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
Master of Ceremonies

Jay Laga’aia

Jay Laga’aia is a much-loved actor and children’s entertainer. His film credits include *Nim’s Island* and *Star Wars*; television credits include *Fighting Season, Home and Away, Bed of Roses, Legend of the Seeker, Xena Warrior Princess* and *Play School*.

A gifted musician, Jay has written and recorded numerous albums including four ARIA-nominated children’s albums with ABC for Kids; he’s performed his music with Queensland, Melbourne, Western Australia and Sydney symphony orchestras.

Jay has filmed four seasons of his children’s television show *Jay’s Jungle*. He played the title role in *Shrek The Musical* and has recently completed touring with the hilarious production *Peter Pan Goes Wrong*.

Jay, a proud father of eight, is the Queensland Government’s ‘The Early Years Count’ ambassador and is a passionate advocate for early childhood education and early literacy.

Program

Acknowledgement of Country
Yerongpan Aboriginal Dancers
Bernice Fischer, Quandamooka Country

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

Keynote address
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Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development

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Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year
Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year

Vote of thanks

Entertainment
Funk’n’Stuff
Proudly sponsored by TAFE Queensland

TAFE Queensland is proud to be the largest and most experienced training provider in the state, delivering practical, industry-relevant training across a range of industries from entry-level certificates and apprenticeships to bachelor degrees, at more than 50 locations in Queensland.

TAFE Queensland offers flexible and tailored training solutions across more than 500 program areas. Training can be delivered on site, online, in the workplace, or on campus to give people the skills they need to enrich their communities, support their industries and strengthen their local economies.

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tafeqld.edu.au
Dinner proudly sponsored by The Pharmacy Guild of Australia

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia is a national employers’ organisation with 90 years experience in representing and promoting the value of community pharmacy in the Australian health care system.

The Guild is the national peak body representing community pharmacy, and is committed to maintaining community pharmacy as the most appropriate primary provider of health care to the community through optimum therapeutic use of medicines, medication management and related services.

As a member organisation, the Guild strives to provide compelling member value through the sustainability of community pharmacy, provision of innovative business solutions and effective communication with members and the wider community.

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guild.org.au

Menu

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia

Main course
Free range pork belly, roasted fennel, potato mousse, radicchio and green olive jus (gf)

or

Local gold band snapper, romesco sauce, potato ribbons, watercress, capers and lemon (gf) (df)

Entrée
Grain-fed beef bavette, celeriac cream, onion chips, almond and vanilla crumble, jasmine and black rice (gf)

or

Ricotta and porcini mushroom ravioli, egg yolk, pancetta, potato and parmesan

Dessert
Fermented dark chocolate, passionfruit and black sesame ice cream (gf)

or

Lemon mousse and honey madeleine, rooftop honey, crisp lemon and ginger sorbet
Funk’n’Stuff

Funk’n’Stuff are one of Brisbane’s most in-demand acts and are back at the Queensland Training Awards to end the night on a high!

Combining some of the coolest vocalists, percussionists and DJs in the business, this unique group perform the latest top 40 hits, as well as everyone’s favourite party classics, and specialise in soul, funk and R&B anthems.

Funk’n’Stuff features talented vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Nathaniel Andrew, who won the VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year award at the 2017 Queensland Training Awards Metropolitan Regional Final.
Acknowledgement of Country
Yerongpan Aboriginal Dancers

Derek Oram Sandy was born in his mother’s country of the Yerongpan clan, and on his father’s side carries Central Queensland bloodlines. Derek and his four younger siblings grew up in south-east Brisbane. Derek had a dream to create a community that respects Aboriginal people and believed the way to achieve this was through education.

In 2016, Yerongpan Aboriginal Dancers began. Derek combined the things he loved – family, dance, singing and art – and created a maintainable lifestyle. Derek now spends every day of his life boosting Indigenous Australians’ spirit through identity and educating non-Indigenous Australians about the First Australians’ history. Derek aims to keep the ancient culture of his ancestors alive and continues to pass down the knowledge through song and dance.

