Welcome

Minister’s message

A very warm welcome to you tonight, at the regional finals of the Queensland Training Awards, a celebration of the region’s top training achievers and their outstanding contribution to the state’s growth and economy.

I have spoken with many students during my regional visits over the last few months, and I am always reminded of the amazing diversity on offer through vocational education and training (VET) – there really is something for everyone.

The awards set the scene for all that’s great about VET in Queensland, with more than 865 entries this year from our apprentices, trainees, vocational students, teachers and trainers, as well as training providers, community organisations and employers.

These awards are an opportunity to recognise our leaders in training, including TAFE Queensland, which consistently stands out as a leader in providing world-class training across the state and shaping the future of Queenslanders.

Behind every finalist is a squad of excited supporters, all of whom can be extremely proud of the accomplishments on show tonight.

Tonight’s finalists have inspired us with their resilience, courage, incredible commitment and ability to shine under any circumstances.

To all our sponsors, both new and returning, I thank you for believing and investing in the awards and our finalists, and I acknowledge the generosity of you all.

I hope everyone here tonight takes the opportunity to meet and celebrate with our finalists and to congratulate them on their achievements.

I wish each and every one of our winners, finalists and nominees the very best for the future, and hope you all have an enjoyable evening.

Hon Shannon Fentiman MP
Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development
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**Master of Ceremonies**

Jay Laga’aia

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**Program**

**Entrée**

**Welcome to Country**
Wade Mann, Traditional Owner/Darumbal Representative

**Welcome**
Mary-Anne Curtis, Director-General
Department of Employment, Small Business and Training

**Keynote address**
The Honourable Brittany Lauga MP
Assistant Minister for Education

**Finalist presentations**

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**Winner presentations**

Small Employer of the Year
Large Employer of the Year
Community Training Initiative of the Year
VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year
Equity VET Student of the Year
School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year
Vocational Student of the Year
Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year
Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year

**Vote of thanks**
Nicole Lee, A/Regional Director
Central Queensland Region
Department of Employment, Small Business and Training

**Entertainment**

The Short Fall

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Menu

Entrée
Thai beef salad – Asian-style salad with rice noodles, salad greens, fresh chilli and a Thai-style dressing topped with tender marinated strips of beef

or

Panko crumbed whiting fillets – freshly crumbed in a Japanese-style Panko crumb, served with a petite salad and lemon wedges

Main course
Chicken filet mignon, Tuscan-style – chicken breast wrapped in bacon with a rich Tuscan tomato and red wine sauce, with fettuccine, green beans and asparagus

or

Crispy BBQ pork belly – lightly smoked pork belly topped with a spicy salted rub, on a bed of mash with a medley of seasonal vegetables

Dessert
Death by Chocolate – a combination of celestial mud cake, chocolate gelato, chocolate ganache and vanilla bean cream

or

Raspberry and white chocolate cheesecake – served with Chantilly cream and raspberries
Entertainment
The Short Fall

The Short Fall have earned a reputation as one of regional Queensland’s hardest working and most sought after live bands, performing with both original music and as corporate entertainers. They struck gold in November 2013 with their debut single ‘The Meadow’, winning the annual MusicOz Australian Independent Music Award for best acoustic singer-songwriter, while their 2014 follow-up single ‘Seasons’ garnered airplay on Triple J, Triple M, ABC Radio, Sea FM and a huge number of community radio stations across the country.

Their most recent single ‘Under The Clouds’, released in November 2018, was recorded in Byron Bay with ARIA award-winning producer Jordan Power (Angus and Julia Stone, Xavier Rudd, Kasey Chambers and The Living End).
Small Employer of the Year

For outstanding achievement in VET by a Queensland business with 19 or fewer full-time equivalent employees.

Proudly sponsored by MyneSight Pty Ltd

MyneSight is a locally owned and operated registered training organisation, specialising in the provision of training products and services to the surface and underground mining sector; both coal and metalliferous, locally, nationally and internationally. Operating now for more than 10 years, MyneSight works with all of the larger mining houses in development and delivery of contextualised training programs for their whole-of-mine operations.

