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

Welcome to Country
Henrietta Fourmile, Elder, Gimuy Walubara Yidinji Peoples

Entertainment
Cairns Harp Collective

Welcome
Jay Laga’aia
Master of Ceremonies

Opening address
Irene Violet, Acting Deputy Director-General Investment Department of Employment, Small Business and Training

Keynote address
The Honourable Michael Healy MP Member for Cairns

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Medium Employer of the Year
Large Employer of the Year
Community Training Initiative of the Year
VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year

Main course
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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year
Vocational Student of the Year
Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year
Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year

Dessert
Entertainment
William Tim DJ
Welcome Reception and Event Sponsors

Welcome Reception proudly sponsored by Australasian Drilling Institute

Australasian Drilling Institute (ADI) is the only RTO that delivers industry specific, ‘live and in real-time’ drill training on a global scale. ADI has proven itself as the industry leader and continues to meet the growing demand for trained, drilling-specific personnel.

ADI delivers innovative training for new entrants and experienced drilling workers alike. Their goal is to remain the industry leader in quality training services and maintain strong partnerships with industry.

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McDonald’s Cairns licensees Jason Berther and Christine Vincent are among the region’s largest employers, with more than 1300 local people employed between their 13 restaurants.

McDonald’s are committed to creating employment and training opportunities for young people. With a range of certificate qualifications on offer, McDonald’s gives employees a chance to learn the essential management and leadership skills they need to progress in their careers.

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Dinner proudly sponsored by Cairns Aviation Skills Centre

Recognised as a leader in the field, Cairns Aviation Skills Centre (CASC) has had more than a decade of soaring success. CASC is an award-winning training centre for domestic and international students for employment in the aviation industry worldwide.

CASC originated from an Aviation Forum held in Cairns in 2000 to address the problems restricting growth of the aviation industry in Queensland. Today CASC has proudly trained more than 655 apprentices in both the avionics and mechanical trades, and has more than 7000 industry members in more than 20 countries throughout the world. CASC credits its success to its partnership with Aviation Australia, and the industry input and ongoing support from the very start.

CASC is proud to be sponsoring tonight’s Queensland Training Awards regional final.

07 4034 8101
aviationaustralia.aero

Menu

Entrée
Queensland scallop with cauliflower puree
or
Pork belly with Davidson plum jam
or
Crab and avocado tian, sunrise lime mayo and taro chips

Main course
Grilled marinated lamb rump with mushroom risotto, green beans, and roast garlic and thyme glaze
or
Baked Nannygai fillet with spring onion rice cake, bok choy, and papaya and wild lime salsa

Dessert
Chocolate and macadamia fudge cake with wild berry compote and fresh cream
or
Lemon myrtle panna cotta with mango coulis and pistachio shortbread
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 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.

07 3436 6190
jobsqueensland.qld.gov.au
Mark Fletcher Solid Plaster and Texture Coatings Pty Ltd

Mark Fletcher Solid Plaster and Texture Coatings is a rendering business based in far north Queensland. Training is at the heart of the business and is a passion of owner Mark Fletcher. He believes that providing the skills and experience for those who are willing to work has long-lasting benefits for employers, employees and the wider community. He is committed to supporting his staff through training.

Recharged Air and Electrical

Recharged Air and Electrical is a Cairns-based business, servicing domestic and commercial customers across far north Queensland. The business prides itself on its training-centred approach to staff and services, placing a high value on personal and professional development. Recharged Air and Electrical engages its staff in as many training opportunities as possible to ensure they have the capabilities required to provide exceptional customer service on every job.

Siv Air

Siv Air is a Cairns-based air conditioning and refrigeration business, focused on developing its workforce through training. Yearly training plans, including workplace mentoring opportunities, are created through consultation with individual staff members and put in place for all employees. Siv Air’s internal training strategy is employee-centred, and the business is focused on understanding and adjusting teaching methods to suit individual learning needs.
For outstanding achievement in VET by a Queensland business with 20 to 199 full-time equivalent employees.

Medium Employer of the Year

Proudly sponsored by Cairns Regional Council

While local government has a key role in the delivery of municipal services, Cairns Regional Council understands that it has a responsibility to the community to deliver a more comprehensive and sustainable approach to the management and development of their region.

