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Boston Group

- Based in Vermont South
- Member for 29 years
- Housing member

Boston Group head Glenn Jones first became a member of Master Builders in 1984 and commenced operations building ultra modern project homes around the inner Melbourne suburbs of Camberwell, Hawthorn and Glen Iris. Glenn was born into the building industry and is a second-generation builder with his father Barney Jones also being a long serving member as Construction Manager for Larwin Shiff Homes and Glenwill Group. At first Glenn wanted nothing to do with the building industry, as all he wanted to be was a car mechanic. Barney put an end to that thinking pretty quickly by making him visit the Larwin Shiff Estates with him on his rounds.

"The industry has changed in a vast way over my 29 years as a member," Glenn says.

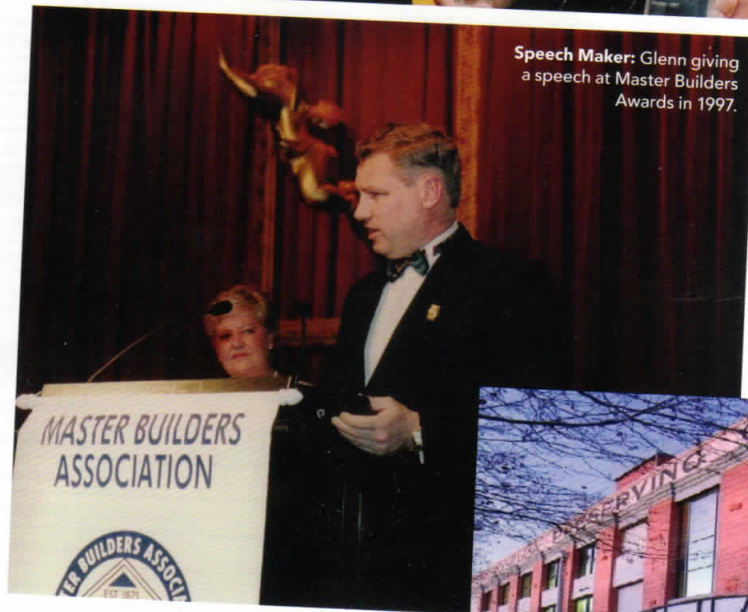
"Housing affordability, quality for your buck and incorporating energy consumption reforms are still consumers biggest concerns in the market place no matter what price bracket you operate in."

Over the years Glenn has served Master Builders in many ways including:

- 1995-Elected to Housing Sector Group Committee.
- 1995-Member of the House Contracts Committee.
- 1995-Member of the Domestic Specifications Housing Committee of which those documents are still in service to members today.
- 1996-Elected to Master Builders Association of Victoria Council of Management.
- 1996-99-Deputy Chairman of the Building Practitioners Board, Builder Registration Sub-Committee.
- 1997-Acted as an advocate for the Building Practitioners Board with appeals and submissions to the Building Appeals Board.
- 2007-Excellence in Housing Awards Judge.



Award winner: Glenn being presented with Victorian Fair Trading Award by Attorney General Jan Wade



Speech Maker: Glenn giving a speech at Master Builders Awards in 1997.

Winning project: Rosella Complex Richmond, winner of the Master Builders Pride in The Job Award 1992.



Glenn admits that he is still more of an advocate for being trained 'on the job.'

"There are many improved training opportunities now since the days I started out and I am even more delighted to see that Master Builders is now a leader in the industry in training and education arenas," he said.

"There is still no greater thrill from my perspective than having designed, constructed, managed and handed over a building from the start to the finish to a client and seeing them enjoy their new project. I still get real satisfaction from doing that, it's a real buzz."