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**SUPPORTING THE
INDUSTRY FOR
150 YEARS**



Master Builders Victoria's 150th Year Anniversary



In 2025, the Master Builders Association of Victoria (MBV) proudly celebrates the milestone of supporting our industry for 150 years.

Founded in 1875 by a group of distinguished builders committed to elevating standards within the building and construction industry, MBV has steadfastly supported members through periods of hardship including wars, recessions, and more recently, a global pandemic.

Throughout these challenging periods, construction never ceased. Homes were built, and infrastructure projects across both Regional and Metropolitan Melbourne continued, with MBV persistently advocating, educating, and representing the sector and its members.

As one of the largest industry associations in the country, MBV have played a pivotal role in advancing the industry, growing the organisation from the ground up to benefit past, present, and future builders. Our legacy is one that all MBV members can take pride in. Alongside our advocacy, services, and renowned training programs, we also celebrate the achievements of our members through the prestigious MBV Excellence in Building Awards.

These awards recognise the outstanding achievements across civil construction, commercial, and residential building. They highlight the exceptional craftsmanship, dedication to building excellence, and professional standards of our members. The awards provide an important platform for members to showcase their projects to a broader audience and attract potential clients. Additionally, our Apprentice Award series celebrate the achievements of the next generation of tradespeople, offering them invaluable opportunities to connect with the MBV network and a pathway to membership, helping shape a future-ready industry.



Over the past 150 years, MBV has developed award-winning training programs through our MBV Training Institute, alongside the world-class Leadership Simulation Centre (LSC). As one of only three such centres in the world, the LSC and MBV Training Institute, provide best-practice, industry-standard training, highlighting MBV's dedication to the long-term growth of the industry and advancing sector development for the benefit of future generations.

As a proud Life Member of our Association that has represented us all, through good times and bad, my contribution to Master Builders Victoria has been as a builder, that helped pave some of our great State's landscape, along with more recently Government advocacy. MBV has become one of the leading organisations that State and Federal Governments turn to for matters pertaining to planning, advice, and building regulations. Members can be confident that our voice will always be heard by the MBV executive team and board, who are committed to

presenting their concerns and ideas to key decision-makers and government representatives whenever possible.

A huge thank you to all members, employees, board members, executive team, and volunteers at Master Builders Victoria for their unwavering commitment and contributions over the past 150 years. **To celebrate this milestone, MBV will be hosting a special 150th Anniversary Event on Friday, 14th November 2025, at Victoria Pavilion.** Further details, including updates on additional events and exclusive 150th Anniversary merchandise, will be shared throughout the year.

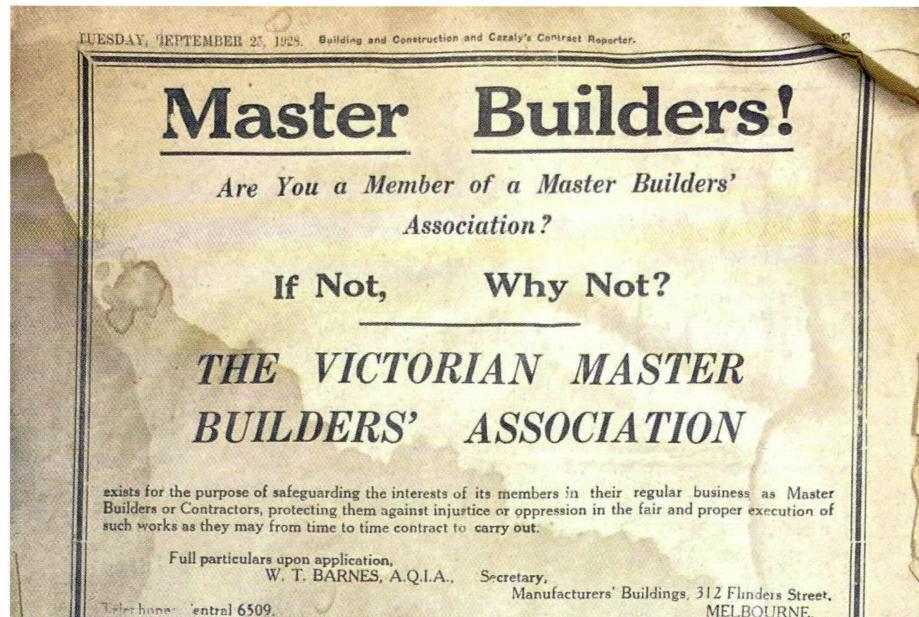
Looking forward to all that is to come for Master Builders Victoria as we continue empowering people to build a better future.

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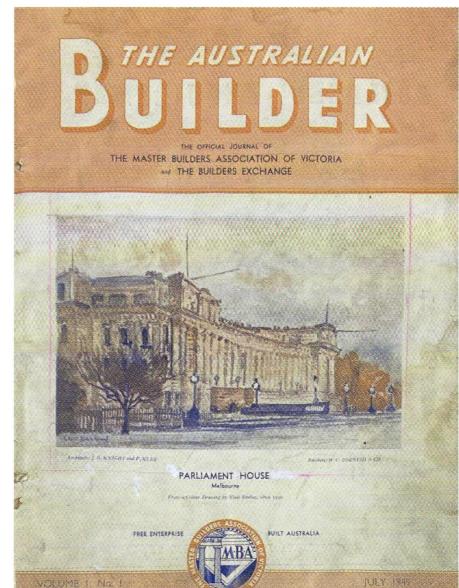
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MBV Life Member:**
Glenn Jones