Servicing a population of more than 150,000 and delivering more than 400 services, council is one of the region’s largest employers, and its team of more than 1200 employees work hard for the betterment of the entire region.

Over the past year, council has provided opportunities for more than 50 apprentices and trainees, 24 work experience placements and more than 60 employees undertaking a variety of qualifications, and more than 300 sessions have been delivered for accredited and non-accredited programs.

1300 69 22 47
cairns.qld.gov.au
Bama Services

Bama Services is a 100 per cent Indigenous-owned civil construction, building and landscaping business based in Cairns. Its aim is to provide employment opportunities to Indigenous people facing barriers to employment. Bama invests in training and skills development to ensure its workforce are given the capability to access employment and improve their career pathways. In 2018 almost half of its employees were engaged in accredited training qualifications.

07 4035 5459
bama.net.au

Robinson Civil Group

Robinson Civil Group (RCG) is a leading far north Queensland civil engineering business. It is committed to providing the best possible training to all employees, because it believes that a highly skilled workforce leads to a higher quality of work. An average of 10 per cent of employees engage in training each month, and RCG considers this focus to be essential to providing exceptional service.

07 4096 2399
robinsoncivil.com.au
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 CPL’s Mylestones Employment

CPL’s Mylestones Employment is a registered Disability Employment Service provider. They support Queenslanders to overcome their barriers to get jobs and to find long-term employment that matches their skills and career goals.

Mylestones Employment is part of CPL and is dedicated to supporting their clients to live the life they choose. Mylestones Employment knows that, with the right support, there is no limit to what people with disability can achieve. Mylestones Employment has been part of CPL for more than 20 years and has helped thousands of people find fulfilling jobs and reach their potential right across Queensland. Sometimes it’s not just about giving someone a job; it’s about equipping them with important life skills for their futures.

1300 635 627
myemployment.org.au
Cairns Regional Council

Cairns Regional Council’s (CRC) priority is to serve the community, and it is committed to providing best practice service delivery through leadership and effective management of people, assets and finances. In order to achieve this, CRC has embraced a learning culture that supports its employees to develop and maintain knowledge, skills and capability, investing 1.2 per cent of annual payroll expenditure into training.

CaPTA Group

CaPTA is a tourism and attractions group, operating a number of attractions and activities throughout Cairns. Through its dedicated RTO, Careers Training Centre, CaPTA provides training opportunities to its employees to support the development of skills and experience that will see them succeed in their career. Currently, 20 per cent of employees are engaged in training, a 57 per cent increase from the previous year.

Jubcan Venture Pty Ltd

Jubcan Venture is committed to providing quality training to crew and managers at its six McDonald’s restaurants. All staff are supported and encouraged to complete training in retail and in leadership and management, from a certificate II to advanced diploma qualification level. Around 15 per cent of crew members are undertaking training at any given time, with 30 per cent of payroll expenditure dedicated to 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 My Pathway

With a national head office based in Cairns, My Pathway provides economic and community development opportunities across Queensland, Northern Territory and Tasmania. Their operations include employment services, community engagement, training, enterprise development, labour hire and facility management services.

Working with regional and remote communities across Australia for more than 12 years, My Pathway helps to define future communities by developing people, connecting them to opportunities and enabling future growth.

My Pathway has expanded into a dynamic social enterprise employing 700 staff, supporting thousands of jobseekers and start-ups each year.

My Pathway's focus on education and social enterprise development achieves meaningful and sustainable employment, while helping Tropical North Queensland communities to thrive.

07 4033 3400
mpath.com.au
Community Enterprises Australia Ltd

Torres Strait Growing Our Own Maritime Traineeship program

Community Enterprises Australia Ltd is a not-for-profit organisation that is dedicated to creating opportunities that will improve social and economic outcomes within the local community. Their traineeship program targets Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth, school leavers and unemployed people with maritime-related qualifications, and supports their transition to employment through work experience and job placements in the maritime industry.

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mpath.com.au

CPL – Choice Passion Life

Mylestones Solutions Garden and Maintenance Crew

CPL is a leading provider of integrated support, therapy and advice for people with disability in Queensland. In 2016, with funding from the Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative, CPL launched the Mylestones Solutions Garden and Maintenance Crew in Cairns. Since then, 12 people with disability have completed traineeships in conservation and land management, handyman maintenance, business and retail, and secured supported employment opportunities.

