Contractor of the Year 2025



Winner: Stewart Connor

Stewart Connor, Jo Suttell

Master Trade Contractor of the Year - Commercial 2025



Winner: SA Construct

Daniel Goulding, Jarrad Morgan, Jason Capogreco,
Brian Cvetinovic, Hon Blair Boyer

Builders Choice Trade Contractor - Commercial 2025



Winner: AG OConnor

Mark Clayton, Michael Willson, Tom Taylor, Chintan Mody,
Greg Honner, Andrew O'Connor, Mitchell Rigney

Master Trade Contractor of the Year - Residential 2025



Winner: Adelaide Tiling Co

Hon Blair Boyer, Jamie & Daniella Antonuccio

Builders Choice Trade Contractor - Residential 2025



Winner: DAngelo Tiling

Dominic D'Angelo, Marcus Rigney



CATEGORY AWARD WINNERS

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My Home Build

South Brighton

Contract Home \$700,000 to \$1M

Tribeca Property Group

Grange

Contract Home \$1M to \$1.5M

Scott Salisbury

Somerton Park

Contract Home \$1.5 to \$2M

Finesse Built

Carrickalinga

Contract Home over \$2M

Urban Habitats

Urban Sanctuary

Renovation | Addition up to \$400,000

Sustaina Building

Mylor

Renovation | Addition \$400,000 to \$650,000

Broadway Building Co

Kingston Park

Renovation | Addition \$650,000 to \$1M

Crew Built Developments P/L

Brooklyn Park

Renovation | Addition over \$1M

Bellevue Building Concepts

Brighton

Medium Density

Centina

Centina + Tapestry

COMMERCIAL

Commercial Building up to \$5M

GT Building Group

Clare Valley Distillery

Commercial Building \$5M to 10M

Mossop Construction + Interiors

Norwood Ambulance Station

Commercial Building \$10M to \$20M

Harrold and Kite

Flinders Chase National Park, New Visitor Centre

Commercial Building \$20M to \$50M

Badge Construction

Repat Health Precinct

Commercial Building \$50M to \$100M

Built

Coopers Brewery

Commercial Building over \$100M

Hansen Yuncken

Flinders Uni Health & Medical Research

Commercial Building Fit-out up to \$5M

FDC Construction & Fitout (SA)

Station Road Restaurant & Bar

Commercial Building Fit-out over \$5M

Shape Australia

Adelaide University Union House Redevelopment

Commercial Refurb | Redevelopment up to \$5M

FDC Construction & Fitout (SA)

King Living Showroom

Commercial Refurb | Redevelopment over \$5M

Shape Australia

Adelaide University, Quantum Materials Laboratory

Industrial Building up to \$10M

Tandem Building SA

Cross Keys Road Warehouse

Apartments

Fusco

28 Everard Park

Civil

BluBuilt Constructions

Hallett Cove Coastal Walkway Bridge

Retirement Living | Aged Care

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Built Structural

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Services

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Aesthetic Innovation

Finishes

Adelaide Tiling Co

Semaphore Residence

TRADE CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR SERIES - COMMERCIAL

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SA Construct

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Services

Tyrone Electrical Services

Burnside Shopping Centre

Finishes

Capstone Construction

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First Time Nominees, First Time Winners

Broadway Building Co were the proud recipients of the award for Renovation/ Addition \$400K to \$650K at the Building Excellence Awards in August.

Jarrold Bone, Director of Broadway Building Co, is now a massive advocate for the BEA's, imploring other businesses to throw their hat in the ring. "It's a really positive experience all round. It helps you to reflect and look back on your business. Particularly with having to answer some of the questions leading into the awards. It helps you to get a good understanding of where you're heading. It's a really positive experience for everyone to look back at the year that's gone by, the projects that you've done and really understand where you're heading in the industry."

The Broadway team received the award to raucous applause on the night, and Jarrod said, "winning a Building Excellence award really helps to validate to myself and the team that we are on the right track doing what's good in the industry, and it really helped us build morale."

