

Regional Final **2019**  
**Queensland Training Awards**  
South East Queensland  
Dinner Program



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Government



# 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

## Entrée

### Welcome to Country

Linda Biuamaiwai, Yugambah,  
Traditional Custodian  
Ethan Atkinson,  
Indigenous performer

### Welcome

Steve Koch  
Acting Deputy Director-General  
Engagement  
Department of Employment,  
Small Business and Training

### Keynote address

Kim Richards MP,  
Member for Redlands

### Entertainment

Avaikians Dance Group

### Award presentations

Small Employer of the Year  
Medium Employer of the Year  
Large Employer of the Year  
Community Training Initiative of  
the Year

## Main course

### Entertainment

TAFE Queensland Creative  
Industries performers

### Award presentations

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

### Dessert

### Award presentations

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

### Vote of Thanks

Brett Haagsma, Regional Director  
South East Region  
Department of Employment,  
Small Business and Training

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Queensland**

### **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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# Menu



## Dinner proudly sponsored by Blue Stone Medical

Blue Stone Medical is committed to ensuring student learning leads to employability and skill currency. The courses it offers are fully accredited and nationally recognised, and its accredited trainers bring a wealth of skills, knowledge and life experience to the classroom and training environment through their extensive years of working within the industry.

In addition, Blue Stone Medical training programs are competency-based, recognising the training reform agenda and ensuring that development is targeted at demonstrated industry needs. At Blue Stone Medical, learning is built on partnerships between its accredited trainers, assessors, key personnel, clients in the industry and their students.

**1300 550 980**  
**[bluestonemedical.com.au](http://bluestonemedical.com.au)**

### Entrée

Gravlax of salmon with cress,  
radish and baby caper,  
orange dressing

*or*

Caramelised tomato and eschallot  
tart, goat curd, watercress and  
witlof salad

### Main course

Roasted breast of chicken  
stuffed with goat's cheese and  
basil, potato puree, broccolini and  
madeira jus

*or*

Grilled beef tenderloin paired with  
beef cheek parmentier, spinach,  
roasted baby beetroot,  
red wine jus

### Dessert

Vanilla-infused cream cheese  
parfait, mango puree, broken  
shortbread and passionfruit ice-cream

*or*

Three ways chocolate plate:  
chocolate macaron, petite  
chocolate tart and rich  
chocolate ice-cream

# Entertainment Sponsor



## Proudly sponsored by Building Industry Training

Building Industry Training was established in December 2013 to meet the construction industry need for high-quality, workplace-based, face-to-face training.

They have grown from one trainer delivering three qualifications to six industry-specialist trainers delivering 13 qualifications statewide, including bricklaying, carpentry, concreting, painting, tiling, plastering, waterproofing, solid plastering and steel fixing.

They currently train more than 700 apprentices on worksites across all regions of Queensland.

Excellence is a habit for Building Industry Training. They offer outstanding flexible training and assessment to their students, benefiting employers and industry alike. The dedication of their trainers and staff has seen the business flourish.

**1300 655 835**  
**[buildingtraining.com.au](http://buildingtraining.com.au)**



# Entertainment



## Avaikians Dance Group

Journey through the Pacific to the pulsating drums of the Avaikians Dance Group and find a sense of pride and culture. Their performance is inspired by their ancestral customs, beliefs and traditions, which they aim to impart to future generations.

The dancers perform an exciting and breathtaking journey from the Cook Islands to the corners of Polynesia, following pathways of flowing hips that sway and roll like the sands, to the hands and fingertips that tell stories of strength, hope and love embraced by the faces of integrity, beauty and laughter.

**Facebook: Cook Island Dancers Gold Coast**





# Entertainment



## TAFE Queensland Creative Industries performers

TAFE Queensland offers a range of courses in music and sound production where students learn skills to compose, arrange music, mix and produce sound, as well as music business and how to operate audio equipment, catering to those who want to be centre stage as a musician or vocalist, or work behind the scenes.

From QMusic award-winners to ARIA chart-toppers and successful touring musicians, TAFE Queensland's hall of fame is forever growing. With a combination of state-of-the-art studios and teachers with strong industry connections, students are equipped with the know-how to get their big break.

The TAFE Queensland performers at this event have been selected by their trainers for their musical talent and dedication to their individual disciplines.