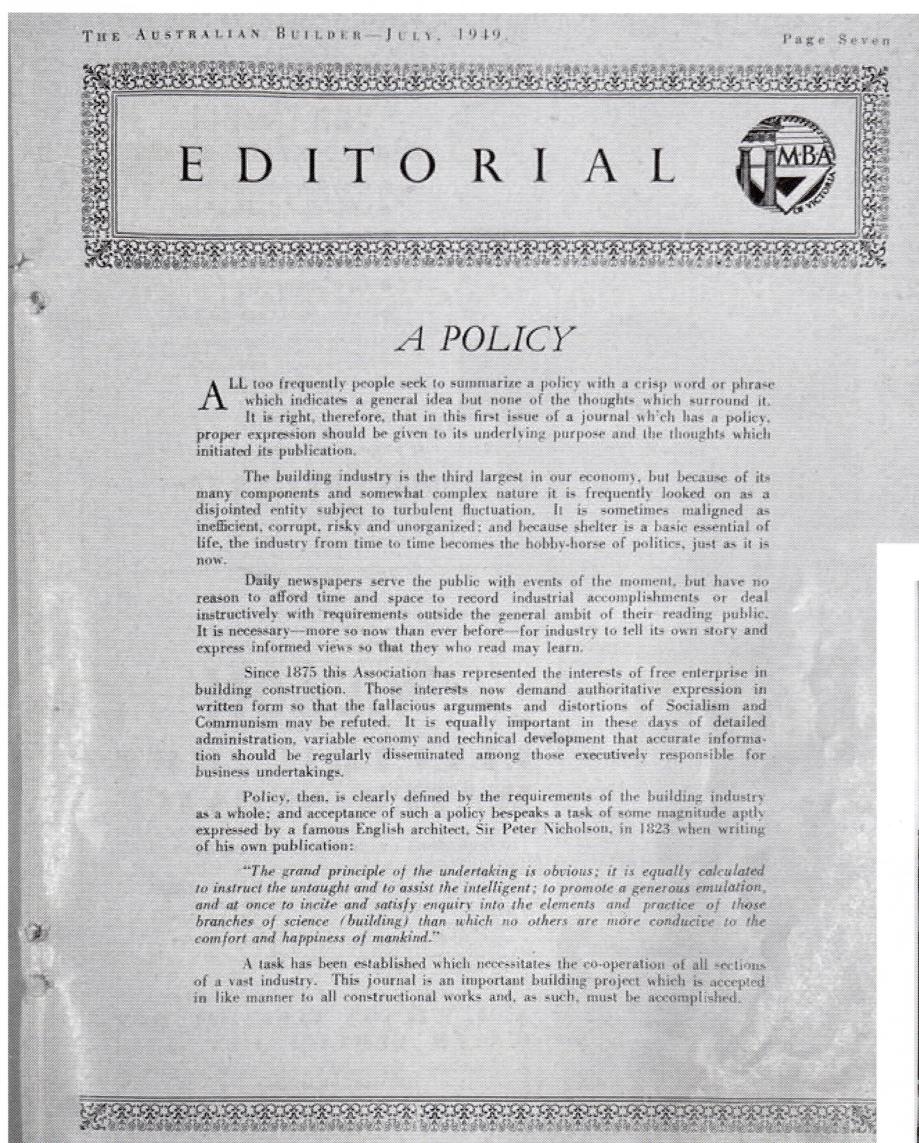
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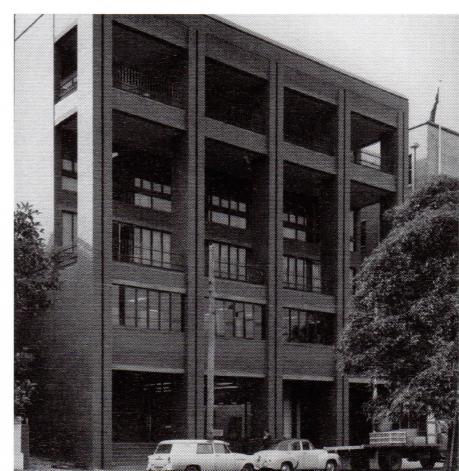
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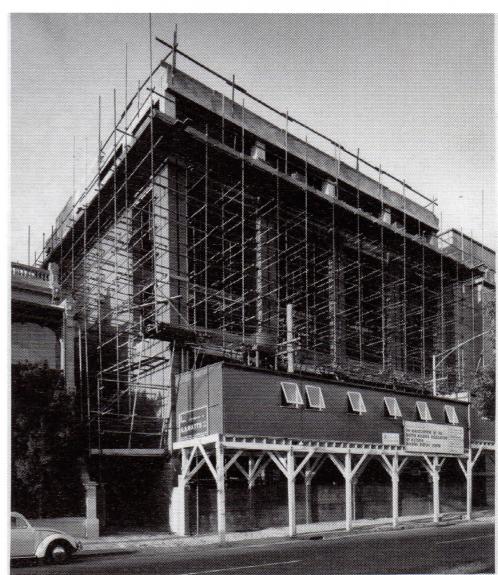
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Master Builders Victoria original building in East Melbourne



Master Builders - Albert Street. General View Looking North East. 14th March, 1967. JOHN SCOTT PHOTOGRAPHY