1800 275 753
cpl.org.au

Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre

Building your Future program

The Building your Future program is a flexible, supported VET program for people experiencing significant barriers to employment. Participants complete a Certificate III in Individual Support and are provided with employment pathways through Marlin Coast’s direct links to the aged care and disability support sectors. The program has so far achieved an 80 per cent completion rate, with 95 per cent going on to employment.

07 4055 6440
mcnc.org.au
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.

1300 308 233
tafeqld.edu.au
Cathryn Clarke

**Tully State High School**

As a qualified chef, Cathryn Clarke had a diverse career in hospitality. After 20 years working in the food industry, Cathryn decided to support others wanting to follow the same pathway, and became a teacher. She draws on her wealth of professional experiences to deliver a Certificate I in Hospitality and Certificate II in Kitchen Operations, and sometimes even a meal for a student who hasn’t brought lunch.

Renee Dembowski

**Social Butterfly Marketing Pty Ltd**

Renee Dembowski is committed to the growth of training for social media professionals. In 2017, Renee was the first person in Australia to undertake and be awarded the Diploma in Social Media Marketing. Now a qualified trainer, she is supporting others to find career success in a field she is passionate about. A small and focused cohort allows Renee to provide an individualised training approach.

Ebony Egyed

**Innisfail State College**

Ebony Egyed brings a wealth of health industry knowledge and experience to the classroom, drawing on her time spent in the field as a paramedic. Ebony’s enthusiasm and real-life experience engage and inspire her students, and have resulted in an increase of participation in the Connect ‘N’ Grow program. Through her practical, hands-on demonstrations, she provides students with clear expectations for their future healthcare careers.
Equity VET Student of the Year

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

Proudly sponsored by Vocational Partnerships Group

Vocational Partnerships Group Inc (VPG) is a not-for-profit organisation committed to improving child and youth transitions in Tropical North Queensland.

With five centres in Cairns and surrounding areas, VPG has been assisting young people for more than 20 years. VPG recognises that young people have a vital contribution to make to the social and economic life of their communities and society, and should have access to the opportunities and social networks that facilitate this social and economic participation.

VPG invests in building young people’s abilities, harnessing them for personal as well as social good. By making a positive investment in young people, VPG focuses on developing their assets, and on co-creating solutions – real jobs, real education and real community connections – to enable them to achieve independent adulthood.

07 4032 1677
vpginc.com.au
Finalists

Emily Berrigan

Qualification Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways and Certificate III in Individual Support
Training provider Far North Training and Consultancy Pty Ltd
Employer Carinya Aged Care

Emily Berrigan completed two qualifications in 2018, successfully finishing a Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways and then continuing on to her Certificate III in Individual Support. Emily completed her training as part of VPG’s Get Set for Work Program, funded by the Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative. She is now employed full-time and hopes to continue her studies in nursing and midwifery.

Andrew Ferreyra

Qualification Certificate III in Individual Support
Training provider Far North Training and Consultancy Pty Ltd
Employer FNQ Independent Living Support Association Inc

The chance to complete a training qualification after a few years out of the workforce was just what Andrew Ferreyra needed to turn his life around. After being offered a place in a Queensland Government Skilling Queenslanders for Work program, Andrew relocated from Brisbane to Cairns to start his new training pathway. He has now secured employment as a disability support worker with FNQ Independent Living Support Association.

Dhan Gurung

Qualification Certificate I in Construction
Training provider MiHaven Training
Employer Mark Fletcher Solid Plaster and Texture Coatings Pty Ltd

After arriving in Australia as a refugee, Dhan Gurung had little knowledge of training pathways in his new country. When he was offered an opportunity to complete his certificate I through the Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative, he jumped at the chance. Through his work experience placement, Dhan secured an apprenticeship in solid plastering and is now working towards his new trade qualification.
School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year

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

Proudly sponsored by Business Liaison Association

Business Liaison Association is a not-for-profit, community-based association which provides a pivotal link between education and industry in Queensland’s far north.

