

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.

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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.

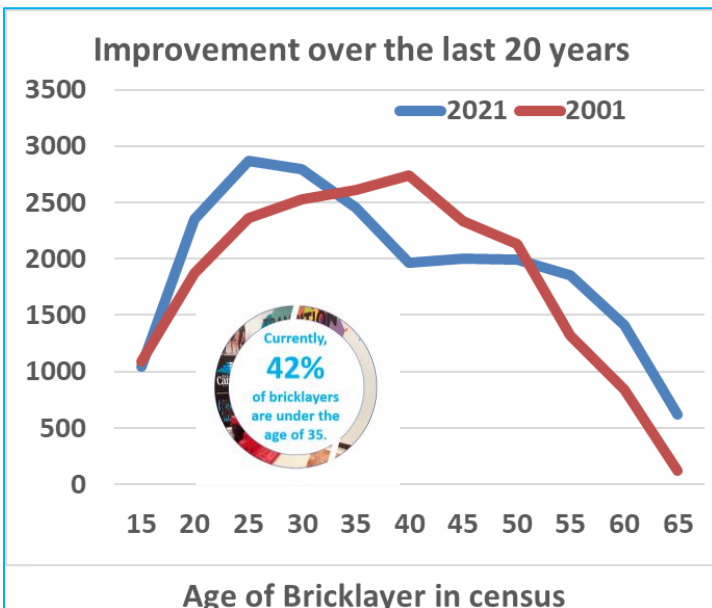
Lastly, and most importantly, Dean believes the true strengths of the business are the people. With some of the most knowledgeable, passionate, and driven people promoting the industry, not only in Western Australia, but across all states in Australia, all these things make it great and knowing you are 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
TOTAL	1,534	1,534

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





Apprentices displaying their work at TAFE SA



Minister Blair Boyer MP, Minister for Education, Training and Skills, SA visited our Brick and Block Careers booth at the Adelaide Careers and Employment expo, pictured with Dennis Nuttall, TAFE SA Training Manager, and Cassie Cheffers, Industry Engagement Officer.

SUPPORTED APPRENTICE ENROLMENTS

SA	Mar-22	Mar-23
YEAR 1	74	62
YEAR 2	48	47
YEAR 3	17	44
YEAR 4	24	14
TOTAL	163	167

STATE RESULTS FOR SA



We have recently been approved by Skills SA for the funding of two grants applied for earlier in the year:

- (1) To employ a full time Industry Engagement Officer in Adelaide which we are currently recruiting for, and
- (2) To kick-off a marketing campaign with partners TAFE SA, FCTA and the three manufacturers in the state – Austral Bricks, Lutum, and PGH Bricks & Pavers.

This is exciting news and will expand our reach in South Australia allowing us to better service the industry and promote brick and blocklaying apprenticeship opportunities and career pathways.



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

**What's required?
Passion for the trade!**

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