**07 5581 8300**  
**[tafeqld.edu.au](http://tafeqld.edu.au)**





## Ethan Atkinson

Welcome to Country Performer and 2017  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student  
of the Year



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## Prize Sponsor

### Proudly sponsored by Prestige Service Training

Prestige Service Training creates career pathways through industry-leading, innovative and inspiring training programs that empower people with the opportunities to succeed in the life they choose and to celebrate their achievements.

They are one of only a handful of training providers able to offer a complete face-to-face program of training that is nationally recognised, with some having university articulation agreements. These programs navigate a career pathway from entry to management level.

Prestige Service Training's integrity, passion for quality and service, as well as a strong reputation in the market and among employers, set them apart. Prestige Service Training develops strong relationships with all students and truly cares about their success.

**07 5667 7224**

**[pst.edu.au](http://pst.edu.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

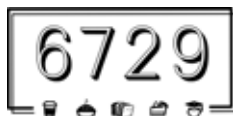
OSMAC commenced operations in April 2013 and quickly grew, by word of mouth, a reputation for employing quality apprentices and trainees at a competitive price.

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](http://ogt.com.au)**



## 6729 Bakery

6729 Bakery is a profit-for-purpose organisation providing employment and training opportunities to people with disability and other significant barriers to employment. 6729 Bakery supports its employees while they complete the training they need to move on to long-term roles in the hospitality and food industries. Working with Workplace Training Strategies, 6729 has developed an individualised approach to training that suits its diverse workforce.

0426 831 461  
[activeopportunities.org/6729-bakery](http://activeopportunities.org/6729-bakery)



## Goldtrim Tiling

Goldtrim Tiling is a Gold Coast-based small business providing industry standard business practices and training to employees in tiling and waterproofing. It is committed to investing in staff development and providing accredited training opportunities in all areas of the business. Goldtrim Tiling has three employees currently engaged in training, and is in the process of adding two new apprentices to its growing workforce.

07 5520 0595  
[goldtrimtiling.com](http://goldtrimtiling.com)



## Thom and Ann's Restaurant Deli

Thom and Ann's Restaurant Deli is a fully licensed restaurant in Yarrabilba offering fresh seasonal produce and local deli products. As qualified chefs themselves, owners Scott and Fiona encourage and support their staff to undertake traineeships and apprenticeships, in order to provide them with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the food and hospitality industries, now and in the future.

07 5677 0828  
[thomandanns.com.au](http://thomandanns.com.au)

# 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 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.

**07 3806 1120**  
**[atq.com.au](http://atq.com.au)**



## National Trust – Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Owned and operated by National Trust Australia Queensland, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS) is an iconic Gold Coast attraction. CWS designs its own extensive, individualised training programs to suit a workforce spread across multiple industries, including tourism, hospitality, horticulture, retail, veterinary sciences, wildlife, business and construction. Training is an essential part of the CWS culture and all staff are engaged in training activities throughout their employment.

07 5534 1266  
currumbinsanctuary.com.au



## Jamadu (QLD) trading as McDonald's Burleigh Waters, Robina Central, Reedy Creek, Palm Beach, Elanora and Tugun

Jamadu is the family-owned operator of McDonald's Burleigh Waters, Robina Central, Reedy Creek, Palm Beach, Elanora and Tugun. As an organisation, Jamadu is passionate about training and development, offering its employees the opportunity to grow their skills and knowledge within its many restaurants. Qualifications in hospitality, retail and management are available to all employees, allowing them to build their skills and career paths at McDonald's.

07 5607 1829  
mcdonalds.com.au/learn/careers



## North Australian Contracting Pty Ltd

North Australian Contracting is a commercial construction business with a full-time workforce of 40. To maintain and develop its staff, North Australian Contracting follow a needs-based approach to training, assessing the skills and qualifications required in the planning stages of each project, and providing the support and resources to ensure all employees have the training they need to complete the job at hand.

07 3806 1366  
Facebook: North Australian Contracting



# 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.**

**13 MEGT (13 6348)**  
**[megt.com.au](http://megt.com.au)**



## Brown and Hurley Pty Ltd

Brown and Hurley is a wholly family-owned Australian company employing more than 450 people. After the costs of outsourcing the training of their workforce became unsustainable, the business needed to innovate. Since 2012, Brown and Hurley has been running its own purpose-built training facility, providing technical trade training across eight branches, and is currently looking at expanding their apprenticeships to parts interpreting and automotive sales.