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yerongpandancers.com.au
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 OSMAC Apprenticeships

OSMAC commenced operations in April 2013 and quickly grew, by word of mouth, a reputation for employing quality apprentices and trainees at a competitive price. Over their six-year history, OSMAC have grown to more than 600 employees and the happiest workforce of apprentices and trainees, plus host employers, who see OSMAC as a real alternative to hiring direct.

You’ll have full support from their care managers and a qualified counsellor who truly understand the needs of industry and know how to inspire your OSMAC apprentice or trainee to perform at his or her best. This makes the process simple while still giving you full control. Do yourself a favour and check out their website.

OSMAC is the best because they care!

07 3881 2992
ogt.com.au
Personal and professional growth are at the heart of Elysium Hair Brisbane’s approach to business. Since the business was established in 2008, owners Kate and Oscar Henderson have expanded the team considerably, now employing 14 staff members including four apprentices, eight qualified hairdressers and two support staff. Elysium delivers an education-focused work environment, providing all staff with training plans, in-salon mentoring, coaching opportunities and weekly training.

The Greenworx vision is to grow its services to provide total landscaping solutions, and it believes the best way to do that is by maintaining the highest possible employment standards for its staff. These standards include a financial commitment of 25 per cent of annual expenditure to employee training. The Greenworx tradesperson to apprentice ratio is 1:1, ensuring the best possible support throughout their training.

Kennedy’s Timbers’ first employee completed a Certificate III in Forest and Forest Products Timber Merchandising in 1998. Since then, more than 20 individuals have successfully completed apprenticeships, VET qualifications and university studies while employed and supported by Kennedy’s. The business has a dedicated training strategy that includes a commitment to provide a minimum of 1.5 per cent of annual turnover to employee training.
Medium Employer of the Year

For outstanding achievement in VET by a Queensland business with 20 to 199 full-time equivalent employees.

Proudly sponsored by All Trades Queensland

All Trades Queensland (ATQ) is Queensland’s largest commercial employer of apprentices and trainees, enabling organisations with the power to maximise both the flexibility and stability of their workforce. ATQ have proudly contributed to more than 20,000 career commencements and career enhancement opportunities in more than 8000 Queensland businesses since establishment in 1987.

ATQ's ever-growing pool of apprentices and trainees service a number of organisations across all industry sectors.

ATQ's focus is twofold. Firstly, it provides organisations with a flexible, hassle-free solution to expand, improve and manage their workforces, and secondly, ATQ provides young Australians with valuable professional development and the best environment in which to thrive through comprehensive, real-world training.

13 18 30
atq.com.au
In just 16 months of operation, Brisbane Airport Hotels Group has successfully engaged 30 trainees and 25 associates through job networks within its housekeeping, kitchen and food and beverage departments. Its dedicated strategy supports employees through a training pathway that allows them to undertake any professional and skills development required, as well as assigning them with an experienced mentor to guide them through the early stages of employment.

Cummins South Pacific is a global power provider, maintaining a comprehensive technical and non-technical training program. This approach ensures its apprentices and technicians receive technical training in both the classroom and workshop at least twice per year. Cummins is focused on investing in the personal and professional development of staff in order to create a positive working environment, as well as a highly capable workforce.

Watkins Steel is dedicated to providing its employees with training opportunities that remove hazards and risks in the workplace, while improving business outcomes. Watkins support training in the operation of robotic processing lines as well as more traditional methods, because the business recognises that machines are only as good as the operators behind them. Through training, Watkins has improved culture and productivity in the business.
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) Ltd

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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megt.com.au
Hastings Deering (Australia) Ltd

Hastings Deering is focused on driving business performance through training. It provides ready access to learning programs that build leadership, technical and product expertise, and a safe environment for its employees. In 2018, Hastings Deering grew its apprentice intake by more than 50 per cent, with increased participation rates of female, Indigenous and mature age apprentices demonstrating a dedication to its flexible and inclusive workplace culture.

