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

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Program

**Welcome to Country**
Brent McLellan
Proud Taribelang and Gooreng Gooreng man

**Welcome**
John Suthers, Regional Director, North Coast Region
Department of Employment, Small Business and Training

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

**Award presentations**
Small Employer of the Year
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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
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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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Menu

Entrée
Smoked salmon, dill, sour cream and goat cheese tartlet
or
Rocket salad with smoked chicken, bacon and a blue cheese dressing

Main course
Slow-cooked lamb cutlets with sticky port wine jus
or
Herb-grilled chicken with prawns and mango salsa

Dessert
Baked New York cheesecake
or
Banana and macadamia steamed pudding with caramel rum sauce
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.

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Accelerate Auto Electrics and Air Conditioning

From humble origins as a man and his van, Accelerate Auto Electrics and Air Conditioning has now grown to a fully equipped workshop and two mobile electrical units. After struggling to find qualified workers, business owners Andrew and Briohny decided to refocus on finding the right people to train instead. Since 2016, two apprentices have completed their qualifications, with a third due to finish this year.

Avenue Dental Kawana

Avenue Dental Kawana attributes the success and growth of the business to its proactive approach to training and education. Over the last eight years, it has invested heavily in vocational training, particularly through the Queensland Government’s AllevE8 program. Avenue Dental Kawana also regularly opens its doors for work experience and job placement opportunities to anyone interested in gaining experience in the dental industry.

Expressions Hair Nails Beauty

Expressions is a hair and beauty salon focused on providing the best possible experience to its customers. Business owner Catherine Carew takes pride in both her own training and in her commitment to offering her staff the professional and personal development opportunities they need to support the Expressions vision. Currently, three of Expressions’ eight staff members are working towards their Certificate III in Hairdressing.

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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 SkillCentred Queensland

As a community-based, not-for-profit organisation, SkillCentred Queensland is committed ‘to making a positive difference to the lives of individuals in partnership with communities’.

For more than 30 years, SkillCentred has provided training and support services to help disadvantaged people across Queensland transition into employment.

During 2018 and 2019, in partnership with community organisations from Maryborough, Gympie and Caboolture, SkillCentred will employ 72 construction trainees and 18 business trainees under the Queensland Government’s SkillingQueenslanders for Work (SQW) initiative. Working from the community hub in Maryborough, SkillCentred will provide admin support to local community organisations. In Cherbourg, SQW trainees operate the local café, provide admin support for the community and landscape to beautify the surrounds.

SkillCentred is proud to support the 2019 Queensland Training Awards to celebrate VET in Queensland.

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Acorn East

Acorn East is a childcare centre catering to more than 150 children across Bundaberg. In its five years of operation, Acorn East has supported 15 trainees to complete qualifications, with another three currently undertaking their Certificate III in Childcare and Education. Continual professional development is a key focus for Acorn East, with each employee completing an average of eight hours of training each month.

Bendpro

Bendpro is a specialist metal fabrication business, providing services and products to manufacturers all over Australia. Recognising the importance of its local community, Bendpro is focused on supporting local employment opportunities, particularly for people with barriers to employment. It works closely with training organisations and Queensland Government initiatives like Skilling Queenslanders for Work to offer ongoing work placement and training opportunities.

Cavalier Engineering

Cavalier Engineering is a metal fabrication business specialising in the manufacture of livestock and feed equipment. The business has developed a strategy of investment in ongoing industry partnerships that have helped to identify training needs that benefit both internal and industry requirements. Cavalier Engineering prides itself on its training record, providing support and experience to 60 apprentices and trainees over its 14-year history.
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 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 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.

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From coastline to cattle farm, Gympie Regional Council serves a large and diverse population. Its priority is to actively serve the community and plan for the future by making Gympie the first choice for residents to live, work and play. Council employees are actively engaged in learning and development programs to support the achievement of these goals, while building skills and promoting individual career growth.