07 3441 7800  
brownandhurley.com.au



## Frizelle Sunshine Automotive

Frizelle Sunshine Automotive is Australia's largest private automotive group and currently employs 132 apprentices and trainees across its group operations. These employees make up more than six per cent of the Frizelle Sunshine workforce, and are a testament to the business's dedication to providing its employees with the training and support they need to ensure the best possible service for customers.

1300 663 937  
frizellesunshine.com.au



## Gold Coast Health

Gold Coast Health is a learning organisation with strong partnerships with local tertiary education providers. Traditionally, much of the training at Gold Coast Health was focused on clinical and frontline staff, which left significant gaps in other areas of the workforce. To address this training shortfall, a new higher level apprenticeship pilot was developed to support existing employees to complete a recognised vocational qualification.

1300 744 284  
goldcoast.health.qld.gov.au

# 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 life-long 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](http://designerlife.com.au)**



## MultiLink Community Services Inc

### Links to Hospitality program

For 30 years, MultiLink Community Services Inc has been supporting migrant and refugee communities in the Logan area to participate equitably in social and economic life in the community. Through funding provided by the Queensland Government's Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative, MultiLink has been able to support 472 people to gain nationally accredited qualifications and the skills they need to find meaningful employment or further study.

07 3808 4463  
multilink.org.au



## National Retail Association

### Ready for Retail program

The National Retail Association (NRA) is a not-for-profit organisation, delivering critical information and advice to more than 7000 members. In partnership with Employment Plus, the NRA developed the Ready for Retail program to build the skills and capabilities of young people in the community. Working with Grand Plaza retailers, the Ready for Retail program prepares participants for work opportunities in their local area.

1800 738 245  
nra.net.au



## Reclink Australia

### Linking Up Employment Pathways Crestmead Project

Reclink Australia is a national non-profit organisation focused on the development and implementation of sport, art, social, recreation, training and employment programs for people experiencing disadvantage. Reclink Australia delivers projects through the Queensland Government's Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative, which have resulted in positive employment outcomes for 83 per cent of participants.

0414 805 078  
reclink.org

# 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.



**THE STAR**  
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GROUP

## **Proudly sponsored by The Star Entertainment Group**

As a top 100 ASX-listed company, The Star Entertainment Group's vision is to become Australia's leading integrated resort company.

Along with its consortium partners, it is proudly supporting Queensland's tourism appeal by investing a further \$5 billion in South East Queensland, generating significant benefits for the local economy.

Today, it employs around 4000 people in Queensland, which will rise by thousands through its future Queen's Wharf Brisbane development and The Star Gold Coast expansion.

The Star Entertainment Group offers exciting training programs such as graduate leaderships programs, internships, apprenticeships, and school-based work experience, in partnership with several education providers including TAFE Queensland, local universities, hotel schools and high schools.

**07 3228 0000**  
**[starentertainmentgroup.com.au](http://starentertainmentgroup.com.au)**





**Kimberley Korevaar**

### **The French Beauty Academy**

Kimberley Korevaar's personality and passion for the beauty industry inspire both her students and colleagues through her role as an educator and deputy principal at The French Beauty Academy. Her insightful, reflective and engaging practice has been instrumental in the continued improvement of the curriculum, programs and student outcomes. Kimberley supports her students to achieve their full potential and the best possible training and education.



**Tasha Smith**

### **Ready Health Nursing College**

A registered nurse, Tasha Smith is dedicated to ensuring her students are at the centre of learning. She is an educator of choice at Ready Health Nursing College, sharing her extensive clinical and surgical experience and a deep sense of caring. With a steady flow of new students actively seeking her out on the recommendation of previous trainees, Tasha has achieved a 100 per cent completion rate, with all of her students going on to employment, volunteering or further study.



**Cassie Stanley**

### **Prestige Service Training**

Cassie Stanley is passionate about providing alternative pathways for people with barriers to education and employment. Through her education of others, she continues to educate herself, seeking out the support of community organisations in her work with disadvantaged or disengaged young people and people with disability. Cassie is a multi-skilled vocational educator, delivering qualifications to students in retail, hospitality, business, tourism and vocational pathways.

# Equity VET Student of the Year

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



## **Proudly sponsored by Redland City Council**

Redland City Council is an innovative and progressive local government located on the naturally wonderful Redlands Coast, east of Brisbane.