The award winning renovation was special to Broadway for a number of reasons, including the complexity of the build, the site access issues, and also the fact that their client was quite unwell

during the build. "We had to really think outside the square and diversify. It was a really special build for us and the overall finish was just amazing."

Broadway's secret to great work is the "three C's" – 'communication, care and consistency.' Contributing the success and growth of the business to great teamwork and consistent reassurance that everyone is on the same page.

Jarrold differentiates Broadway from other builders through his highly skilled team including apprentices he's trained up from the very beginning. He also stresses the importance of building strong relationships with trades and suppliers. "We don't shop around any of our trades or suppliers. We've built really good relationships with them so that helps to provide the consistency in our builds. We're not just builders, we're carpenters as well and highly-skilled at that."

When asked about the impact winning a BEA has had on his business, Jarrod looked back fondly on the experience. He said, "it helped build the morale in the team. So everyone felt a part of what we had created. It also helped with recognition within the industry that we are definitely on the right path. We've had quite a few comments since then with social media which has helped us get some future work as well."



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Apprentice of the Month

Congratulations to our four outstanding Apprentices of the Month for March, April, May and June 2025. It's our pleasure to be placing such enthusiastic, hard-working, positive apprentices with host employers and watching them succeed. It is a happy co-incidence they're all pursuing carpentry, with each of them possessing a singular a passion for their trade, building skills, and heading for a bright future. They have all the tools they need to succeed, and so many employment pathways will open up to them when they have completed their apprenticeships, thanks to their hard work and dedication.



March

Liam Simunsen

Carpentry
Host Employer - AANA Development Pty Ltd



April

Miranda Gorman

Carpentry
Host Employer - Pine Construction and Interiors



May

Samual Quarry

Carpentry
Host Employer - Capstone Construction



June

Jaymie Stead

Adult Apprentice Carpenter
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Congratulations to the four Host Employers of the Month for March, April, May and June 2025. Their guidance and support of the Master Builders' apprentices placed with them is outstanding. Each of the hosts ensure their apprentices are engaged in meaningful work, and getting a great foundation for a lifelong career in building and construction. Our Host Employers also work productively with the Master Builders' field officers to ensure success for all their apprentices.



March 2025

Capstone Construction Pty Ltd

Justin Proud (Construction Manager) and Jesse Graham (Director)

“Partnering with Master Builders SA Group Training has been instrumental in helping Capstone Construction grow our team with some of the most promising apprentices in the industry. The flexibility of the group training model allows us to focus on what we do best – delivering high-quality commercial carpentry – while ensuring our apprentices receive well-rounded, structured training.

Capstone is proud to be a Tier One commercial carpentry company, working alongside South Australia's leading builders on complex, high-end projects. Our reputation is built on a foundation of safety, quality, and craftsmanship, and we instill these core values in every apprentice who joins our team.”

We currently have eight apprentices through MBASA, each gaining hands-on experience across all facets of the trade. Our goal is not only to develop skilled tradespeople but to nurture future leaders – individuals who can one day run their own successful businesses or take on leadership roles within Capstone.



April 2025

Michael Casey

Plumber - Sole Trader.