In addition, they have in-depth experience in port operations, working with BMA Hay Point, Dalrymple Coal Terminal, Adani Abbot Point and Mackay Bulk Port Operations. MyneSight specialises in the delivery of the MyneStart Underground Work Readiness programs, delivered within their purpose-built underground training simulators.

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Bright Kids After School Care

Bright Kids After School Care is a not-for-profit organisation operated by Moranbah State High School P&C Association. The program was developed to provide essential on-the-job training to students completing vocational qualifications while at school. Bright Kids After School Care has successfully supported 27 students in completing their Certificate III in Education Support, with another 12 students working towards this qualification in 2019.

Intuition The Art Of Hair

Equipped with the latest industry skills, knowledge and experience, the team at Intuition The Art of Hair specialise in all aspects of hairdressing. Since purchasing the salon in 2017, owner Victoria Edwards has implemented a strong focus on training and education, ensuring growth opportunities are available to all staff. Victoria believes this approach is essential to the future development of her employees and her business.

Taylored Automotive Services

When it comes to training, Taylored Automotive Services has adopted a policy that encourages all staff to undertake the training they want or need to be more successful in their chosen profession, whether they are a trainee or a tradesperson. As a small business, Taylored Automotive recognises the importance of training in helping to keep ahead of the competition and supporting and maintaining quality staff members.
Large Employer of the Year

For outstanding achievement in VET by a Queensland business with 200 or more full-time equivalent employees.

Proudly sponsored by MEGT Australia Limited

MEGT is an Australian not-for-profit organisation that has been supporting employers, apprentices and trainees for more than 35 years. As Australia’s largest and only national Apprenticeship Network Provider – with overall apprentice and trainee completion rates higher than the national average – they are your local apprenticeship experts.

Their free service includes:
- sign-up and registration of apprentices and trainees
- assistance with government financial incentives
- ongoing support for employers, apprentices and trainees
- accurate and efficient processing of training contracts and incentive claim forms.

MEGT’s knowledgeable local staff are here to make sure you get the most out of the Australian Apprenticeships program. MEGT is proud to sponsor the 2019 Queensland Training Awards.

MEGT – your local apprenticeship experts.

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Central Highlands Regional Council

Central Highlands Regional Council is committed to building the capacity of its workforce by providing opportunities for employees to attain and maintain the required qualifications, and participate in ongoing skills development programs. The council offers a range of professional development and learning opportunities to ensure staff have the skills and knowledge to deliver the high-quality services the Central Highlands community have grown to expect.

Civeo Pty Ltd

Civeo is a leading provider of workforce accommodation solutions, dedicated to helping people maintain healthy and productive lives while living and working away from home. Civeo have established a comprehensive learning and development program, offering training options to staff that meet the requirements of the business while providing meaningful development opportunities for its employees. These opportunities link directly back to re-engaging employees in the workplace.

Mackay Regional Council

Training is a central pillar for Mackay Regional Council (MRC), as it believes it is through its people that it produces great results. It aims to attract, connect, grow and inspire its people to deliver essential services to the Mackay community. MRC takes a cross-council strategic approach to training, recognising the importance of professional development at all levels through nationally recognised qualifications and informal training.
Community Training Initiative of the Year

For providing outstanding assistance to Queenslanders to gain the skills, experience and VET qualifications required to enter and stay in the workplace, by a community-based not-for-profit organisation.

Proudly sponsored by CQUniversity Australia

CQUniversity is one of the largest universities based in regional Australia, with more than 30,000 students and more than 20 locations, including nine campuses in Queensland.

CQUniversity offers more than 300 study options, from short courses and certificates, through to undergraduate, postgraduate and research degrees.

Study areas include apprenticeships, trades and training, business, accounting, law, creative, performing and visual arts, education, humanities, engineering, built environment, health, information technology, digital media, psychology, social work, community services, science, environment, as well as work and study preparation.

Courses are designed alongside industry to prepare students with up-to-date, real-world knowledge and skills, supported by experienced teaching professionals.

CQUniversity is ranked in the top two per cent of universities worldwide, and was awarded five stars by the Good Universities Guide 2019 for their full-time employment and graduate starting salary outcomes.