With approximately 335 km of coastline, the region encompasses North Stradbroke Island, Coochiemudlo Island, the Southern Moreton Bay Islands, Peel Island, mainland suburbs and rural hinterland.

The Traditional Owners, the Quandamooka People, have cared for the Redlands Coast land and waters for more than 21,000 years.

Known for its relaxed coastal lifestyle, strong community values and outstanding natural attractions, Redlands Coast offers a broad range of lifestyle, economic and tourism opportunities.

The Redland City Council strongly supports trainee and apprenticeship programs within its workforce, and is proud to sponsor the Equity VET Student of the Year award.

**07 3829 8999**  
**[redland.qld.gov.au](http://redland.qld.gov.au)**



## Cameron Hall

**Qualification** Certificate III in Engineering Electronics (Drone Technology)

**Training provider** TAFE Queensland

Cameron Hall's lifelong passion for planes, aircraft and drones was inspired by his dad who is an aircraft engineer. And while his first thought was to fly them, Cameron has found an alternative pathway that combines his passion for flight with his interest in media and technology. Once he completes his Certificate III in Engineering Electronics (Drone Technology), Cameron hopes to start a drone photography business.



## Jake McCosker

**Qualification** Certificate I in Conservation and Land Management

**Training provider** Greening Australia Training  
**Group training organisation** Greening Australia

**Host employer** Running Wild – Youth Conservation Culture Inc.

Growing up in Port Macquarie, Jake McCosker developed a passion for the natural environment and Australian landscape. After a move to Russell Island, Jake was looking for something to kickstart his pathway to employment. Following the successful completion of his Work Skills Traineeship with Running Wild, Jake has developed confidence, skills and experience, and is now working towards completing an apprenticeship in landscape construction.



## Kushal Solanki

**Qualification** Diploma of Information Technology

**Training provider** TAFE Queensland

Kushal Solanki developed an interest in IT at a young age, and knew that he would one day like to pursue a career in the industry. As a person with vision impairment, Kushal had to be resourceful when it came to choosing the right VET pathway for his studies, to ensure he could successfully participate in the course. After completing his diploma, Kushal hopes to find employment that allows him to support children and young adults.

# School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year

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



## 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.

**1300 308 233**  
**[tafeqld.edu.au](http://tafeqld.edu.au)**



**Eva Angeloglou**

**Qualification** Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

**Training provider** Kool Kids Training College Pty Ltd

**Employer** G8 Education (Qld)

**School** Merrimac State High School

After discovering an interest and aptitude for early childhood education through her high school studies, Eva Angeloglou decided to apply for a school-based traineeship to get a head start on her career. Eva believes that the practical skills and experience gained through her work placement have provided her with the ideal foundation for her university studies, as she aims to become a primary school teacher.



**Jahkita Kilcoyne**

**Qualification** Certificate III in Tourism

**Training provider** Prestige Service Training

**Employer** Dreamworld

**School** Trinity Lutheran College

Jahkita Kilcoyne leapt at the chance to undertake a school-based traineeship when it was offered by her employers at Dreamworld, recognising the benefits of gaining a qualification in an industry that interests her. Through her Certificate III in Tourism, Jahkita is learning practical skills in business, customer service and time management, something that she uses regularly as a busy Year 11 student.



**Callam Sammons**

**Qualification** Certificate III in Parks and Gardens

**Training provider** Landscape Skills


**Group training organisation** WPC Group Ltd

**Host employer** Greenworx

**School** Beaudesert State High School

Callam Sammons has always loved being outdoors and working in the garden, starting his own local lawn care business at seven years of age. So when he was given the opportunity to start a landscaping apprenticeship, Callam knew he'd found the training pathway for him. He is passionate about promoting VET at school, and is a proud ambassador for the career options provided through training.





# 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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## **Proudly sponsored by** The Council of the City of Gold Coast

The Council of the City of Gold Coast's vision is 'inspired by lifestyle and driven by opportunity'.

The shared city values underpin everything they do; aim high, add value, take responsibility and work as a team. These help shape each of their decisions, actions and behaviours toward achieving this vision.

The Council of the City of Gold Coast consciously strive for a work culture that embraces diversity throughout their workplace. They actively generate an inclusive organisational culture by encouraging inclusive behaviour. The City of Gold Coast's workplace environment is one where every person feels valued, heard, included and welcome.