May 2025

AB & BH Carpentry

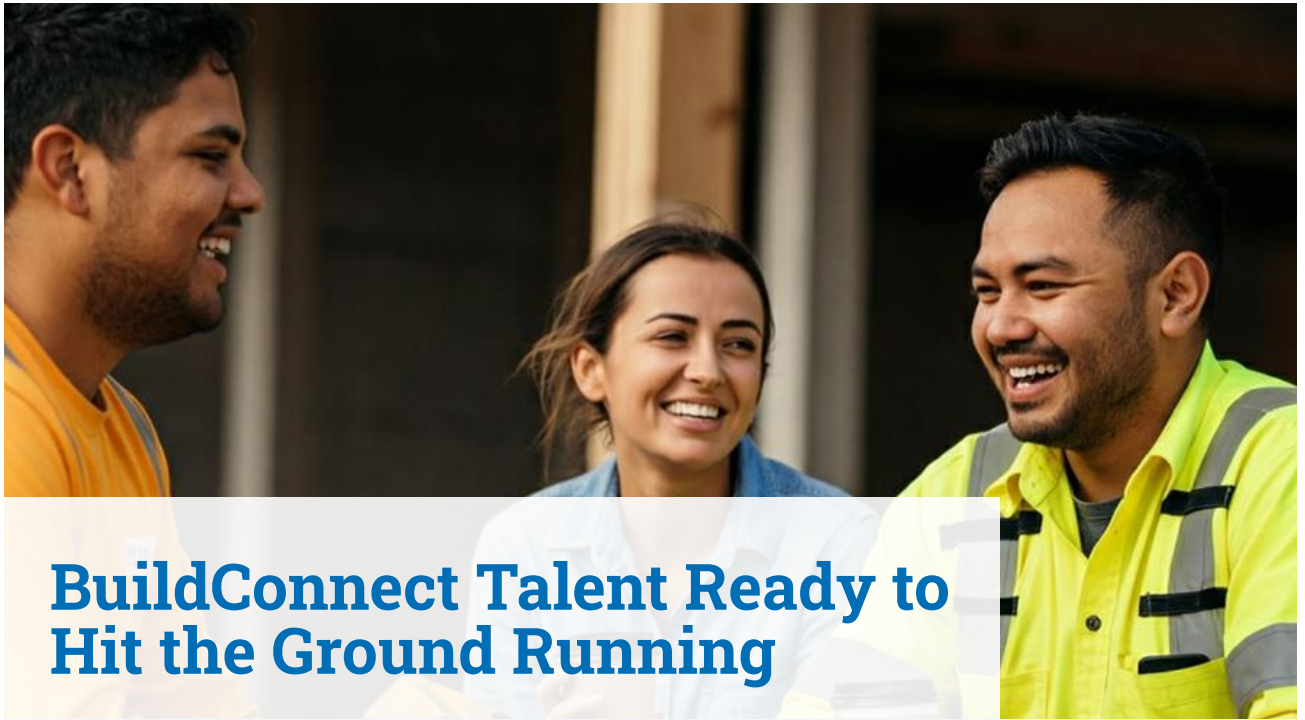
Brett Hughes and Aaron Bergsma



June 2025

Mobbs Construction

Sam and Stephen Mobbs



BuildConnect Talent Ready to Hit the Ground Running

We currently have a suite of more than 200 blue-collar and white-collar talent with experience across a broad range of trades available to start work.

These candidates are new arrivals looking to make a life in South Australia and bring with them transferable skills and credentials from previous years in the trade. Candidates have been vetted and screened by the BuildConnect team - including meeting face-to-face at our offices - are based in South Australia, and ready to work.

Employers have had glowing feedback about candidates BuildConnect has placed in their business, and are impressed with how they've fit into the worksite and team with ease. If you are interested in discussing more about the Program, and potential solutions for your workforce challenges, please get in contact with Melinda Maher at mmaher@mbasa.com.au.

BuildConnect is a joint initiative between Master Builders SA and the Department of State Development, connecting qualified job seekers to careers in the South Australian building and construction industry.

Further information:

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Sammy the bricklayer recently arrived from the UK and has made a successful transition to living and working in South Australia.



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Apprentices kicking goals at MBA

Born to Build is determined to help fill the skills shortage and is already paying dividends this year. We have seen x new apprentices sign up to this critical recruitment pathway, including the Fab Five, Marley (electrical), Tyler (roof plumbing), Aylah (carpentry), and Armand (carpentry.) It's great to see the different trades being represented - everyone gets to choose a trade that's tailored to their skills and passions!

Another Born to Build success story is Isaac Luders.

As a youngster, Isaac watched highlights of his cousin, Roger Luders as he kicked his way into the West Adelaide Football Club Hall of Fame.

“Roger kicked more than 500 goals for the Bloods, and I always wanted to follow in his footsteps,” Isaac said.

However, a series of injuries including two torn ACLs and a dislocated shoulder dashed the 19-year-old's dream of playing at the top level for the AFL or SANFL.

“I still love my footy, and I currently play Division 1 in ruck or full forward for Golden Grove in the Adelaide Football League-and we're having a pretty good year this season too!” he said.

