



**Brick and Block Careers**  
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# RESULTS - NATIONAL

## Quarterly Update (June 2023)

After working in a variety of roles over 15 years with a leading brick manufacturer in Western Australia, coming to work for Brick and Block Careers (formerly ABBTF) was a natural progression for Dean Pearson whose passion for the industry has stood him in good stead to take on the many challenges that come with his role of Manager WA.

Dean thrives on training young people. His personal passions – namely cricket and AFL football – have enabled him to transfer these skills to Brick and Block Careers.

Starting from scratch in 2007, Dean has built the WA business around a strong network of industry stakeholders across the state including government, the VET sector, schools, brick and block manufacturers, builders, trainers, etc.

By far the greatest reward over the years has been the creation of many success stories, through Brick and Block Careers support for apprenticeship engagement and further advancement of skills. This has especially been the case through his support of WorldSkills Australia events, including the regional, national, and international competitions.

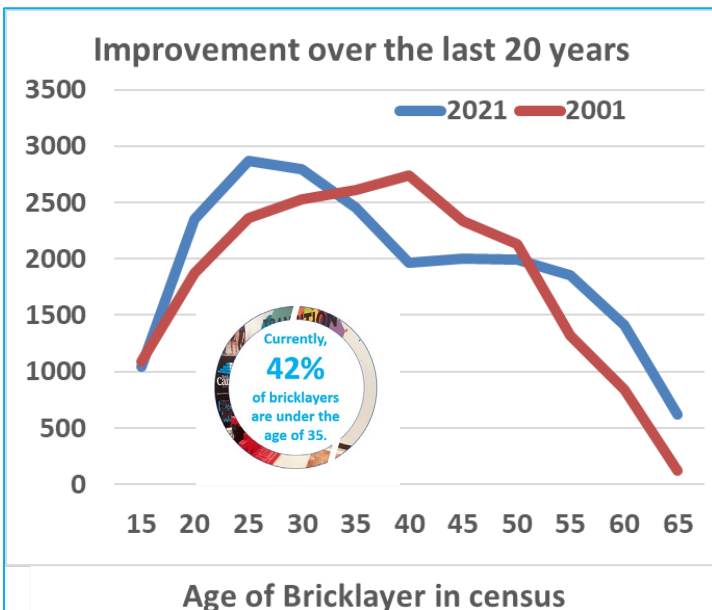
Lastly, and most importantly, Dean believes the true strengths of the business are the people. With some of the most knowledgeable, passionate, and driven people promoting the industry, not only in Western Australia, but across all states in Australia, all these things make it great and knowing you are still making a difference and ‘changing lives’.

Michael Morrissey, CEO



L-R: Andy Chien and Dean Pearson. Andy Chien from JDF Bricklaying - receiving the Tony Harvey Apprentice of the Year Award.

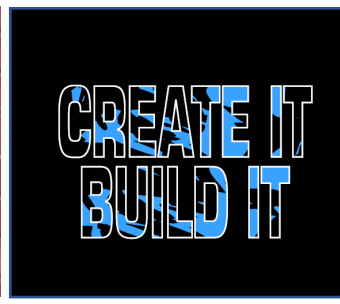
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SUPPORTED APPRENTICE ENROLMENTS		
NATIONAL	Mar-22	Mar-23
YEAR 1	693	608
YEAR 2	408	481
YEAR 3	302	336
YEAR 4	131	109
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>1,534</b>

Total supported apprentice numbers remain the same as the previous year at 1,534. This was due to a high number of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Year completions signed-off in this quarter.





## RESULTS – WA



Job Ready Program at Balga TAFE

### SUPPORTED APPRENTICE ENROLMENTS

WA	Mar-22	Mar-23
YEAR 1	122	81
YEAR 2	53	98
YEAR 3	22	40
YEAR 4	3	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>227</b>

### STATE RESULTS FOR WA



While bricklayers remain in demand with growth in apprentice numbers achieved in the quarter, the WA team is working to reduce apprenticeship attrition which will remain a strong focus for the team for the remainder of the year, particularly as the trade need moves more towards the finishing trades.

Program participation remains excellent as does expos and events. This will ensure that candidates are more informed as they undertake work trial and work experience opportunities.

Some new initiatives include “Skills Beyond the Boundary”, a partnership with industry focusing on young AFL footballers, formation of the HIA VET action group, with a focus on improving builder and government support.



The WA team - Dean Pearson, Rebecca Moriconi and Ian Fitzgerald.



We are always looking for  
new Industry Champions  
to join our team!

What’s required?  
Passion for the trade!

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