The Council of the City of Gold Coast is honoured to be the sponsor of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year award.

**1300 465 326**  
**[goldcoast.qld.gov.au](http://goldcoast.qld.gov.au)**



**Allister Dolan**

**Qualification** Certificate III in Business  
**Training provider** Aurora Training Institute  
**Employer** Pets Paradise Helensvale  
**School** Southport State High School

Allister Dolan knew that university wasn't the pathway for him, but his aspiration to work with animals made him unsure what his options were. When an opportunity to work in a pet store became available, while completing a school-based traineeship, it was the perfect match. Allister is an active advocate for VET pathways, and is working towards his ultimate career goal of becoming a wildlife ranger.



**Bryan Hinkins**

**Qualification** Certificate III in Business  
**Training provider** Aurora Training Institute  
**Employer** Goldsteins Bakery  
**School** Southport State High School

At first Bryan Hinkins saw his traineeship as a way to gain workplace experience, as he hadn't been in the workforce before. But after successfully completing his Certificate III in Business, Bryan has found that his qualification has given him a career pathway that he hadn't considered possible. He hopes to continue his studies at university and become a mentor for other Indigenous students.



**Jahkita Kilcoyne**

**Qualification** Certificate III in Tourism  
**Training provider** Prestige Service Training  
**Employer** Dreamworld  
**School** Trinity Lutheran College

Jahkita Kilcoyne chose to undertake a Certificate III in Tourism because it provides her with the opportunity to create her own career pathway in a diverse industry. Jahkita's traineeship with Dreamworld allows her to share her Torres Strait Island culture while gaining valuable work experience. She enjoys the fast-paced nature of her work, and hopes her qualification will lead to a long-lasting tourism career.

# 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 MultiLink Community Services**

For more than 28 years, MultiLink Community Services has been supporting migrant and refugee communities in the Logan area to participate equitably in social and economic life in the community.

Now supporting diverse communities across eight local government areas across Queensland, MultiLink's programs respond to community needs across the areas of employment and training, aged care, disability support, financial wellbeing, community support, youth and settlement of new arrivals.

MultiLink is strongly committed to the view that education, training and employment are key factors in building a foundation in successful settlement, active participation and harmonious social cohesion of culturally diverse communities. MultiLink Community Services is pleased to sponsor the Vocational Student of the Year award as an active part of this commitment.

**07 3808 4463**  
**[multilink.org.au](http://multilink.org.au)**



**Catherine Foster**

**Qualification** Diploma of Community Services

**Training provider** TAFE Queensland

**Employer** Right at Home (Gold Coast Northern Rivers)

Catherine Foster was inspired by her family's personal experience with community services to find a way that she could help others. After volunteering extensively, Catherine enrolled in a Diploma of Community Services to offer better support to the people she encountered in her work. She excelled in her training and is now employed by Right at Home, providing direct support to people and their families.



**Abeer Salem**

**Qualification** Advanced Diploma of Screen and Media

**Training provider** New York Film Academy

**Employer** Lotus Production House

Abeer Salem had been a filmmaker for many years before deciding to undertake her Advanced Diploma of Screen and Media. Abeer was motivated by a desire to gain mastery in her field. Completing her diploma has allowed her to grow her talents beyond those she developed working behind the camera, and expand her skills set so that she is able to effectively promote her filmmaking.



**Mitchell Stone**

**Qualification** Diploma of Software Development

**Training provider** TAFE Queensland

**Employer** The Council of the City of Gold Coast

A self-confessed IT nerd, Mitchell Stone had some experience working with new technologies while serving in the Australian Defence Force, but wanted to make sure he found the right training option for him. Just six weeks after beginning his diploma, Mitchell secured an internship with The Council of the City of Gold Coast, and after the successful completion of his qualification, was offered a full-time digital developer position.

# 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.

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## Rebecca Aguirre

**Qualification** Certificate III in Events  
**Training provider** One Step Further  
**Group training organisation** Maxima Group Training  
**Host employer** Logan City Council

While working in a casual catering role with Logan City Council, Rebecca Aguirre felt unsure what the future held for her career. Encouraged by her supervisor to take up a traineeship as a trainee events officer, Rebecca discovered a passion for the events industry and vocational training. Since then, she has successfully completed her traineeship and has now worked on more than 75 community events.



