



Finalists revealed!

Regional training award contenders are down to the final few, with regional finalists announced for all seven regions in the [2021 Queensland Training Awards](#).

From hundreds of nominations, 218 regional finalists have been selected across the seven regions' 11 award categories.

The finalists represent our regions' best in vocational education and training (VET) — including apprentices, trainees, vocational students, teachers and trainers, as well as employers and community-based organisations.

A wide range of industries and skills feature among the hardworking and talented group — from electrotechnology, diesel-fitting, drilling and boat building to floristry, hospitality, hairdressing and barbering.

To all nominees — and their nominators and supporters — thank you for getting involved and sharing your passion, dedication and success in VET.

We look forward to sharing our training success stories and together celebrating the power of skills in this special 60th year of the Queensland Training Awards.

See who's in the running > [view full regional finalist lists](#).

Congratulations and best of luck!

It's your time!

To all our 2021 Queensland Training Award nominees and regional finalists — 'now is the time to celebrate you!'

Be proud and share your success with the people around you.

Use promotional materials emailed to you on social media and online, tagging #QTA2021 and #SkillsPower — and celebrate your achievements and the importance of training.

Packs out now include:

- 2021 proud nominee
- 2021 regional finalist.



If you can't locate your nominee or regional finalist promotional pack, please contact your [local QTA coordinator](#).

Pictured: This year's regional finalist social media profile frame, demonstrated by 2020 North Queensland regional finalist Apprentice of the Year Lachlan Lowe.

Powerful look back

Training sparks Craig's future

"Winning a Queensland Training Award was a huge reward for the effort put into my apprenticeship; it really did confirm that that I'd taken a good path," says 2009 Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year Craig Folker.

"I truly believe my training gave me the best real-life pathway to transition from school life into full-time employment," he said.

More than a decade on since completing his electrical apprenticeship, Craig is now the Electrical and Electronics Manager at Riviera Australia on the Gold Coast, and features in a new video celebrating the Queensland Training Awards' Diamond Jubilee and the power of skills to transform lives.



Craig is pictured in 2009 receiving his award from its namesake, the late Harry Hauenschild — an icon and tireless advocate for vocational education and training who was Commissioner for Training in Queensland from 1990 to 2000.

Catch 'Queensland Training Awards — 60 years celebrating skills power' during the regional final premieres in July and then on our YouTube.

If you are a former Queensland Training Award winner, please [reach out via email](#) — we'd love to hear from you!

Premiering soon ..

Friday 9 July 2021:

- 4pm [Tropical North Queensland regional final premiere](#) | [Add to calendar](#)

Friday 16 July 2021:

- 12noon [South East regional final premiere](#) | [Add to calendar](#)

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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More key dates

30 June 2021 — National direct entry nominations close, [Australian Training Awards](#)

Up to August 2021 — Judging (state awards)

4 September 2021 — Queensland winners announced, State Gala Dinner

18 November 2021 — National winners announced, Australian Training Awards in Perth

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