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Jobs Queensland Limited is a community-based, not-for-profit organisation working to deliver employment and training opportunities to local jobseekers in the Central Queensland region. It is focused on providing assistance to disadvantaged and long-term unemployed people looking to get back into the workforce. Jobs Queensland Limited provides employment outcome focused services and support through the Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative.

Welcoming Intercultural Neighbours Inc (WIN) is a not-for-profit organisation providing assistance and support to new residents and their families to successfully integrate into their communities in Central Queensland. Through its delivery of three Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiatives in 2018, WIN has achieved an outstanding 100 per cent completion rate, with 59 per cent of participants going on to meaningful employment opportunities.

The Women’s Health Information and Referral Service works from a strength-based feminist perspective to enhance women’s wellbeing by acknowledging the physical, psychological and cultural factors that affect women’s health. It is a community-based, not-for-profit organisation delivering programs to facilitate the transition of vulnerable and disadvantaged young women into the workforce. These programs are funded through the Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative.

**Jobs Queensland Limited**

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VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year

For outstanding achievement by a teacher or trainer providing nationally recognised training to students at, or in partnership with, a registered training organisation.

Proudly sponsored by Queensland Alumina Limited

Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) is the fourth largest alumina refinery in the world, producing more than 3.8 million tonnes of smelter grade alumina each year for domestic and international markets.

With the refinery situated in the heard of Gladstone, QAL is one of the largest employers in the region, and prides itself on providing sustainable employment opportunities for the local community.

With more than 50 years of operation, QAL has a strong vision to be the best alumina producer in the world, focusing on keeping the business profitable, environmentally sustainable, stable and innovative in an ever-changing aluminium market.

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Shannon Armstrong

Driven by a personal connection to the community services industry as a carer for her daughter, Shannon Armstrong is a proactive trainer, taking ownership from recruitment through to vocational placement for her students. Shannon motivates and empowers her students to succeed regardless of their level of disadvantage, experience or education, tailoring her delivery to ensure the best possible training and employment outcomes for her cohort.

Katie Frize

As the sole teacher at Longreach State High School’s Outback College of Hospitality Trade Training Centre, Katie Frize has had to develop a unique training approach for the five remote schools she travels to. Delivering a Certificate II in Kitchen Operations, Katie’s clustered training model aligns with local community events to give her students the best learning outcomes in both the classroom and in a live working kitchen.

Thane Williams

As a trainer, Thane Williams embraces every opportunity to encourage his students to develop not only their skills but also a passion for hospitality. Through Thane’s vision, his students have catered functions and events not previously realised due to the rural setting of Marist College Emerald. Drawing upon his extensive experience, Thane has inspired many of his students to pursue a career in hospitality.
Equity VET Student of the Year

For outstanding achievement in overcoming a significant barrier or disadvantage to effectively participate in VET.

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Finalists

Selena Buckley

**Qualification** Certificate III in Beauty Services

**Training provider** CQUniversity Australia

As a mature-age student studying remotely, there were plenty of times during her training that Selena Buckley considered throwing in the towel. But after putting her career in the beauty industry on hold for so long already she persevered, and successfully completed her Certificate III in Beauty Services in 2018. Selena is now self-employed and has big plans to start a mobile beauty business.

Elizabeth Cassells

**Qualification** Certificate III in Individual Support

**Training provider** Designer Life

**Employer** Engedi

After some time spent out of the workforce, Elizabeth Cassells was looking for a pathway back into employment, and a career she found rewarding. Through the Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work ‘Community Careers’ program, provided by her disability employment service, Elizabeth found a way to achieve both of her goals. She has now completed her Certificate III in Individual Support and successfully gained employment with Engedi.

Sahra-Jade Milner

**Qualification** Certificate III Community Services

**Training provider** Designer Life

For Sahra-Jade Milner, completing a Certificate III in Community Services through the Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative has given her a purpose and an avenue to achieve her goals. Influenced by her personal experiences, Sarah-Jade has developed a keen interest to work in the area of community services. She hopes to support others facing similar situations to her own to overcome the barriers they face.
School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year

For outstanding achievement by a Queensland school-based apprentice or trainee.