Nolan Meats is an award-winning beef processing business, employing a team of 450 to process almost 140,000 head of cattle each year. Nolan Meats prides itself on being able to offer young people more than just a job, providing employees with opportunities for long-term career growth, supported by training. More than 30 per cent of full-time staff are currently engaged in accredited training.

Sesame Lane Care and Kindergarten has been providing early childhood development and care to the Moreton Bay region for more than 30 years. Through the development of a dedicated workplace development and mentoring program, Sesame Lane has been able to expand training and career development opportunities for all staff. A total of 14 per cent of employees across its centres are currently engaged in accredited 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 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.

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CPL – Choice Passion Life

Mylestones Solutions MEQUIP and CPL Work Skills Hub (Coffee Cart)

CPL is a leading provider of integrated support, therapy and advice for people living with disability. Supported by funding from the Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative, CPL’s Mylestones Solutions MEQUIP and CPL Work Skills Hub programs in Strathpine have placed 18 people with disability in business and retail traineeships. To date, 100 per cent of participants have gone on to further employment and training.

Deception Bay Community Youth Programs

Local Pathways to Work

Deception Bay Community Youth Programs is committed to supporting disadvantaged people into work. Its Local Pathways to Work (LPW) program was developed through consultation with both community and industry groups to ensure the best possible participant outcomes. LPW is delivered through a flexible and modular approach, and is currently achieving a 90 per cent completion rate, with 70 per cent going on to employment.

IFYS

Live, Learn and Earn

Established as a youth shelter in 1980, IFYS delivers more than 30 programs across Queensland, supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged children, young people, families and people with disability. Through its Live, Learn and Earn (LLE) program, IFYS supports the transition of young people in care and the justice system into education, training and employment. LLE uses an outcomes framework that focuses on participants’ safety, health and wellbeing.
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 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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Cecilia Kovacic  
Maryborough State High School  
With 14 years experience in VET, Cecilia Kovacic is passionate about providing programs that meet student-centred needs. Cecilia is committed to ensuring that all students are given the tools to succeed, regardless of their socio-economic or cultural background. Since joining Maryborough State High School in 2016, Cecilia has overseen significant expansion to its VET programs, including the delivery of a new Diploma of Business qualification.

Terrence Palfrey  
MTA Institute  
Covering a vast geographical area, Terrence Palfrey has developed a flexible and creative approach to the delivery of his automotive and mechanical qualifications. Terrence recognises that his students have individual learning requirements, and goes above and beyond to facilitate positive outcomes for his entire cohort. After starting with 26 students, he now trains 86 apprentices from across Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Gympie and Bundaberg.

Raymond Wallbank  
Emergency Risk Management Queensland  
Raymond Wallbank is a dynamic and dedicated trainer in the emergency rescue and response industry. Ray’s passion is to help others through the experience he has gained during his 23 years of public safety service with Queensland Fire and Rescue. Ray’s personal philosophy ‘to empower individuals through training and education to save lives’ is shared with his students through the delivery of almost 40 different courses.
Equity VET Student of the Year

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

Proudly sponsored by Simple Solutions Training and Consulting

Simple Solutions is a flexible training and consulting organisation with specific skills in the aged care, disability, foundation skills and community services sectors. It delivers high-quality training, which builds skills, innovation and confidence.

A values-based organisation, their motto is to ‘make training simple’, and they pride themselves on providing personalised training plans to help their students meet their unique training needs. As a registered NDIS provider, they don’t just train but also deliver high-quality person-centred services.

As a local boutique training provider, Simple Solutions believes that their community, and the clients that their graduates will serve in the future, deserve the best. And this is what Simple Solutions constantly seeks to deliver.