They collaborate with schools, training providers, employment agencies, government departments, professional associations and industry representatives to facilitate a range of events and bursaries designed to bring students, educators and the business sector together.

Their signature event, the Youth and Careers Expo, attracts more than 3500 Year 10 to 12 secondary students from across the far north. Exhibitors from universities, training organisations, government departments, small businesses, corporate and private companies showcase the careers and activities in their industries, introducing young people and the general public to career pathways and opportunities that they may not have known about.

07 4232 3210
bla.org.au
Lochlainn Beynon

**Qualification** Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician  
**Training provider** TAFE Queensland  
**Employer** Jacques Electrical  
**School** St Andrew’s Catholic College

Lochlainn Beynon found his training pathway through an interest in electricity, and a desire to learn how things work. After undertaking work experience in electrical maintenance, he was sure the industry was for him and wanted to get a head start on his career. Through his school-based apprenticeship, Lochlainn has gained essential, practical skills that will support him as he moves from school to employment.

Ella Phillips

**Qualification** Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care  
**Training provider** Kool Kids Training College Pty Ltd  
**Employer** Catholic Early Learning and Care Redlynch  
**School** St Andrew’s Catholic College

Ella Phillips has long had an interest in early childhood learning and development, and was looking for a way to learn about learning processes, theories and the role of educators in helping children become lifelong learners. Ella considers the opportunity to study and gain a qualification while completing Year 12 a significant benefit to her future employment opportunities, and is an advocate for VET pathways.

Jeremy Stainkey

**Qualification** Certificate II in Automotive Electrical Technology  
**Training provider** TAFE Queensland  
**Group training organisation** MRAEL  
**Host employer** Rio Tinto Weipa  
**School** Western Cape College Weipa

Jeremy Stainkey has always had a passion for anything mechanical, but his curious mind was also fascinated by the power behind the machines. Through his traineeship, Jeremy has combined his two interests, becoming the first auto electrical school-based trainee with Rio Tinto in Weipa. Jeremy is an advocate for VET training and looks forward to graduating with a qualification, practical skills, experience and career opportunities.
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 Rio Tinto Weipa

At Rio Tinto’s Weipa operations, they are committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for their employees.

Diversity through inclusion is important to Rio Tinto, and Indigenous and local employment is a key focus area for their business. Rio Tinto is proud to have more than 25 per cent of their workforce in Weipa represented by Indigenous Australians, of which 17 per cent are local Aboriginal people.

More than a quarter of their workforce are female, meaning almost one in two employees are either Indigenous and/or female – leading numbers for the industry and state. Importantly, they have a strong focus on developing their people and ensuring that diversity is across all levels of their business.

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riotinto.com/aluminium/weipa-4732.aspx
Soraya Christian  

**Qualification** Diploma of Leadership and Management, Diploma of Business  
**Training provider** TAFE Queensland  

Working in a steady, but ultimately unfulfilling administration role, Soraya Christian was looking for a way to get her career growing again. Through her dual diploma, she has gained the skills and confidence to look for roles that are aligned to her interest in business governance. Having successfully completed her qualifications and relocated to Mackay, Soraya's goal for 2019 is to find her dream job.

Reilly Luyten-Yet Foy  

**Qualification** Certificate II in Retail  
**Training provider** McDonald’s Australia Limited  
**Employer** Jubcan Venture Pty Ltd  

Reilly Luyten-Yet Foy is an ambitious young woman, with big plans to grow her career through the dedicated VET pathway available at McDonald’s. While she struggled with her high school studies, Reilly has thrived in her training. Having completed her Certificate II in Retail, she is now working towards her Certificate III, and has been successful in securing a more senior role as shift supervisor.

Shiniquia Morris  

**Qualification** Diploma of Education  
**Training provider** TAFE Queensland  
**Employer** Hope Vale State School  

After moving to a remote Indigenous community, Shiniquia Morris wanted to find a way to make lasting, positive changes for her students and their futures. She completed her diploma remotely through the Remote Area Teacher Education Program, so that she could continue working within the community she hoped to support. Shiniquia is now a full-time teacher, dedicated to providing equal learning opportunities for her students.
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 Allara Learning

Allara Learning is a leading national training and education provider specialising in the hospitality, retail and business sectors. Allara Learning delivers tailored training solutions and nationally recognised qualifications to businesses and individuals across Australia.

