



Training wins!

Regional finals in our special 60th Queensland Training Awards are premiering online throughout July, with our far north and south east winners already crowned.

Tropical North Queensland kicked things off on Friday 9 July, with the coveted Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year going to Hastings Deering's Harvey Phillips (pictured below), from Mourilyan near Innisfail, for his success completing a heavy machinery apprenticeship.

Mission Australia was also named among the Tropical North winners, taking out the Community Training Initiative of the Year category for Cafe One — a Cairns social enterprise delivering training and work experience to people in need.

Last Friday (16 July), it was the South East region's turn to celebrate excellence in training. Health and fitness enthusiast Ashleigh Tomlinson (pictured below, centre) was named the Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year and Sea World Cruises the Medium Employer of the Year, recognising its commitment to training the next generation of tourism operators, skippers and marine crew.

[Watch the finals videos now](#) and discover [more winners and finalists](#) on the QTA website.

For photos of winners and finalists presented with their trophies and certificates, keep following Skills for Queensland's [Facebook regional final events](#) (past events) for links to albums as they come available.

First up is the [Tropical North Queensland Facebook photo album](#), featuring Gabrielle Doyle (pictured below, right) from Felica's Little Learners Family Daycare — a top 3 regional finalist in the Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year award category.

Congratulations to all winners and finalists!



More Friday finals

The last Fridays of July offer some great viewing, with the five remaining regional finals to air via the QTA website over two bumper days — Friday 23 and 30 July.

Go to the regional final webpages below to save the dates and set reminders to tune in.

Friday 23 July 2021:

- 2pm [North Coast regional final premiere](#) | [Add to calendar](#)
- 6pm [North Queensland regional final premiere](#) | [Add to calendar](#)

Friday 30 July 2021:

- 11am [Metropolitan regional final premiere](#) | [Add to calendar](#)
 - 2pm [Darling Downs South West regional final premiere](#) | [Add to calendar](#)
 - 6pm [Central Queensland regional final premiere](#) | [Add to calendar](#)
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Celebrate #SkillsPower

We're keen to unite online and across social media to celebrate regional skills power and the Queenslanders leading the way in vocational education and training.

However and wherever you watch the regional finals, let's shine a spotlight on our regions' high-achieving apprentices, trainees, trainers, VET students and employers, as well as innovative training initiatives.

Follow and post in the Skills for Queensland [Facebook regional final events](#). Share posts and happy snaps on your socials, and show your support of your finalists — and don't forget to tag #QTA2021 and #SkillsPower.

We hope to see everyone logging on for finals Fridays — and wish our 2021 award contenders the very best!

Powerful look back

Award boosted Nancy's confidence and career

"I have great memories of winning a Queensland Training Award — it gave me confidence that my skills and experience were valuable," says 1981 Apprentice of the Year Dr Nancy Spencer, the second female recipient of the award.

"Celebrating excellence in training is important because it highlights to others, including young people starting out, the great diversity of careers available.

"It's amazing where education and training can take you. My radio mechanics trade has moved on, as I have, but I still apply the things I learned as an apprentice with the Queensland Electricity Commission all those years ago. In some ways I have come full circle too, now consulting on energy policy among other things."



Dr Nancy Spencer completed her PhD in Mathematical Statistics in 1991. She is now Executive in Residence at Griffith University's Policy Innovation Hub, having held Board and senior roles across government and non-government agencies for many years prior.

Nancy features in 'Queensland Training Awards — 60 years celebrating skills power', a video that airs during the regional final premieres.

More key dates

Up to August 2021 – Judging (state awards)

4 September 2021 – Queensland winners announced, [State Final Event](#)

18 November 2021 – National winners announced, [Australian Training Awards](#) in Perth

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