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Finalists

Anthony Abbey

**Qualification** Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability)
**Training provider** Simple Solutions Training and Consulting
**Employer** Endeavour Foundation

After moving to Hervey Bay for work, Anthony Abbey learned of an opportunity to complete his certificate III through a Community Solutions program, funded by the Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative. Anthony was able to access the supported educational environment he needed to complete his qualification, and is now employed with Endeavour Foundation. He plans to undertake additional training in youth work.

Adam McKillop

**Qualification** Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability)
**Training provider** Simple Solutions Training and Consulting
**Employer** Hervey Bay Day Care and Respite Centre Inc

While undertaking volunteer work at Hervey Bay Day Care and Respite Centre, Adam McKillop was offered the opportunity to complete a traineeship that would allow him to gain the qualification required to be a disability support worker. Initially hesitant that this would require a more clinical approach to clients, he overcame his fears through his training experience and successfully completed his certificate in 2018.

Debbie Wallis

**Qualification** Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability)
**Training provider** IMPACT Community Services
**Employer** Bridges Health and Community Care

With no formal qualifications, Debbie Wallis was nervous to start study, unsure whether she would be able to keep up in the classroom. However, with a solid support network that included her family and trainer, Debbie Wallis was able to overcome her concerns and complete her Certificate III in Individual Support in 2018. She has now secured employment at Bridges Health and Community Care.
School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year
For outstanding achievement by a Queensland school-based apprentice or trainee.

Proudly sponsored by SDS Training

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 community. 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 RTO with dedicated personnel delivering quality training solutions across Queensland.

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James Carroll

**Qualification** Certificate II in Automotive Underbody Technology  
**Training provider** TAFE Queensland  
**GTO** OSMAC Apprenticeships  
**Host employer** iCar Service  
**School** Deception Bay Flexible Learning Centre

For James Carroll, the opportunity to complete a school-based traineeship has been life-changing. After significant bullying impacted James’ education, his family moved from Canberra to Queensland where he found a supportive learning environment. Although James missed a significant amount of school, he is now on target to complete Year 12 as well as his Certificate II in Automotive Underbody Technology.

Nicholas Jessup

**Qualification** Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade  
**Training provider** Axial Training Pty Ltd  
**Employer** TISCA  
**School** St Johns College

Nicholas Jessup had been interested in heavy machinery from a young age, and after management at TISCA noticed his dedication and professionalism towards his casual school holiday work, they were quick to offer him a school-based apprenticeship. Nicholas believes that his VET pathway gives him a head start on his career, as well as allowing him to learn and earn a wage at the same time.

Amber Muller

**Qualification** Certificate III in Health Services Assistance  
**Training provider** Stanborough Wemyss Contracting Pty Ltd  
**GTO** Australian Training Company  
**Host employer** Metro North Hospital and Health Service  
**School** St Columban’s College

Amber Muller was motivated to undertake her VET pathway through her personal experience with the healthcare industry. After undergoing surgery for a serious knee injury, Amber was inspired to help others and sought out a school-based traineeship in health services. She believes her VET qualification will support her studies and career in medicine, with an eventual goal to become an anaesthetist with the Flying Doctors.
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 Gidarjil Development Corporation Limited and Yalga-binbi Institute for Community Development

Gidarjil Development Corporation is a leading non-government organisation based in the Bundaberg and Gladstone regions. Established in 2000, it evolved to become an important Aboriginal organisation, contributing traditional practices to country, while helping Aboriginal people understand their culture, gain skills and employment, and become personally self-sufficient.

Yalga-binbi Institute for Community Development is a registered training organisation now based at Gidarjil’s Environmental Marine Training Centre at the Port of Bundaberg. It was established 28 years ago and shares a vision with Gidarjil to build the skills and knowledge of Aboriginal people. It leads the way in Queensland by training Aboriginal people largely in the natural resource management, marine and construction sectors of the Wide Bay–Burnett and Central Queensland regions.