## Rhys Briggs-Andrews

**Qualification** Certificate II in Civil Construction  
**Training provider** Rud Tek Pty Ltd  
**Group training organisation** Programmed Skilled Workforce  
**Host employer** RoadTek


A civil construction traineeship provided Rhys Briggs-Andrews with everything he was looking for in a career pathway; it combined his love of the outdoors while keeping his mind active, and offered opportunities for progression and growth. Through the successful completion of his Certificate II in Civil Construction, Rhys has gained a new understanding of the importance of qualifications and hopes to mentor trainees in his industry.



## Tegan Molesworth

**Qualification** Certificate III in Civil Construction  
**Training provider** Current Training (Qld) Pty Ltd  
**Group training organisation** Programmed Skilled Workforce  
**Host employer** RoadTek

Growing up on a cattle farm in a tiny town in Far North Queensland, Tegan Molesworth gained a great appreciation for working outdoors and excellent problem-solving skills, both of which have helped her in her journey to successfully completing a civil construction traineeship with RoadTek. Tegan is passionate about training and continued learning, and hopes to gain further qualifications in the construction industry.



# 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.

**1800 798 488**

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**Emma Arkinstall**

**Qualification** Certificate III in Commercial Cookery

**Training provider** TAFE Queensland

**Employer** The Star Culinary Institute

A passion for food led Emma Arkinstall from university nursing studies to a chef's apprenticeship, and she hasn't looked back since. Emma has dedicated herself to her training and craft and is an eager ambassador for the VET sector. She believes the opportunities afforded to her through her apprenticeship will provide the skills and experience required to be successful in her career as a chef.



**Janelle Kent**

**Qualification** Certificate III in Automotive Electrical Technology

**Training provider** TAFE Queensland

**Employer** The Council of the City of Gold Coast

Janelle Kent spent countless hours working on cars and trucks with her dad growing up, and when the time came to choose a career path, mechanics seemed the obvious way to go. But it was Janelle's affinity for electrical work in high school science that led her to find her true passion, her automotive electrical apprenticeship, which she successfully completed in 2018.



**Charlie Nightingale**

**Qualification** Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician

**Training provider** TAFE Queensland

**Employer** Tri State Electrical and Communications

After finding her university studies weren't taking her down the right career path, Charlie Nightingale set about finding a new course of action for her future. Her strong mathematics and technology skills in high school led her to enrol in a Certificate II in Electrotechnology at TAFE Queensland. This year Charlie successfully completed her apprenticeship and is now a fully qualified electrician.

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## Community Engagement Sponsor

### CPL's Mylestones Solutions

CPL's Mylestones Solutions social enterprise offers a variety of supported employment opportunities, such as commercial garden maintenance crews, market and retail crews, and mobile coffee carts.

Mylestones Solutions has been part of CPL for more than 20 years, and has helped thousands of people to achieve their employment goals and reach their potential – right across Queensland.

Opportunities on offer include employment, access to a supported wage system, and access to School Leaver Employment Supports, on-the-job training, traineeships, internships and self-employment.

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## Cultural Engagement Sponsor

### Logan City Council

Logan City Council are known for welcoming people from all over the world and from every walk of life. That's what makes Logan a great place to live, work and grow up. It's a unique place – with unique needs.

Tapping into this diverse community and what's needed to make it thrive requires a genuine collaboration between community, industry and government.

This collaboration is driving Logan City Council's focus for the future – with emerging technologies, health services and education being their main employment sectors. That's why Logan City Council is one of the fastest growing areas in Australia.

Logan City Council is proud to be the Cultural Engagement Sponsor.

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Endlessly positive and intensely energetic, the ACE team of professional trainers, community board, executive group and customer care crew are committed to the life changing significance of learning choice.

