

The magnificent 76!

Our [seven regional finals](#) have recognised 76 winners from a range of career paths and industries. They will now represent their regions at the Queensland Training Awards State Gala Dinner on 17 September 2022 in Brisbane, with [tickets on sale now!](#)

Thanks to everyone who attended the regional events to support the finalists and congratulate the winners. Thanks also to our amazing regional sponsors who made this year's return of regional finals events possible.



Central Queensland's regional winners

The positive energy in the room has been appreciated and seeing it spread online as people and businesses share their good news and #SkillsPower messages during and after these events has been amazing. Remember to use the proud nominee, regional finalist, regional winner and state finalist promotional packs, including social media tiles and frames, to share how training has helped shape your success story. Contact your [QTA coordinator](#) for help to locate yours.

With 76 wonderful finalists from right across our regions, industries and award categories, there's so many great stories to share and inspire others.

If you attended a regional final, look out for our surveys. Completing these short questionnaires will help the Queensland Training Awards continue to recognise the best and brightest in vocational education and training in the future.

Congratulations to all of our 2022 regional winners!

State finalists announced

The finalists for the three state-only categories — Premier's Industry Collaboration Award, Small Training Provider of the Year and Large Training Provider of the Year — have also been [released](#).

Among the finalists, it's inspiring to see organisations work together to support training pathways into automated technologies for the mining sector and advanced manufacturing, as well as a pre-apprenticeship program.

The training provider categories — small for those with fewer than 500 students and large for those with bigger cohorts — underscore the great role these organisations play in a quality VET system and provide an opportunity for them to demonstrate their excellence to others and among peers.

Congratulations and good luck to the state finalists!

Premier's Industry Collaboration Award

BHP Mitsubishi Alliance with CQUniversity Australia and TAFE Queensland, [Queensland Future Skills Partnership](#)

Dalby State High School and Queensland Manufacturing Institute, [Gateway to Industry School Program for Advanced Manufacturing](#)

East Coast Apprenticeships and partners, Enhanced Pathways Program

Small Training Provider of the Year

Everthought Education

Harness Energy

MiHaven Training

Large Training Provider of the Year

Asset College

Australian Child Care Career Options (ACCCO)

TAFE Queensland

Cakemaker takes the cake



South East's Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year Gabrielle Inwood.

Gabrielle Inwood was named South East region's Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year for the commitment and excellence she has demonstrated while studying her Certificate III in Cake and Pastry.

Gabrielle will be hoping to put the icing on the cake in September, taking on a fantastic field of state finalists representing a range of trades.

Congratulations to the seven individuals and their training providers and employers as well:

- **James Christensen**, Certificate III in Electrotechnology / Certificate III in Instrumentation and Control, TAFE Queensland, Stanwell Corporation, [Darling Downs South West](#)
- **Evan Crisafulli**, Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade, Hastings Deering, Hastings Deering, [North Queensland](#)
- **Adam Doughty**, Certificate III in Carpentry, Major Training Group, Prekaro Projects, [Metropolitan](#)
- **Joshua Frampton**, Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology, MTA Institute, Garry Crick's Auto Group Nambour, [North Coast](#)
- **Jennah Halley**, Certificate III in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, TAFE Queensland, Messina Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, [Tropical North Queensland](#)
- **Gabrielle Inwood**, Certificate III in Cake and Pastry, TAFE Queensland, The Star Culinary Institute, [South East](#)

- **Madonna Nelson-Bamford**, Certificate III in Parks and Gardens, CQUniversity Australia, Central Highlands Regional Council, [Central Queensland](#)

Big stage for small businesses

Our Small Employer of the Year finalists will be celebrating their wins in between servicing bikes, boats, trucks and other vehicles, cutting and styling hair, building homes, and designing and fitting out interiors, while continuing to support the training goals of their teams.

For the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training, this category ticks boxes across each portfolio.

Well done to all the finalists, congratulations to each winner and good luck for September!

- **99 Design**, [North Coast](#)
- **Ambrose Design and Construct**, [Metropolitan](#)
- **Clarke Diesel**, [Tropical North Queensland](#)
- **Edison Hair Collective**, [Central Queensland](#)
- **Minx Contemporary Hair Boutique**, [Darling Downs](#)
[South West](#)
- **R.H.D. Classic Supplies and Services**, [North Queensland](#)
- **Southeast Auto Mechanical**, [South East](#)



Jarrod Watson from 99 Design accepted North Coast's Small Employer of the Year.

Diversity on show

Being Multicultural Queensland Month, the Queensland Training Awards are supporting this year's motto 'Inclusion in action'. Finalists and winners from a variety of categories, including the Equity VET Student of the Year and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year, represent diverse groups and demonstrate how training unlocks career opportunities for people of all backgrounds.

For Darling Down South West's Sadiki Kimba, studying a Certificate III in Business has been a step towards his goal of owning his own business. While Atahnee Simpson from the Metropolitan region has excelled in her traineeship, which supported her and her young family.



Darling Downs South West's Equity VET Student of the Year Sadiki Kimba

Equity VET Student of the Year finalists:

- **Jemaika-Jessy Coles**, Certificate III in Community Services, [South East](#)
- **Michael Dibdin**, Certificate III in Individual Support, [Central Queensland](#)
- **Cardell Jones**, Certificate III in Business, [Metropolitan](#)
- **Sadiki Kimba**, Certificate III in Business, [Darling Downs South West](#)
- **Shona Laverty**, Certificate III in Business, [North Coast](#)
- **Billy Motton**, Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management, [Tropical North Queensland](#)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year finalists:

- **Kirstie Baggow**, Certificate III in Individual Support, [North Coast](#)
- **E'Kayla Clarris**, Certificate III in Work Health and Safety, [Darling Downs South West](#)
- **Dominic Cloma**, Diploma of Nursing, [South East](#)
- **Jessy Edwards**, Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade, [Central Queensland](#)
- **Phillip Jose**, Certificate III in Community Services, [Tropical North Queensland](#)
- **Myika Martin-Colliss**, Diploma of Hospitality Management, [North Queensland](#)
- **Atahnee Simpson**, Certificate III in Business Administration, [Metropolitan](#)



Metropolitan's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Atahnee Simpson.

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[Thank you to all the 2022 regional sponsors](#) who contributed to the success of the regional final events, shining a spotlight on all that's great about training across Queensland!

Thanks to our [2022 state final sponsors](#):



2022 key dates

17 September – [State Gala Dinner](#), state winners announced ([ticket sales](#) close midnight Sunday 4 September)

18 November – [Australian Training Awards](#), national winners announced

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