Qantas Airways Ltd

Qantas is Australia’s largest airline, and currently spends 10 per cent of its annual payroll on training and development. Providing staff with the highest possible standard of training is a priority at Qantas, with more than 5 per cent of total work time dedicated to training. This commitment is essential to the provision of safety and quality service, and to ensuring the success of the business.

RetireAustralia

As a leading owner, operator and developer of retirement villages, RetireAustralia (RA) is committed to providing the highest quality of service to its residents. In 2018 it established the RetireAustralia Learning Organisation to ensure all employees were provided with training opportunities that will support their skills and career development at RA. Their current training budget is 2.4 per cent of their overall payroll expenditure.
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 Designer Life

Designer Life is driven to help individuals reach their full potential and overcome barriers, and has achieved great success in many regional, remote and disadvantaged communities.

Built on a strong sense of social equity and commitment to lifelong learning, Designer Life is now a prominent provider in the training-to-work jobs market. The company has created various programs to increase confidence in the students and increase the ability for jobseekers to gain clarity with their career pathway.

A leading VET provider with a demonstrated record of engaging the long-term unemployed, Designer Life achieves this through innovation, supreme commitment to client care, empathy and passion.

07 3333 2055
designerlife.com.au
All About Living Inc

Carers Consortium
All About Living Inc (AAL) is a not-for-profit community organisation providing home care services in Brisbane’s north. Through its Carers Consortium program, AAL is delivering individual support qualifications in order to provide essential workers to the aged care sector, and is facilitating workforce pathways for people with barriers to employment. In 2018, 82 per cent of Carers Consortium participants went on to employment and further study.

07 3269 1915
allaboutliving.com.au

ICYS Ipswich Community Youth Service Inc

ICYS Increasing Options Program
ICYS Ipswich Community Youth Service is a not-for-profit community organisation providing assistance and support to at-risk and disadvantaged youth and their families. ICYS delivers Get Set for Work programs under the Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative, offering a Certificate II in Kitchen Operations. In 2018, 60 per cent of participants successfully completed their qualification and moved into employment, or further study, or returned to school.

07 3812 1050
icys.org.au

Marist180

Marist180 Work Skills Traineeships
Marist180 is a specialist youth and community services organisation providing practical and valuable training and skills to support long-term employment and independent living. Through its Work Skills Traineeships, Marist180 provides training opportunities, primarily in the construction industry. Of the trainees who undertook traineeships in 2017 and 2018, 93 per cent of participants achieved their Certificate I, with 80 per cent moving into employment.

02 9672 9200
marist180.org.au
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 Australian Child Care Career Options

Australian Child Care Career Options, better known as ACCCO, is committed to quality education through professional training. ‘Our training, your career, their future.’

ACCCO was opened in 1996 by the founder, Narelle Cossettini. Narelle has a philosophy of delivering quality training with an emphasis on meeting the practical requirements of a range of education services.

As a quality, industry-recognised national business and global training provider, ACCCO specialises in the education of early childhood and school-age education professionals, delivering relevant practical training all over Australia and internationally.

ACCCO graduates are employable, with 84.9 per cent employed after graduation. They are educators of the future, skilled to educate and provide great outcomes for our most precious possession – our children – the future.

07 3257 1972
accco.com.au
Finalists

Jane Franchina

The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health

With a background in pharmacy, Jane Franchina brings a wealth of knowledge and health industry experience to her role at The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH). In her three years at IUIH, Jane has designed contextualised training in business and primary health care to meet the needs of a diverse cohort. Her innovative teaching practices support open communication and inspire confidence in her students.

Stephen McCann

Aviation Australia

Stephen McCann’s love of aviation began at an early age, but it was not until serving as an instructor in the RAAF that he decided to turn his passion into a career. In 2011, Stephen became a mature-age Structures Aeroskills student, gaining his Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. He has been a full-time Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Instructor with Aviation Australia since 2014.