07 5520 3026  
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# History of the Queensland Training Awards

## Previous winners

### Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year

<b>1962</b>	Eric King	<b>1991</b>	Robert Anderson
<b>1963</b>	John Skene	<b>1992</b>	Eric Scott
<b>1964</b>	Graham Benson	<b>1993</b>	Sonja Neal
<b>1965</b>	Robert Dawson	<b>1994</b>	Lawrence Bolton
<b>1966</b>	Graham Watts	<b>1995</b>	Jolian Harvey
<b>1967</b>	Keith Wells	<b>1996</b>	Erin Steinhof
<b>1968</b>	Terence Quinn	<b>1997</b>	Stephen Downs
<b>1969</b>	David Swain	<b>1998</b>	Daniel Gill
<b>1970</b>	John Roth	<b>1999</b>	Jesse O'Brien
<b>1971</b>	Bruce Bell	<b>2000</b>	Shelley Clayton
<b>1972</b>	Noel Ingram	<b>2001</b>	Jennifer Grainger
<b>1973</b>	Jacklyn Thomas	<b>2002</b>	Michael Flynn
<b>1974</b>	David Bourke	<b>2003</b>	Greig Payne
<b>1975</b>	Keith Owens	<b>2004</b>	Cheryl Callender
<b>1976</b>	Kenneth Peterson	<b>2005</b>	Timothy Hall
<b>1977</b>	Mark Tierney	<b>2006</b>	Joshua Stemm
<b>1978</b>	Jonathon O'Shea	<b>2007</b>	Thomas Spottswood
<b>1979</b>	Berto Di Pasquale	<b>2008</b>	Rachel Niemann
<b>1980</b>	Allan Kirsch	<b>2009</b>	Craig Folker
<b>1981</b>	Nancy Spencer	<b>2010</b>	Caleb Mayne
<b>1982</b>	Russel Vorpagel	<b>2011</b>	Jessica Meek
<b>1983</b>	Michael Wagner	<b>2012</b>	Rachel Dudok
<b>1984</b>	David Pickering	<b>2013</b>	Sarah Lacey
<b>1985</b>	Howard Zelenka	<b>2014</b>	Peter Newbold
<b>1986</b>	Vincent Russo	<b>2015</b>	Aaron Lobley
<b>1987</b>	Andrew Henzell	<b>2016</b>	Ashley Brown
<b>1988</b>	Joanne Hein	<b>2017</b>	Gemma Hartwig
<b>1989</b>	Lachlan Riddell	<b>2018</b>	Christopher Knight
<b>1990</b>	Andrew McDicken		

### Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year

<b>1982</b>	Victor Lemura	<b>2011</b>	Toniele Brennan
<b>1983</b>	Desmond Pickering	<b>2012</b>	Sharine Milne
<b>1984</b>	Wendy Armstrong	<b>2013</b>	Sharnie Sue-Yek
<b>1985</b>	Malcolm Bishop	<b>2014</b>	Ashleigh Taylor
<b>1986</b>	Ross Williams	<b>2015</b>	Ariel Mundelwit
<b>1987</b>	Lyndall Hughes	<b>2016</b>	Ben Nedwich
<b>1988</b>	Tamzin Hullock	<b>2017</b>	Katie Emmert
<b>1989</b>	Cody Godfrey	<b>2018</b>	Kathleen Jones
<b>1990</b>	Angela Jordan		
<b>1991</b>	Paul Winter		
<b>1992</b>	Steven Godfrey		
<b>1993</b>	Trudie Smith		
<b>1994</b>	Lisa Roberts		
<b>1995</b>	Janita Mannering		
<b>1996</b>	Sandra Haynes		
<b>1997</b>	Sandra Duane		
<b>1998</b>	Justin Holyoake		
<b>1999</b>	Andrew Holmes		
<b>2000</b>	Angela Pappin		
<b>2001</b>	Luke Haxton		
<b>2002</b>	Tara Harding		
<b>2003</b>	Crystal Gill		
<b>2004</b>	Yvonne Gordon		
<b>2005</b>	Elliot Macleod		
<b>2006</b>	Tracey Sutton		
<b>2007</b>	Kerri Schulz		
<b>2008</b>	Matthew Graham		
<b>2009</b>	Michael Pope		
<b>2010</b>	Josephine Shannon		

## Key dates

**14 September 2019**

**Queensland Training Awards  
State Gala Dinner**

**Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre  
Brisbane**

**21 November 2019**

**Australian Training Awards  
Presentation Dinner  
Brisbane**

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The students of Prestige Service Training and All Saints Anglican School, currently studying events and live production, are here tonight to assist with the South East Regional Final of the Queensland Training Awards.

## Thank you

Special thanks to all our 2019 nominees and sponsors.

Our regional winners will now contest the state final of the Queensland Training Awards in September.

State winners then have the opportunity to advance to the Australian Training Awards in November.

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