

# New MBAV president

**M**ELBOURNE businessman, Mr Len Barlow, an owner-director of Hooker Cockram Ltd, one of Victoria's major commercial-industrial building companies, has been elected president of the Master Builders Association of Victoria.

Mr Barlow, 64, a member of the association's council for the past six years and a long-serving member of the general contractors committee, replaces Mr Trevor Fasham.

The association's executive director, Mr Brian Welch, said Mr Barlow was an outstanding choice for the position. "Len Barlow's long experi-

ence in Victoria's building and construction industry will mean he is an excellent advocate on behalf of the industry with Government and in public forums," Mr Welch said.

Mr Barlow said that, as president, he would seek to encourage the widest possible involvement in the association's affairs by member companies.

He said the main challenges confronting building employers were determining their response to the claim by Victorian building unions for portable sick leave and adjusting to an economic environment in which there was likely to be only moderate industry growth in the foreseeable future.