Glen McMurtrie

TAFE Queensland

After a serious motorcycle accident interrupted his electrical career and training, Glen McMurtrie found a new VET pathway as a teacher and assessor at TAFE Queensland. Glen has now been delivering Certificate III in Instrumentation and Control qualifications across Queensland and the Northern Territory for seven years. His commitment to offering his students the best possible training is reinforced through continued VET and university studies.
Equity VET Student of the Year

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

Proudly sponsored by 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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jobsqueensland.qld.gov.au
Selena Burrows was given the opportunity to complete a Certificate III in Business Administration through MEGT’s Empowering Career Options program. Funded through the Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative, the program supports people affected by domestic violence to find sustainable employment. Selena is now working towards a Certificate IV in Business Administration and has gained employment at MEGT.

Aman Meles came to Australia as an Eritrean refugee, and as a teenager became disengaged with school and study. Realising he was on a bad pathway, Aman knew he needed to turn his life around and wanted to find a way to help other young people make positive choices. For Aman, completing his traineeship is the first step towards a successful career in youth work.

Natasha Parker found her training experience has not only provided her with professional skills and experience, but has had a positive impact on her personal life as well. Natasha completed her traineeship through MEGT’s Empowering Career Options program, funded by the Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative. She has since gained full-time employment at OSMAC Apprenticeships and is working towards a Certificate IV in Business Administration.
School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year

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

Proudly sponsored by McDonald’s Australia

As a nationally recognised registered training organisation, McDonald’s goal is to lead and demonstrate change through their people, and drive engagement by being a part of something special.

At McDonald’s Australia, their vision is ‘A smile at every seat’ – with the focus being on their customers and employees. As an employer, they nurture careers and encourage people to grow and develop themselves, while providing them with the freedom they need to get what they want from working with McDonald’s. Across Australia, McDonald’s employs more than 100,000 people in five corporate offices and more than 900 restaurants.

McDonald’s Australia is proud to sponsor the School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year category, and to provide opportunities for students to engage in traineeships.

02 9875 6666
mcdonalds.com.au
Libby Burgess has always had a keen interest in health and wellbeing, and has undertaken a Certificate III in Fitness alongside her school-based traineeship in health services, in order to gain more skills and experience for the future. Libby is passionate about VET and an advocate for alternative training pathways. She believes these qualifications will be a head start on her future studies and employment opportunities.

For Jonah Moten, a trade pathway was an obvious choice. Seeing his family build four homes, he had firsthand experience of the process and people in the construction industry, and was excited for any opportunity to work alongside them. Jonah successfully secured a school-based apprenticeship and is looking forward to finishing school so he can focus on his apprenticeship full-time.

An interest in greenskeeping that started with mowing the lawn at home led Mitchell Olley to find his career pathway, and a school-based traineeship. After learning about the opportunities of sports turf management, he knew he’d found his dream horticultural career. Mitchell is currently completing his traineeship and dreams of curating the pitches at world-class sporting venues in the future.
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.

Proudly sponsored by Statim Yaga – An initiative of Hutchinson Builders

Hutchinson Builders is working with the Australian Government as part of the Employment Parity Initiative to increase Indigenous participation in the workforce. Through its Statim Yaga program, Hutchies places Indigenous jobseekers into construction jobs, providing the training and support they need to kickstart their career. Many of their Indigenous graduates have gone on to apprenticeship roles within the company and through their subcontractor network in businesses all over Australia.

Hutchies aims to place 550 jobseekers by 2020, having already placed more than 350 since 2015. They are committed to ensuring their own workforce has a minimum of 4 per cent Indigenous employees.

The words ‘statim yaga’ roughly translate to ‘start work’ from several traditional languages.

07 3335 5000
statim-yaga.com.au
Shaunah Downton

**Qualification** Certificate III in Health Services Assistance  
**Training provider** Stanborough Wemyss Contracting Pty Ltd  
**Group training organisation** Australian Training Company  
**Host employer** Metro North Hospital and Health Service  
**School** Southern Cross Catholic College

Shaunah Downton is a school-based trainee who hails from the Kamilaroi tribe in Mungindi. After completing work experience at a local hospital, Shaunah was inspired to pursue a career in nursing and secured a traineeship with Metro North Hospital and Health Service. She hopes her qualification and the experience gained through training will support her future plans to study midwifery.