When Isaac finished high school last year, he instinctively knew University was not his career path of choice.

A few weeks later, he saw an ad pop up on Instagram for Master Builders SA and its Born 2 Build apprenticeship program and that's when Isaac had his light bulb moment.

“I just knew right then that I'm going to be a licenced carpenter, so I applied straight away,” Isaac said.

“My Pop was a carpenter, and my uncle was a stonemason, and I've always enjoyed making things and being hands on, so Born 2 Build was an obvious choice” he said.

Born 2 Build (B2B) is an initiative of Master Builders SA and the Malinauskas Government to actively seek out and speak to young South Australians about the benefits of a meaningful career pathway as a tradesperson.

Over the next four years, the team at MBA's Group Training Organisation will support Isaac and help him kick his career goals.

“Our goal is to give every player in the Adelaide Footy League the opportunity to be successful and feel supported throughout their apprenticeship,” Master Builder SA CEO, Will Frogley said.

“Having enthusiastic, talented people like Isaac come through the ranks is just what South Australia needs to address the State's current skills shortage,” Mr Frogley said.

“We're thankful that the State Government is such a big supporter of Born to Build's partnership with the Adelaide Footy League-probably the most fertile recruitment ground for quality construction apprentices in the state.”

It's a sentiment echoed by Adelaide Footy League CEO, John Kernahan.

“Our purpose is to facilitate a football competition, but nowhere in the rule book does it say we can't be more than that,” Mr Kernahan said.

“The satisfaction we revel in when a player or a parent of a player reaches out if only to acknowledge the role the Adelaide Footy League and Master Builders SA have played in identifying a career for them to pursue can't be overstated; Its real and it adds value to an already vibrant partnership for all,” Mr Kernahan said.

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Will Frogley, CEO,
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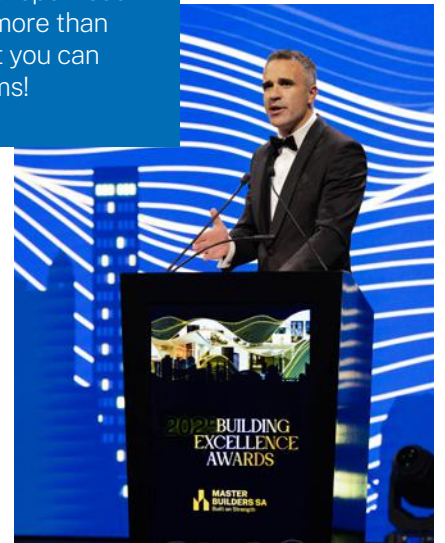
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Building Excellence Awards

Master Builders SA hosted the annual BEA Gala in August (for the full report see our spread in this edition.) The night was a spectacular success, with more than 1,500 guests in attendance. Here is a taste of the vibe of the night –but you can find all the pics in our Master Builders SA Facebook Page photo albums!



HiViz Women Building SA

The 2025 HiViz Women Building SA Luncheon was held at the Adelaide Convention Centre and featured an inspiring and memorable keynote address from Jelena Dokic. The day was capped off with presentations of the Leadership Award, Rising Star Award, and Tradeswoman of the Year Award.



Why membranes are doing the **heavy lifting** in Aussie builds

When it comes to construction, building membranes don't always get the attention they deserve, but they're doing some of the heaviest lifting. These unsung workhorses sit between the cladding and the structure itself to protect structures from moisture, boost energy efficiency, and help keep everything compliant with Australia's National Construction Code (NCC) 2022.

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- **Regulatory compliance** -Modern membranes, like ShieldGuard™, meet NCC 2022 requirements for condensation management, saving builders from costly retrofits or compliance headaches.