Proudly sponsored by Hastings Deering Australia

Established in 1932, the Hastings Deering Group is one of the top 5 Cat® dealers worldwide. The company is the exclusive distributor for the sale of Cat equipment, technology solutions, parts and service support in their territories. Headquartered in Brisbane, Hastings Deering has more than 3000 employees across 23 business service centres throughout Queensland, the Northern Territory, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and New Caledonia.

Hastings Deering sells, rents and offers outstanding support and parts distribution services for customers across a range of industries, including mining, construction, civil transport, power systems, government, primary industries and marine.

Today, the combination of their rich history, the expertise of their people and their genuine commitment to understanding their customers’ needs continues to sustain Hastings Deering as a market leader, providing solutions that deliver superior outcomes for their customers.

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Madison Curran

**Qualification** Certificate III in Dental Assisting  
**Training provider** TAFE Queensland  
**Employer** DentalCareXtra Moranbah  
**School** Moranbah State High School

Madison Curran decided to undertake a school-based apprenticeship to get a head start on a career in the health industry. A current Year 12 student, Madison hopes to attend university, and put her skills and experience to work in the field of biomedical engineering. Through the qualification she has gained at school, Madison has opened up opportunities for employment that will complement her continuing studies.

Kristy Hughes

**Qualification** Certificate III in Health Services Assistance  
**Training provider** Health Industry Training Queensland  
**Employer** The Oaktree Family Medical Centre  
**School** Moranbah State High School

Kristy Hughes decided to undertake a school-based traineeship with The Oaktree Family Medical Centre to gain experience in the workforce and explore whether a career in health was right for her. Kristy’s qualification has provided her with skills and insight into the medical industry, and reinforced her passion for health care. Having successfully completed her traineeship, Kristy hopes to study nursing at university next year.

Brenton Tomlinson

**Qualification** Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology  
**Training provider** CQUniversity Australia  
**Group training organisation** MRAEL Group  
**Host employer** Anglo American Moranbah North Coal Mine  
**School** Moranbah State High School

Brenton Tomlinson is a determined individual, and he worked hard to secure a school-based traineeship through Moranbah State High School’s M-Step Engineering program. This pathway supports students who aim to transition into a trade after school. Brenton hopes to gain an apprenticeship in the mining industry, and is currently working to complete his Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology at Anglo American Moranbah North Coal Mine.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year

For outstanding achievement by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student within the Queensland VET sector.

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Kaddie Chilly

**Qualification** Certificate III in Business Administration  
**Training provider** CQUniversity Australia  
**Employer** Department of Education  

Kaddie Chilly is a determined and focused individual who has used training as a stepping stone to grow her career. After completing a works skills program with Multicultural Development Australia in 2018, Kaddie was successful in securing a 12-month traineeship with the Department of Education. She completed her Certificate III in Business Administration in 2019 and has since gained further employment with the department.

Raymond Parlett

**Qualification** Certificate III in Civil Construction  
**Training provider** SDS Training  
**Group training organisation** Capricornia Training Company  
**Host employer** RoadTek Central Queensland  

As a mature-age trainee, Raymond Parlett faced many challenges, including health issues and the fact that he left high school in Year 10, but he has overcome each of them to complete his Certificate III in Civil Construction with RoadTek. Raymond is an outstanding example of the opportunities provided by VET, and an ambassador for training and many other causes within his local community.

Jeanette Timor

**Qualification** Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management  
**Training provider** Horticultural Training Pty Ltd  
**Employer** Mackay Regional Council  

A passion for conservation and land management led Jeanette Timor to undertake a mature-age traineeship with Mackay Regional Council, and like the plants and gardens she cultivated through her training, she has thrived in her new career path. Jeanette’s particular knowledge and understanding of native plants and fauna has driven her work and continues to aid her training, which she will complete in 2019.
Vocational Student of the Year

For outstanding achievement by a student who has recently completed or is due to complete a VET qualification in Queensland.