Floyd Hill

**Qualification** Certificate III in Business  
**Training provider** MAX Solutions  
**Employer** MAX Employment  
**School** Sunnybank State High School

Floyd Hill is an advocate for the opportunities provided by school-based traineeships, and is passionate about sharing his experience with his school and community. Through his training, Floyd has gained a number of transferable skills that will support him in many areas, no matter what career path he chooses. He believes that VET pathways open doors for participants both professionally and personally.

Luke Harmer

**Qualification** Certificate III in Air-conditioning and Refrigeration  
**Training provider** TAFE Queensland  
**Employer** Spotless Services Australia Limited

Having already completed a dual qualification as an electrician and instrumentation technician, Luke Harmer was looking to further his studies and expand his skills in the industry. When the opportunity to undertake a third apprenticeship became available, Luke took it with both hands. Luke is passionate about lifelong learning and believes his ongoing training will be an asset to a long-lasting career within the electrical industry.
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.

Proudly sponsored by Challenge Employment and Training

Challenge Employment and Training is the employment and training arm of the YUPI Group, a community-based organisation established in 1976 to serve the needs of disadvantaged youth in Ipswich. The organisation now assists people of all ages across Queensland.

Over a 40-year history of delivering state and national programs, using vocational education as a primary intervention, they have assisted tens of thousands of individuals to prepare for and maintain employment.

They deliver a wide variety of Queensland Government Skilling Queenslanders for Work programs, Transition to Work, PaTH Youth Employability Skills Training and Work for the Dole projects. Their programs enhance student learning experiences, achieve employment outcomes and ensure every individual is work-ready on completion of their training.

07 3282 8000
challengeemployment.org.au
Cassandra Broadfoot

Qualification Certificate II in Surface Extraction Operations
Training provider SDS Training
Employer New Hope Group

Cassandra Broadfoot is a determined young woman with a passion for lifelong learning. Cassandra found her way to the mining industry after a knee reconstruction interrupted her naval career. Ever the optimist, Cassandra considers this to be a fortunate turn of events as it gave her the opportunity to find a new training pathway and vocation as a heavy plant operator at Jeebropilly Coal Mine.

Sarah-Jade Maidment

Qualification Certificate III in Community Services
Training provider TAFE Queensland

Originally from Alice Springs, Sarah-Jade Maidment was keen to gain additional knowledge and experience that she could eventually take back to her community. As a single mum, balancing training and her full-time work at Mater Mothers Hospital was essential. Through her Certificate III in Community Services, Sarah-Jade has been able to maintain both, and also build skills that support her day-to-day work with Indigenous mothers.

Kristy McDermott

Qualification Diploma of Landscape Design and Diploma of Horticulture
Training provider TAFE Queensland

Kristy McDermott was looking for a career that would allow her to spend quality time with her family, and support her passion for land management and sustainability. Completing the dual qualification has also given Kristy the opportunity to work alongside her partner’s lawn care business. Through her new venture, Dreamtime Landscapes and Horticultural Services, Kristy designs and plans projects for clients, while her partner maintains the finished product.
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 skilling, 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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busyatwork.com.au
Aman Meles

**Qualification** Certificate III in Community Services
**Training provider** Designer Life
**Group training organisation** WPC Group Limited
**Host employer** Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women

Aman Meles’ goal is to become a youth worker, a career path he believes will allow him to support young people in his community before they become disengaged. Aman is determined to make the most of every opportunity available to him to achieve his goal. He successfully completed his Certificate III in Community Services in 2018 and is working towards a Diploma of Youth Work.

Nathan Shay

**Qualification** Certificate III in Travel
**Training provider** Institute of Training and Further Education
**Employer** Flight Centre Limited

With the completion of his Certificate III in Travel, Nathan Shay has been able to gain skills and knowledge that will allow him to experience new opportunities in his travel industry career. Nathan is passionate about the benefits of training, and believes that the training and support he has received during his employment with Flight Centre has positively impacted on his professional and personal growth.