Climate zones: One size doesn't fit all

With eight different climate zones, Australia offers plenty of challenges for construction. The NCC 2022 makes vapour-permeable membranes a must for keeping condensation under control, but their role varies depending on the region:

- **Zones 1 and 2 (tropical and subtropical):** These humid areas need membranes that can handle constant moisture, keeping walls dry and mould-free.
- **Zones 3 and 4 (arid and semi-arid):** With scorching summers and big temperature swings, membranes here need to let vapour out while protecting against heat build-up.
- **Zones 5 and 6 (temperate):** These mild zones require membranes that balance moisture control with insulation to stay comfortable all year round.
- **Zones 7 and 8 (cool temperate and alpine):** These chillier climates need membranes that manage condensation caused by warm interiors meeting frosty exteriors.

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Membranes to the rescue

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- **Condensation control:** By allowing vapour to escape,

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- **Energy efficiency:** Dry insulation means better thermal performance and lower energy bills.
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Staying steel safe: ensuring compliance with standards – easily

Shifting regulation in construction

Recent regulatory changes indicate an increased focus on accountability for ensuring products and materials comply with relevant Standards. This shift comes in the wake of high-profile incidents where non-compliant products led to safety hazards and structural failures, underscoring the need for robust regulatory measures.

In Western Australia, the Building Act 2011 and the Building Regulations 2012 mandate that builders ensure all materials and products used in construction comply with the National Construction Code (NCC) and Australian Standards.

The NCC sets the minimum requirements for the design, construction, and performance of buildings throughout Australia. Changes to the NCC last year, and updates to state regulation such as the Practice Standard for Professional Engineers commencing in NSW this September, show growing regulator attention to compliance and accountability. The latter places responsibility directly on individual engineers rather than their employers, making them personally liable and at risk of penalties including suspension, cancellation of their professional registration, and fines up to \$33,000. The new obligations include quality assurance; and compliance and certification. While this currently applies to NSW, there appears to be a trend nationwide towards improving compliance via accountability.

Demonstrating compliance

There are six types of substantiation that can be used to verify that a product conforms and complies with the NCC. Some require builders to gather and provide considerable documentation to verify compliance, while others are much lighter touch. Of these, one of the simplest and least labour-intensive is using a “Certificate from a product certification body accredited by JAS-ANZ”.

Certification bodies accredited by JAS-ANZ are responsible for evaluating and certifying products against the relevant standards, thereby taking care of the documentation and verification process. These certificates meet the requirements of the NCC by providing evidence of suitability of the product under the documentation of design and construction requirements.

Verifying steel quality

Steel is one of the most important materials to have certainty around. Steel is the world's most important construction and engineering material, and while steel products often look the same when presented to end users, looks can be deceiving. While many steel products claim compliance, steel supplied doesn't always meet Standards and/or may not always be what was ordered.

Verifying that steel meets standards is crucial to ensuring the safety and compliance of projects: builders may not be aware of non-compliant materials, but they can still incur notices of non-compliance.

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Verifying steel certification on the go is now easier than ever with ACRS' Cloud app. This app allows users to quickly and easily verify the compliance of steel products, ensuring that they meet necessary Standards.

ACRS Cloud is the first digital certification system of its kind for steel in Australian construction. ACRS Cloud gives steel buyers and users instant assurance over product certificates, in a secure environment. In order to make product traceability more secure and accessible, ACRS certificates carry QR codes which – when scanned – will open validation and vital product information in the ACRS Cloud app.

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The ACRS Cloud App can be downloaded for free from your app store (see steelcertification.com/cloud). To check certificates digitally, simply:

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Repairing or Replacing Drains and Pipes: What You Need to Know

Plumbing systems naturally wear down, and issues like blocked drains, cracked stormwater pipes, or aging sewer lines can quickly cause water damage, mould, and expensive repairs. Knowing whether to repair or replace helps protect your home and budget.

Common Causes

Tree roots invading old clay or concrete pipes, corrosion in aging metal systems, ground movement, blockages from grease or wipes, and general deterioration — especially in homes over 30 years old — are the main culprits.

Repair vs Replacement

Repair works for minor leaks, small cracks, or simple blockages when the pipe is structurally sound.

Replacement is needed for recurring issues, collapsed pipes, major corrosion, outdated materials, or heavy root intrusion.

Repair Methods

Plungers and drain snakes clear basic blockages. Jet blasting removes tougher build-ups. Pipe relining creates a new internal pipe without digging, while sectional replacement targets only the damaged portion.