In January 2016, the company rebranded following the successful acquisition and integration of WG Learning with Tactical Training Group. Tactical Training Group (National Provider No. 91054) and WG Learning (National Provider No. 91178) continue to operate as registered organisations under the new identity of Allara Learning.

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allaralearning.com.au
Desley Ferrando

**Qualification** Graduate Diploma of Strategic Leadership  
**Training provider** Edwards Institute of Education  
**Employer** Department of Employment, Small Business and Training

Having spent the last 12 years working in the VET sector, Desley Ferrando has supported more than 100 school-based apprentices along their training pathways. In 2017, Desley decided it was time to take her own advice, and began studying for her Graduate Diploma of Strategic Leadership. Through the skills and knowledge she has acquired, Desley hopes to create VET opportunities for learners of all ages.

Shiniquia Morris

**Qualification** Diploma of Education  
**Training provider** TAFE Queensland  
**Employer** Hope Vale State School

After moving to the remote community of Hope Vale, Shiniquia began work as a teacher aide. It wasn’t long before she noticed the real difference she was making in the lives of the children in her classroom and decided to study to become a community teacher. Shiniquia successfully completed her Diploma of Education in 2018, and is now a Year 1 teacher at Hope Vale State School.

Daryl O’Toole

**Qualification** Diploma of Leadership and Management  
**Training provider** Leadership Management Australia  
**Employer** Cairns Regional Council

When Daryl O’Toole began a new role as a venue support officer for Cairns Regional Council, he noticed that there was massive potential to improve and develop the venue. Through his Diploma of Leadership and Management, Daryl found a qualification that supported his goals for his new workplace. His training has given him the skills to make positive changes within his workplace and community.
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 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
Finalists

Bridgette Atkinson

**Qualification** Certificate III in Community Pharmacy  
**Training provider** The Pharmacy Guild of Australia National Secretariat  
**Employer** Babinda Pharmacy

As a retail employee at her local pharmacy, Bridgette Atkinson developed a deep interest in the industry and was looking for an opportunity to grow her skills through training. When the opportunity arrived as part of a new job at Babinda Pharmacy, Bridgette was thrilled. She has now completed her traineeship and is looking forward to her role as a dispense technician.

Madeleine England

**Qualification** Certificate III in Business Administration  
**Training provider** Skill360 Australia  
**Employer** Cassowary Coast Regional Council

Madeleine England was selected from more than 200 applicants to secure her traineeship with Cassowary Coast Regional Council. Working in the finance and customer service departments, Madeleine has been able to gain an extensive amount of knowledge in a hands-on environment, which is something that had initially attracted her to the opportunity. She successfully completed her Certificate III in Business Administration in January 2019.

Chantelle Pedersen

**Qualification** Certificate III in Tourism  
**Training provider** TAFE Queensland  
**Employer** Tablelands Regional Council

After finishing high school, Chantelle Pederson was unsure of the career path she wanted to take. Five years and a few jobs later, she applied for a traineeship with Tablelands Regional Council and has now found her true passion in the tourism industry. Since completing her certificate III in 2019, Chantelle successfully gained employment as a social media officer with Tablelands Regional Council.
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 Skill360 Australia

Skill360 Australia Limited is a trusted and successful Cairns-based, not-for-profit organisation. For more than 35 years, Skill360 has helped many thousands of people from diverse backgrounds find jobs, stay employed, complete nationally recognised accredited training and go on to build successful careers.

Skill360 brings together jobseekers and businesses by providing job opportunities which offer valuable on-the-job training.

Skill360’s group training organisation is one of the largest employers of apprentices and trainees in regional Queensland. It also delivers innovative employment programs and nationally accredited training.

Skill360 is a proud sponsor of the Tropical North Queensland Regional Final of the Queensland Training Awards and congratulates all nominees, finalists and winners.

1300 933 358
skill360.com.au
Leanne Lomas

**Qualification** Certificate III in Hairdressing  
**Training provider** TAFE Queensland  
**Employer** Belle n Beau Hair

When Leanne Lomas decides to do something, she gives it her all. After realising her passion lay in hairdressing, Leanne left her life as a farmer in remote Miallo behind, and set about making her training dream a reality. Leanne purchased a salon, hired a senior stylist and became the apprentice. She is now a fully qualified hairdresser and successful small business owner, and a vocal VET advocate.