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SDS Training provides a relevant life-cycle approach to quality, sustainable training and skills outcomes for industry and the candidate. They meet the rigours of today’s workforce, delivering the skills that keep pace with an ever-evolving space within the civil, construction, mining, rail, logistics, transport, rural and health sectors.

Driven by creating opportunities from obstacles, SDS Training proudly acts as a conduit between the industries they serve, jobseekers and their respective communities. They aim to build and foster long-term partnerships, with a strong focus on aiding regional communities to support long-term industry growth. With training complexes in Rockhampton and Maryborough, SDS Training has evolved into a dynamic registered training organisation, with dedicated personnel delivering quality training solutions across Queensland.

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William DeVreede

**Qualification** Diploma of Procurement and Contracting  
**Training provider** Major Training Services  
**Employer** Central Highlands Regional Council

William DeVreede was looking to increase his skills in order to grow his career, while continuing his role with Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC). Through his Diploma of Procurement and Contracting, he has been able to develop the capability required to take a lead role on a new CHRC technology project. William is an advocate for the importance of professional development and workplace training.

Jock McDonald

**Qualification** Certificate III in Civil Construction  
**Training provider** RAPAD Skilling  
**Employer** Diamantina Shire Council

Having worked in the farming industry for most of his life, Jock McDonald had a vast skills set, but no recognised qualification. Completing his Certificate III in Civil Construction has enabled Jock to convert his lifetime of experience onto paper, improving his job prospects and future career growth in the civil construction and engineering industries. He is an ambassador for the opportunities of mature-age VET.

Chloe Stockham

**Qualification** Certificate III in Events  
**Training provider** RAPAD Skilling  
**Employer** Winton Shire Council

As a single mum to three children, Chloe Stockham was looking for a way to move from casual hospitality work to more stable employment. From the moment she secured her traineeship with Winton Shire Council, her employers and trainers knew she would excel in her new career pathway. Chloe applied herself to her training and has now completed a dual qualification in tourism and events.
Bob Marshman
Trainee of the Year

For outstanding achievement by a trainee who has recently completed or is due to complete a traineeship in Queensland.

The late Bob Marshman was a former Director-General of the Department of Employment, Training and Industrial Relations. He was recognised as one of the foremost authorities on VET in Australia.

Proudly sponsored by BUSY At Work

With more than 40 years experience, and more than 45 offices across Australia, BUSY At Work is a trusted not-for-profit organisation that provides employment and apprenticeship programs for Indigenous Australians, school students and mature-age workers, and disability employment services.

BUSY’s approach to Australian Apprenticeship Support Services, jobactive Employment Services, Transition to Work Services and Industry Specialist Mentoring for Australian Apprentices illustrates BUSY’s commitment to providing sustainable and meaningful employment opportunities to local communities.

An innovative leading provider, BUSY’s comprehensive programs are designed to provide skillling, employment and education solutions to businesses, jobseekers, students and apprentices. Profits are injected directly back into the local community, with an emphasis on providing housing and assisting jobseekers.

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Finalists

Kira-Lee Gibson

**Qualification** Certificate III in Work Health and Safety  
**Training provider** Orion Training  
**Group training organisation** Golden West Apprenticeships Limited  
**Host employer** SunWater Limited

Kira-Lee Gibson approached her traineeship as an opportunity to build her knowledge and understanding of workplace health and safety in order to gain transferable skills for her future. Having now completed her Certificate III, Kira-Lee has found an interest and aptitude in the water management industry that has encouraged her to work towards higher qualifications and a desire to grow her career.

Toby Greenbury

**Qualification** Certificate II in Horticulture  
**Training provider** CQUniversity Australia  
**Employer** Central Highlands Regional Council

Toby Greenbury saw his traineeship with Central Highlands Regional Council as an opportunity to change his career path, and build skills and knowledge in an industry he loves. Toby’s passion for horticulture led him to seek out a qualification that would support his new career, and a better future for himself and his family. He is an advocate for the benefits of mature-age traineeships.

