



State's best crowned!

Congratulations to the 2021 Queensland Training Awards state winners and finalists celebrated during Friday night's special [State Final Diamond Jubilee](#) virtual event — marking 60 years of the awards.

Hosted by television personality Sofie Formica, the virtual celebration was viewed from different devices and screens in homes and venues right across the state, with the achievements of 85 finalists and winners celebrated across 14 award categories.

The inspirational group are outstanding ambassadors for vocational education and training (VET) as well as their diverse industries and regions.

Among those to win top honours were a refrigeration apprentice championing non-traditional trades for young women, an executive chef who now teaches the next generation in Brisbane and a Tropical North civil construction company providing tailored training so they and their employees can achieve their goals.

Meet the 14 [2021 state award winners](#):

🏆 Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year - **Lauren Campbell** (pictured, crossing live from Metro event at the Hilton Brisbane), Certificate III in Air-conditioning and Refrigeration, RTO Box Hill Institute, employer AG Coombs Queensland, Metropolitan



🏆 Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year - **Mitchell Pogan**, Certificate III in Business, RTO Sportsready Education, employer Western Downs Regional Council, Darling Downs South West

🏆 Vocational Student of the Year - **Helen Millen**, Certificate III in Individual Support, RTO ARC Training, Tropical North Queensland

🏆 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year - **Kasey Hardy**, Certificate III in Work Health and Safety, RTO and employer Harness Energy Services, host Shell QGC, Darling Downs South West

🏆 School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year - **Bree Connell**, Certificate III in Barbering, RTO MIG Training Group, employer Murphy's Barber Shop, school Flagstone State Community College, South East

🏆 Equity VET Student of the Year - **Mary Choi**, Certificate III in Fitness, RTO Binnacle Training, school St James College, Metropolitan

🏆 VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year - **Danielle Dixon**, The Institute of Culinary Excellence, Metropolitan

🏆 Large Training Provider of the Year - **TAFE Queensland**

🏆 Small Training Provider of the Year - **The Institute of Culinary Excellence**

🏆 Community Training Initiative of the Year - **The Migrant Centre Organisation Inc.**, program: Migrants Matter VIII and WorkAble, South East

🏆 Large Employer of the Year - **Frizelle Sunshine Automotive**, South East

🏆 Medium Employer of the Year - **Robinson Civil Group**, Tropical North Queensland

🏆 Small Employer of the Year - **Core Developments NQ**, North Queensland

🏆 Premier's Industry Collaboration award winner - **Queensland Water Skills Partnership**.

See all the winners in the [2021 winners' video](#) on Facebook (below). [Read their stories](#) on the QTA website and [watch the full awards presentation](#) on Facebook.

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Affinity aims high

Shout-out to Queensland's [Affinity Education Group](#) – a top three finalist in the running for the Australian Apprenticeships - Employer Award at the Australian Training Awards.

One of Australia's largest providers of early childhood education, the group was also a finalist in 2020 and hopes 2021 is their year to take out the [Australian Training Awards](#)' direct entry category.

Congratulations and good luck to the Affinity Education Group!

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