Austin Pell

**Qualification** Certificate III in Automotive Electrical Technology  
**Training provider** TAFE Queensland  
**Employer** Northern Auto Electrical Pty Ltd

Growing up surrounded by heavy machinery, tractors and dirt bikes, the decision to make a career in the automotive industry came as no surprise to Austin Pell. After starting a school-based civil machinery apprenticeship, Austin realised his passion was for finding out how machines worked, rather than operating them. He is now a fully qualified auto electrician and hopes to own his own business one day.

Macy Scouller

**Qualification** Certificate III in Commercial Cookery  
**Training provider** TAFE Queensland  
**Employer** Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas Resort

As a school-based apprentice, Macy Scouller juggled the demands of her senior high school subjects with long restaurant shifts and a long commute from her hometown to get to TAFE and work placements with Sheraton Mirage. Her commitment to both has paid off – after graduating in 2018, Macy received an excellent OP and elevation to third year apprentice almost 18 months ahead of schedule.
The Cairns Chamber of Commerce is the peak representative body for business across the Cairns region. It is committed to growing members’ businesses by connecting them to opportunities and acting in the best interests of the Cairns business community.

The Cairns Chamber drives business success via the development of a strong and resilient regional economy, and drives the development of a constructive business environment by being the voice of business.

As a key contributor to regional prosperity, the Cairns Chamber acts as an advocate for the business community, a conduit for information and a promoter of Cairns’ position in the regional landscape. The Cairns Chamber works in partnership with all stakeholders and all levels of government to constructively create conditions for business success.
Individual Prize Sponsor

Expert Training Group

Expert Training Group is an Experience Co company based in Australia, supporting the training needs of adventure tourism. Enhancing the competencies of their staff across the Experience Co group, Expert Training also partners with wider industry and government to improve tourism outcomes through accredited training, specialising in swift water rescue, first aid, guiding, outdoor recreation and conservation management.

Together, Experience Co and Expert Training are employers of choice, thanks to the alignment of training with direct employment, VET and Indigenous programs, highlighting a key point of difference to other adventure companies.

Experience Co companies employ around 500 staff in north Queensland alone. The diversity of employment opportunities allows a better balance of employment and training outcomes for both the individuals and the employers.

07 4030 7900
experttraininggroup.com.au

Major Raffle Sponsor

CaPTA Group

The CaPTA Group operates tours and attractions across the Cairns and Port Douglas region. The group is one of the region’s leading employers, with more than 300 staff employed across the group.

The group consists of several wildlife and nature attractions including Rainforestation Nature Park, Tropic Wings Cairns Tours, Jungle Tours and Trekking, Wildlife Habitat, Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, and Cairns ZOOM and Wildlife Dome.

Other businesses include ABC Sales and Maintenance, a coach-chartering, sales and maintenance company, and the Careers Training Centre – an RTO offering tourism and Indigenous training.

The Careers Training Centre was established to meet industry demands and has a mission to provide flexible, hands-on training courses to encourage individuals of all levels to develop and perform.

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History of the Queensland Training Awards

Previous winners

Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year

1975  Keith Owens  1983  Michael Wagner  1995  Andrew Henzell  2010  Andrew Henzell  2011  Andrew Henzell
1976  Kenneth Peterson  1984  David Pickering  1996  Andrew Henzell  2012  Andrew Henzell  2013  Andrew Henzell
1979  Berto Di Pasquale  1987  Vincent Russo  1999  Andrew Henzell  2018  Andrew Henzell
1980  Allan Kirsch  1988  Andrew Henzell  2000  Andrew Henzell

Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year

1986  Ross Williams  1995  Janita Mannering  2005  Elliot MacLeod  2015  Ariel Muntelwit
Key dates

14 September 2019
Queensland Training Awards Gala Dinner
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
Brisbane

21 November 2019
Australian Training Awards Presentation Dinner
Brisbane

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.

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

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Photography

Relive all the fun and excitement of tonight’s ceremony in pictures!