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Noa Fletcher

Qualification Certificate I in Conservation and Land Management
Training provider Yalga-binbi Institute for Community Development
Employer Gidarjil Development Corporation Limited

Noa Fletcher is passionate about engaging in a positive way with his community, and supporting others to reconnect to Country. Having always had a keen interest in the environment, Noa found the ideal training opportunity, completing a conservation and land management traineeship as part of the Gin Gin Conservation and Land Management project. Noa is now employed as a sea ranger with Gidarjil Development Corporation.

Takiyah Nagas

Qualification Certificate III in Sport and Recreation
Training provider Australian YMCA Institute of Education and Training
Group training organisation Australian Training Company
Host employer NRL Game Development Sunshine Coast

A skilled rugby league player, Takiyah Nagas was focused on her on-field opportunities, but after successfully completing her Certificate III in Sport and Recreation, she is developing a career off the field as well. Through her traineeship, Takiyah has been able to combine her passion for rugby league with workplace experience and a qualification, and expand her employment options in the sport she loves.

Taylor Romano

Qualification Certificate III in Business
Training provider Designer Life
Employer Designer Life

Prior to her traineeship, Taylor Romano’s employment background was largely in hospitality, but she maintained a keen interest in business administration. After completing the Employability Skills Training PaTH program with Designer Life, she was offered a 12-week internship, but was quickly promoted to a full-time business traineeship. Taylor completed her qualification in 2018 and secured a full-time position with Designer Life.
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 Noosa Community Training Centre

Noosa Community Training Centre is proud to sponsor the 2019 Queensland Training Awards for students, employers and training organisations across the North Coast region.

Committed to their vision statement ‘Skills and training can create a positive future’, the centre has served the Noosa community for more than 30 years. It designs and delivers individualised training and support programs aligned to local industry needs, so local unemployed and disadvantaged people can address barriers to employment and transition into meaningful jobs and a positive future.

The Noosa Community Training Centre wishes all finalists the very best at these awards. Their achievements showcase the quality of vocational education and training in Queensland.

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Peter Anthon

Qualification: Certificate III in Customer Engagement
Training provider: Australian College of Commerce and Management
Employer: Youi

After joining Youi in 2018, Peter Anthon was offered the opportunity to complete a Certificate III in Customer Engagement. Peter recognised this training pathway as the perfect way to support his introduction to a new industry, and leapt at the chance. Through his qualification, Peter has developed new skills and capabilities that allow him to more effectively align customer and business needs, and ensure successful outcomes.

Tyson Blair

Qualification: Certificate III in Customer Engagement
Training provider: Australian College of Commerce and Management
Employer: Youi

Tyson Blair decided to undertake a Certificate III in Customer Engagement at Youi in order to improve his skills as a customer services advisor. The knowledge and experience Tyson gained through training have helped him to deliver exceptional customer service, and manage priorities and workplace challenges more effectively. He believes that his training will help him to develop his career in the financial services industry.

Yolandie Weir

Qualification: Diploma of Sport Development and Certificate IV in Fitness
Training provider: TAFE Queensland
Employer: Yolandie Weir Training

As an elite sportsperson, Yolandie Weir possesses a lifelong dedication to health and fitness. Through her Certificate IV in Fitness and a Diploma of Sport Development, Yolandie discovered a desire to help improve people’s quality of life. She has now set her sights on opening her own studio, using her qualifications to train people with chronic illness and ailments, and is proud to be doing something she absolutely loves.
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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Finalists

Montana Murray

**Qualification** Certificate III in Business  
**Training provider** Major Training Group  
**Group training organisation** Community Solutions  
**Host employer** Synergy Mind Solutions  

After graduating Year 12, Montana Murray decided to defer her university studies in law and psychology and instead take up a traineeship at a local psychology practice. Through her training, Montana has gained firsthand work experience in an industry she is passionate about, while also gaining a valuable qualification. Montana is an advocate for the benefits of combining work and study, made possible through VET.