Replacement Methods

Traditional excavation replaces old pipes with PVC, PEX, or copper. Trenchless methods — pipe bursting or directional drilling — install new pipes with minimal sdisruption to gardens, driveways, or structures.

Typical Costs (2025)

- Minor repairs: \$150–\$500
- Relining: \$500–\$1,000 per metre
- Full replacement: \$3,000–\$10,000+

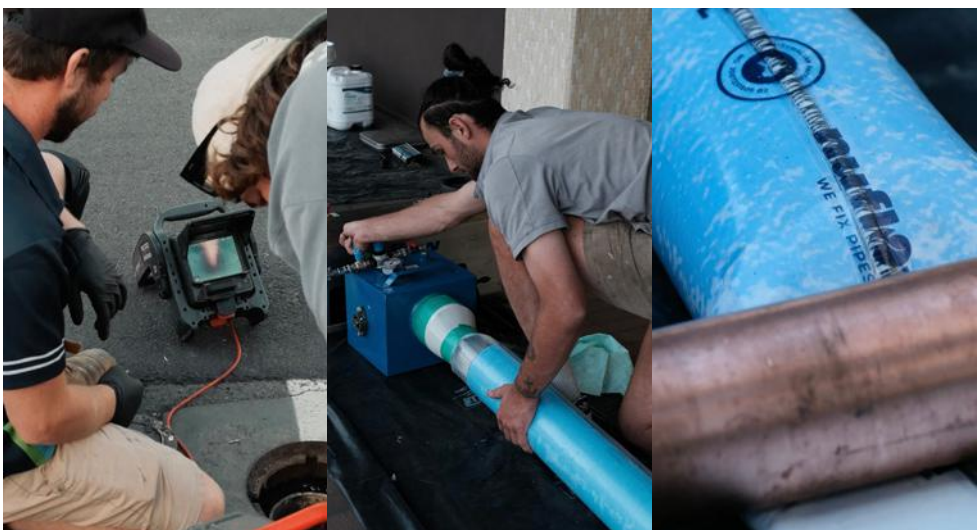
Legal Requirements

Only licensed plumbers can perform these works. Major jobs require compliance certificates. Council approval may be needed for sewer or stormwater lines, and ****Dial Before You Dig (DBYD)**** must be contacted before excavation.

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Polished Concrete vs Epoxy Flooring: A Comparison

When selecting a flooring system for a building or renovation project, polished concrete and epoxy flooring are two of the most popular options. Both offer durability, aesthetic appeal, and long lifespans, but the best choice depends on your space and intended use. Whether your project is residential, commercial, or industrial, this guide outlines the key differences to help you make an informed decision.

Polished Concrete Flooring

Polished concrete is a concrete surface mechanically ground and polished using progressively finer abrasives to achieve a desired sheen and smoothness. The process produces a dense, reflective, and durable surface that's easy to maintain and highly customisable with colours, patterns, and finishes. Polished concrete is widely used in industrial, commercial, and residential settings for its longevity, low upkeep, and modern look.

Epoxy Flooring

Epoxy flooring is created by mixing a resin and a hardener, which chemically bond to form a tough, seamless surface. Known for its durability, chemical resistance, and easy maintenance, epoxy flooring can be decorative or purely functional. It comes in many colours, textures, and finishes, making it a versatile choice for diverse environments from factories to homes.

Common Types of Epoxy Flooring

Self-levelling epoxy: Creates a smooth, even surface and is ideal for repairing damaged floors in commercial or industrial settings.

Epoxy mortar: A thick mix of resin and sand that provides superior strength and impact resistance for heavy-duty areas.

Metallic epoxy: Contains metallic pigments for a unique, three-dimensional finish, often used decoratively in restaurants or retail spaces.

Quartz-filled epoxy: Combines resin with quartz grains to create a slip-resistant texture, perfect for kitchens, bathrooms, or entryways.

ESD epoxy: Designed to prevent electrostatic discharge in sensitive environments such as electronics manufacturing and server rooms.