Isabelle Vint

**Qualification** Certificate III in Business Administration
**Training provider** Oceania College of Technology
**Employer** WPC Group Limited

 Unsure about what the future held for her after school, Isabelle Vint approached her VET coordinator to find out what options were available. Isabelle’s strong grades in business studies, and her willingness to try something new, led to an interview with WPC Group, who offered her a traineeship. Isabelle is a passionate VET advocate, and actively promotes training pathways to her peers and community.
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 Electrogroup Apprenticeships and Training

The Electrogroup of companies comprises two industry-owned not-for-profit organisations, founded in 1998 by two industry members – Master Electricians Australia and the Electrical Trades Union.

Electrogroup Apprentices (EGA) is a group training organisation with a focus on developing a competitive advantage for host employers and the industry through the quality of EGA apprentices. EGA works with a range of host employers who are dedicated, committed, passionate and knowledgeable.

Electrogroup Training (EGT) is a registered training organisation providing quality trade training for electrical apprentices, post-trade electrical training for electricians and pre-apprenticeship courses. EGT assists the electrical industry by delivering the highest quality of training to help produce highly skilled, responsible and safe tradesman to the electrical industry.

07 3274 6288
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Finalists

Gesine Magdalena Berger

**Qualification** Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician  
**Training provider** TAFE Queensland  
**Employer** Energy Queensland Limited

Having worked in a number of different fields before starting her apprenticeship, Gesine Magdalena Berger found she had a particular interest in problem solving and electrical systems. Gesine sought out work experience while completing her Certificate II in Electrotechnology in order to improve her chances of securing an apprenticeship. In 2015 she was successful in achieving her goal, beginning a mature-age apprenticeship with Energex.

Kritesh Chand

**Qualification** Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade  
**Training provider** TAFE Queensland  
**Group training organisation** MIGAS Apprentices and Trainees  
**Host employer** O’Brien Boiler Services

Following in his father’s footsteps, Kritesh Chand decided to undertake a boilermaking apprenticeship after leaving high school, moving interstate on his own to start his career. After a challenging first year, Kritesh returned to Brisbane and found that, with his support network back in place, he thrived. Kritesh completed his apprenticeship ahead of time, and is now a fully qualified tradesperson.

Lachlan Thoms

**Qualification** Certificate IV in Aeroskills (Mechanical)  
**Training provider** Aviation Australia  
**Employer** Qantas Airways Limited

Lachlan Thoms has always been interested in the aviation industry, and was driven to seek out an apprenticeship by a desire to understand the complex machinery that makes flight possible. Lachlan was accepted into the Qantas apprenticeship program in 2016, and has developed not only his mechanical skills and knowledge, but personal capabilities as well. He is on schedule to complete his apprenticeship a year early.
Australian Training Company

Australian Training Company (ATC) is a not-for-profit organisation whose focus is to promote workforce participation and encourage engagement with education and learning. ATC recognises the importance of an individual’s aspirations and the need to match these aspirations to the right opportunity.

ATC values the inclusion of others in the community who may be disadvantaged in accessing employment opportunities. ATC places emphasis on delivering education, employment and training opportunities to Indigenous Australians, people with disability and mature-age people returning to the workforce. ATC remains attentive to clients’ needs and differentiates itself by ensuring that all of its services deliver significant benefits and value to its clients.
Masters in Building Training

Masters in Building Training (MIBT) is fast becoming the provider of choice for existing practitioners and new entrants in the building industry to gain qualifications for contractor licensing across the nation. They recognise what the building industry wants, requires and needs by putting forward a business model that is inclusive, relevant, attractive and applicable to how the building industry operates.

MIBT provides participants with flexible and practical training options and assessment processes that meet industry and regulatory requirements. MIBT participants experience a positive learning outcome through the support and additional services they receive. Engagement with industry helps ensure that MIBT provides services that are consistent, cost-effective, high-quality, and in line with accepted industry requirements.

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mibt.edu.au
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