Bailey Sims

**Qualification** Certificate III in Business  
**Training provider** Look Now Training  
**Employer** Allseasons Carpet Cleaning and Pest Control  

After 10 years living overseas, 17-year-old Bailey Sims decided to move back to Australia. Finding himself out on his own for the first time, Bailey leapt at the opportunity to earn and learn by completing a traineeship with Allseasons Carpet Cleaning and Pest Control. He has now successfully completed his Certificate III in Business and is enrolled in further business studies at university.

Cardiah Stanley

**Qualification** Certificate III in Hospitality  
**Training provider** Club Training Australia  
**Employer** Dicky Beach Supporters Club Inc  

Cardiah Stanley’s passion for travel and tourism, as well as her love of the Sunshine Coast, motivated her to seek out a traineeship in hospitality. Cardiah believes that the skills and experience she is gaining through her training pathway will lead to her dream role of one day owning her own hotel, while also giving her a qualification that she can rely on to support her gap year travel plans.
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 East Coast Apprenticeships

East Coast Apprenticeships is a not-for-profit group training organisation that has been in operation for more than 30 years. East Coast Apprenticeships employs apprentices and trainees in all industry areas, placing them with successful companies where they learn their selected trade.

At East Coast Apprenticeships, they pride themselves on their commitment to excellence in the management of employment and training, and strive for a reputation of integrity and quality service.

East Coast Apprenticeships is committed to helping Queenslanders pursue their career in their chosen trade.

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Finalists

Brooke Bowden

**Qualification** Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care  
**Training provider** Australian Child Care Career Options (ACCCO) Pty Ltd  
**Employer** Acorn East

After completing her Certificate III, Brooke Bowden was looking for a way to reach her next goal of becoming a senior educator at Acorn East. Her apprenticeship allowed her to continue working while she completed the qualifications required to grow her career. In recognition of her commitment to training, Brooke was named Acorn East Childcare Apprentice/Trainee of the Year.

Samuel Liddle

**Qualification** Certificate III in Carpentry  
**Training provider** Blue Dog Training Pty Ltd  
**Employer** Gateway Constructions

For Samuel Liddle, starting his apprenticeship was the lifeline he needed to turn his life around. Through his training and employment with Gateway Constructions, he has found a passion for his trade, as well as skills and experience that he can use to give back to his community. Samuel completed his Certificate III in Carpentry in 2019 and is working towards obtaining his builder’s licence.

Symon Meer Axton

**Qualification** Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology  
**Training provider** MTA Institute  
**Employer** Stagg Automotive

Growing up, Symon Meer Axton loved helping his dad work on mowers and engines, and as he got older his curiosity only grew, fixing anything and everything he could get his hands on. When the opportunity for an apprenticeship became available with Stagg Automotive, Symon didn’t hesitate. He completed his Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology and is now a fully qualified mechanic.
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.

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Community Solutions Apprentices and Trainees is a community-based organisation that brings together the resources of business, government and individuals to assist in the placement, development and support of apprentices and trainees in Queensland.

Established more than 30 years ago, Community Solutions operates from more than 20 sites, with more than 200 team members committed to delivering apprentice and trainee services.

Community Solutions is a proud sponsor of the 2019 North Coast Regional Final of the Queensland Training Awards and wishes all finalists the best of luck!

Entertainment Sponsor

MRAEL Limited

MRAEL is a leading ‘one solution’ provider of education, training and employment solutions in Queensland. They enjoy the challenge of providing quality workforce solutions through innovation and intelligence.

MRAEL is one of Queensland’s largest and most experienced education, training and employment providers with more than 30 years of experience and knowledge. Operating as an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider, GTO, RTO and senior school, MRAEL consistently delivers apprentice, training and workforce development solutions to businesses and individuals across the state.

Whether you’re an employer, a jobseeker looking for an apprenticeship or traineeship, or someone searching for the ideal career path, MRAEL can support you to maximise your potential. MRAEL is proudly part of IntoWork Australia.
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