Durability

Both flooring systems are known for exceptional durability. Polished concrete can last decades with proper care, resisting abrasion, foot traffic, and impact. However, it's more susceptible to staining if not sealed correctly.

Epoxy floors are also extremely durable and more resistant to staining, moisture, and chemicals. Their seamless finish prevents absorption and makes cleaning simple.

Cost Comparison

Costs vary depending on area size, substrate condition, and design complexity.

Polished concrete: Typically \$3–\$8 per sq. ft., depending on the level of polish.

Epoxy flooring: Generally \$5–\$12 per sq. ft., based on type and customization.

While epoxy is usually more expensive upfront, its longevity and low maintenance can offset costs over time.

Installation Time

Polished concrete installation often takes longer — anywhere from several days to a week — because of the multiple grinding and polishing steps.

Epoxy flooring installs more quickly, usually within two to three days, although curing time must be factored in before the surface can handle traffic.

Cleaning and Maintenance

Both options are easy to maintain.

Polished concrete requires little more than routine dust mopping or damp mopping. However, since it remains somewhat porous, spills should be cleaned quickly to avoid stains.

Epoxy flooring has a non-porous surface that resists stains and bacteria. It can be cleaned with mild detergent and water. While durable, epoxy can show scratches or scuffs over time, especially in high-traffic areas. Periodic reapplication of a topcoat can help preserve its shine.

Moisture and Mould Resistance

Polished concrete has some natural porosity, but the polishing process densifies the surface, improving resistance to moisture. Still, it isn't entirely immune to mould growth if exposed to persistent dampness.

Epoxy flooring, by contrast, is completely non-porous and forms a moisture-proof barrier. This makes it ideal for wet environments such as kitchens, bathrooms, and basements, where mould or mildew might otherwise develop.

Chemical Resistance

When it comes to chemical exposure, epoxy flooring has a clear advantage. It's resistant to acids, solvents, and alkalis, making it suitable for laboratories, warehouses, and manufacturing facilities.

Polished concrete, though durable, can absorb harsh chemicals if not properly sealed, which may cause etching or surface deterioration over time.

Slip Resistance

Untreated polished concrete can become slippery when wet, though this can be mitigated by adding sealers or textured finishes.

Epoxy flooring offers better traction, especially when enhanced with slip-resistant additives such as quartz or silica. This makes it a safer choice for areas where spills or wet conditions are common, including industrial kitchens and garages.

Environmental Impact

From an environmental perspective, both materials have pros and cons.

Polished concrete is sustainable in that it uses the existing concrete slab, requiring few additional materials. It can also incorporate recycled aggregates or fly ash, further reducing environmental impact. However, producing cement is energy-intensive and emits significant carbon dioxide.

Epoxy flooring is long-lasting and can extend the life of existing concrete surfaces, reducing the need for replacement. Many modern epoxy systems are low-VOC (volatile organic compound) and non-toxic. However, the resins are synthetic and non-biodegradable, and their manufacture involves chemical processes that must be responsibly managed.

Choosing Between Polished Concrete and Epoxy Flooring

Both polished concrete and epoxy flooring are durable, low-maintenance options suitable for a wide range of applications. Polished concrete offers a sleek, modern look at a lower upfront cost and uses existing materials, making it a sustainable choice for homes, offices, and showrooms. However, it can be prone to staining and offers moderate resistance to moisture and chemicals. Epoxy flooring, while generally more expensive, provides superior resistance to moisture, chemicals, and stains, along with excellent slip protection and easy cleaning. Its seamless, non-porous surface makes it ideal for industrial, commercial, and high-traffic environments where hygiene and durability are priorities. Ultimately, polished concrete is best for those seeking a stylish, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly option, while epoxy flooring suits settings that demand maximum performance and protection.