Jeanette Timor

**Qualification** Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management  
**Training provider** Horticultural Training Pty Ltd  
**Employer** Mackay Regional Council

Looking for a mid-life career change, Jeanette Timor decided to follow her passion, and having always had an interest in conservation and land management, secured a traineeship with Mackay Regional Council. Through her training, Jeanette discovered the perfect avenue for her knowledge of local Indigenous culture, plants and fauna and is happy to have found a qualification so well-suited to her interests and skills.
Harry Hauenschild
Apprentice of the Year

For outstanding achievement by an apprentice who has recently completed or is due to complete an apprenticeship in Queensland.

The late Harry Hauenschild AO was Commissioner for Training in Queensland from 1990 until 2000. He is regarded as an icon of trade training and was a tireless advocate for vocational education in Queensland.

Proudly sponsored by Construction Skills Queensland

Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ) is a proud to be a long-term sponsor of the Queensland Training Awards.

Funded by an industry training levy, CSQ is here to help the construction workforce connect with the skills and training they need. CSQ knows how important it is to invest in skills, so its mission is to make it easier by subsidising training costs and connecting people with registered training organisations.

CSQ also works collaboratively with industry to future-proof the building and construction workforce through evidence-based reports, information sharing and regional skills planning.

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A chance encounter set Saraya D’Ath on her training pathway, after rescuing a man and his dinghy in New Caledonia. Inspired by the man’s electrical engineering career, Saraya decided to seek out an apprenticeship with BMA Broadmeadows Mine. As a FIFO apprentice, Saraya gained the skills and knowledge to complete her Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician and become a mentor to other women working in mining.

As Bronwyn Gurney was approaching the end of high school, she realised that university was not the pathway for her, instead she wanted a career that allowed her to work with her hands. When an opportunity arose to start an apprenticeship at Anglo American Dawson Mine, Bronwyn decided to take the leap. She discovered a passion for mechanics and is now a fully qualified tradesperson.

Richard O’Brien is a dual-qualified tradesman with an Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering. He demonstrated incredible dedication to his trade as he sought out professional work experience in order to secure his apprenticeship in a highly competitive field. And once he got started, Richard committed himself to achieving a high level of qualification to ensure he has a long and successful career.
Jobs Queensland

Jobs Queensland provides independent expert advice to the Queensland Government to help foster a skilled and productive workforce for Queensland, now and for the future. It is a conduit for communication and strives to be a vehicle for change.

Jobs Queensland’s work focuses on:
• understanding future skills demand across industries and regions
• assisting Queensland businesses, industries and regions to plan and develop their workforces
• building on the strength of the state’s apprenticeship and traineeship system.

Jobs Queensland partners with industry, unions, employers, regions and the community to deliver meaningful, relevant and evidence-based advice.

Together with its partners, Jobs Queensland is helping to shape a prosperous future for Queensland built around a skills-driven economy, providing opportunities and advantages for all Queenslanders.

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Central Queensland Apprentices and Trainees

Central Queensland Apprentices and Trainees is based in Rockhampton and provides the recruitment, training and employment of apprentices and trainees across the Central Queensland region.

It is a subsidiary of Gladstone Area Group Apprentices Limited (GAGAL), which was established in 1985 with 10 apprentices, and has now grown to have offices in Gladstone, Biloela and Rockhampton.

GAGAL offers a trusting and transparent apprenticeship and traineeship training environment, with strong support to its employees and their host employers.

GAGAL’s strength is knowing its clients’ needs and supporting them to find the perfect apprentice or trainee. Strong ongoing support to apprentices and trainees is delivered by Apprentice Trainee Coordinators, who mentor them every step of the way to completion.

Individual prize sponsor

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BHP is a world-leading resources company. It is among the world’s top producers of major commodities, including iron ore, metallurgical coal and copper. It also has substantial interests in oil, gas and energy coal.

BHP has a simple and diverse portfolio of 11 core operated assets around the world, with low-cost options for future growth. This allows the company to apply its values and culture, emphasise safety and productivity, deploy technology and exert capital discipline to extract the most value and highest returns from its assets.

The resources BHP produces help build cities, produce energy and give developing nations the resources they need to provide their people with a better life.

Individual finalist prize sponsor

Central Queensland Apprentices and Trainees
### History of the Queensland Training Awards

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**Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year**

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