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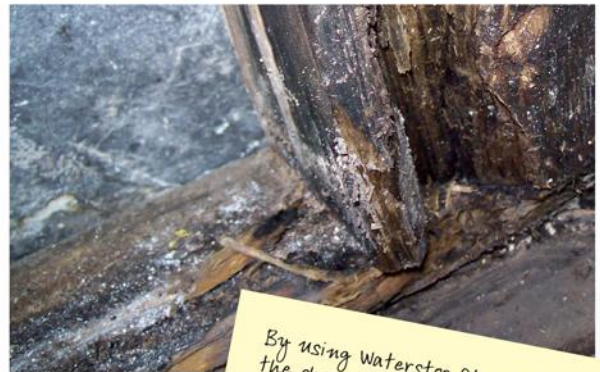
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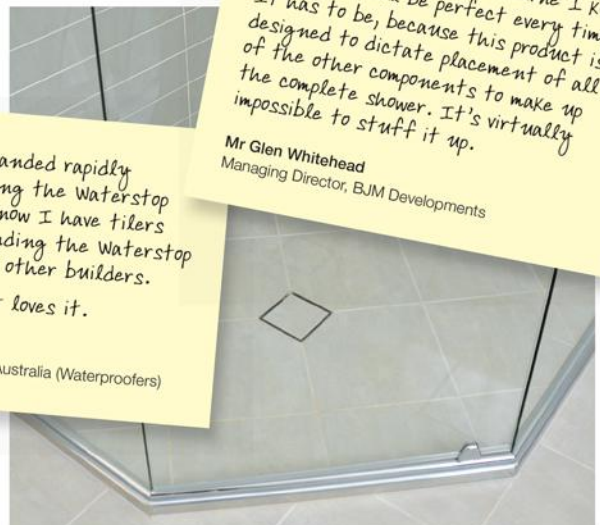


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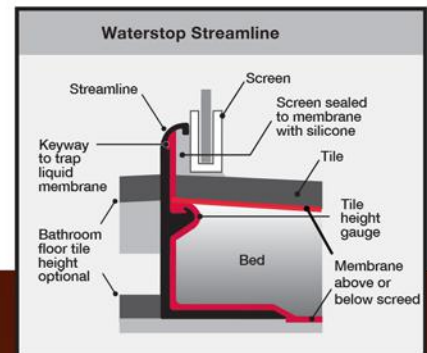
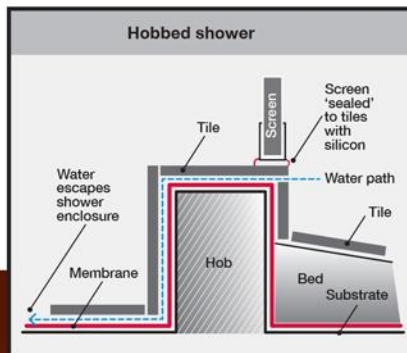
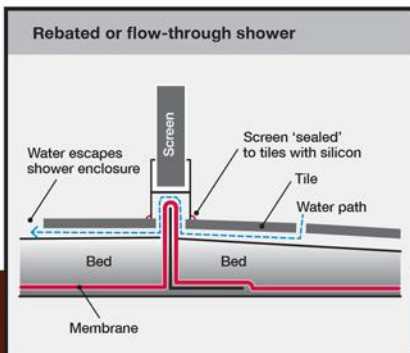
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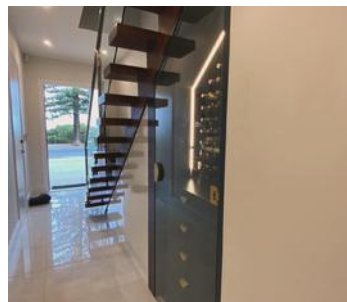
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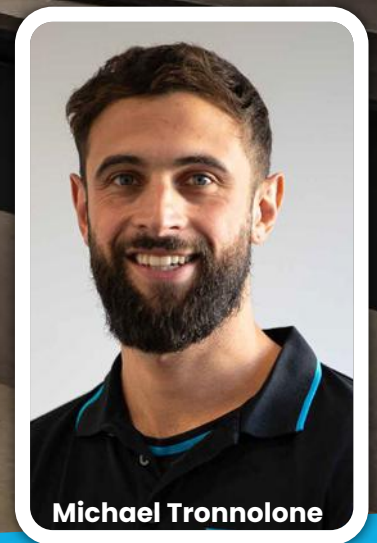
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