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Mighty Maroon's medal haul at WorldSkills 2025

Team Queensland shone at the [WorldSkills Australia 2025 National Championships](#), taking home an impressive 36 medals, including 12 gold, 14 silver and 10 bronze. Held in Brisbane, the event showcased more than 600 of the nation's best apprentices and trainees across 63 skill categories.

Queensland competitors dominated in trades like tiling, painting and hairdressing — all critical to our state's future workforce. Gold medallists now have the chance to be eligible to represent Australia at the 2026 WorldSkills International Competition in Shanghai, China.

It's a great result for Queensland – a testament to the state's strong TAFE and training system and the powerhouse of talent, dedication and hands-on excellence of our apprentices and trainees.

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Robotics and Advanced Manufacturing Centre opens at Eagle Farm TAFE

Queensland's training sector is entering a new era with the opening of TAFE Queensland's state-of-the-art Robotics and Advanced Manufacturing Centre.

Opened on 17 June, the 5,000 sqm facility will provide students with access to world-class, hands-on training in robotics, hydrogen, renewable energy, electrotechnology, telecommunications, and advanced manufacturing.

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Helping 100,000+ Queenslanders into skilled work

Since 2015, [Skilling Queenslanders for Work](#) has supported over 100,000 Queenslanders to build skills, gain confidence and secure jobs through community-based training and employment projects.

As of April this year, 65,667 participants have moved into long-term employment, while thousands more have pursued further training or education.

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Proud to be a Queensland Government subsidised training provider

Changes coming to funded training in Queensland

From 1 July 2025, Queensland's training system is getting its biggest shake-up in over a decade, with the launch of a new Skills Assure Supplier (SAS) framework.

The new framework will maximise outcomes from the Queensland Government's significant investment in training with a sharpened focus on funding the right training with the right provider where it is needed.

Here's what's coming:

- Career Start will kick-off from 1 July 2025 providing skills and support for Queenslanders to start their career
- Career Boost will also start from 1 July 2025 providing programs to help Queenslanders develop higher-level skills to advance their careers.

From 1 July 2025, a refreshed network of training providers will be contracted as Skills Assure Suppliers to deliver the Career Start and Career Boost programs. This will give students, parents, and employers confidence that funded training providers can deliver high-quality, industry-standard training that best meets the needs of learners and jobseekers.

No one will be left behind—the current Certificate 3 Guarantee, User Choice and Higher Level Skills programs will be phased out gradually to ensure all enrolled students can finish their studies.

Details of funded programs and Skills Assure Suppliers to deliver training for school students in 2026 will be available early in Term 3 of the school year. Find out more, visit [Skills Assure Supplier Framework](#).

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QUEENSLAND Training Awards 2025

Get your tickets to the regional Queensland Training Awards finals

Celebrate Queensland's top achievers in training and skills by securing your seat at the 2025 Queensland Training Awards regional finals. Tickets are now on sale for the prestigious events, where we honour outstanding apprentices, trainees, students, employers, teachers and training providers across the state.

Join us for an unforgettable occasion of inspiration, recognition and entertainment as we showcase the people powering Queensland's future workforce.

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Queensland Training Awards nominees shine at WorldSkills Australia

As the excitement of the 2025 WorldSkills competition settles, we're proud to highlight several Queensland Training Awards nominees who have stood out as competitors, mentors and champions of vocational excellence.

WorldSkills is more than just a competition – it's a celebration of practical skills, dedication and excellence across trades and training. Many of this year's Queensland Training Awards nominees have competed, mentored or volunteered at WorldSkills, showing how vocational education and training creates pathways to success for individuals and industries alike.

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Skilled careers on show

The Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo, held alongside the WorldSkills Australia 2025 National Championships, brought the future of work to life for 35,000+ school students, parents, career changers and jobseekers.

With 160+ exhibitors - including training organisations, employers, universities and community services - the event offered hands-on experiences, expert advice and career inspiration.

Strong interest in apprenticeships and traineeships fuelled conversations, with school students particularly eager to explore real pathways into high-demand industries, and free and reduced-cost training.

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\$2.4m in TAFE applied research grants

TAFE Queensland has launched Australia's first applied research grant program under its *Centres of Excellence*, with \$2.4 million in funding now available to support innovation in the clean energy battery and aged care sectors.

The grants aim to encourage collaboration between industry, universities and community groups, strengthening training models and addressing real-world workforce challenges.

Focus areas include:

- workforce participation
- regional, rural and remote training access
- culturally safe and inclusive delivery
- future skills in emerging industries.

This is a significant opportunity for stakeholders to contribute to forward-thinking training solutions and help shape the future of two of Australia's fastest-growing sectors.

Applications close Thursday, 31 July 2025.

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Help shape the future of clean energy battery training

The rapid advancement of the clean energy battery industry, driven by the transition to green and renewable energy, presents a unique opportunity for Australia to establish itself as a global leader in battery manufacturing and innovation. To seize this opportunity, it is essential to build a skilled workforce equipped to support this evolving industry.

The TAFE Centre of Excellence Clean Energy Batteries, led by TAFE Queensland, invites you to contribute to the development of advanced clean energy battery training.

The *Higher Level Pathways Clean Energy Battery Survey* is seeking valued input from industry, training organisations and employers to help develop new vocational degree apprenticeships.

Open until 5pm Friday, 11 July 2025.

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The Ville shows North Queensland hospitality to school-based trainees

In response to post-COVID workforce challenges, The Ville Resort-Casino in Townsville launched a school-based traineeship program in 2022, offering the Certificate III in Hospitality. The initiative now includes school-based apprenticeships in commercial cookery and engages students from over 10 local schools.

More than 40 students have participated, gaining hands-on industry experience, rotating through multiple outlets, and most transitioning into permanent roles.



Rebecca Hoffensetz, Learning and Development Coordinator and Queensland Training Awards' [2024 VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year](#), credits the program's success to early engagement and structured support.

"This program is more than a workforce initiative—it's about recognising potential early, building confidence, and helping young people realise they have a place in this industry," Rebecca said.

With a strong commitment to career development, The Ville continues to shape a skilled and enthusiastic hospitality workforce in North Queensland.

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Destination 2045: Delivering Queensland's tourism future

The Queensland Government has released *Destination 2045*, a bold plan to double visitor spending to \$84 billion by 2045 and position Queensland as a global tourism leader.

The strategy focuses on six priorities: ecotourism, events, connectivity, experiences, brand and industry. It sets a clear path to support growth, innovation and long-term benefits for industry, visitors and communities.

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Nominations open - 2025 Lord Mayor's Multicultural Business Awards

Know a multicultural business leader making a real difference in Brisbane?

Nominations are now open for the 2025 Lord Mayor's Multicultural Business Awards – an opportunity to recognise those driving innovation, resilience, and community impact across our city.

Nominations close Sunday, 6 July 2025.

[Nominate now >>](#)

Events and programs

Webinar: Recruitment support to grow a diversified workforce

Date: Wednesday, 9 July 2025

Time: 1.00 pm - 1.30 pm AEST

The Federal Government's Department of Employment and Workplace Relations is hosting a free 30-minute webinar on the new Real Jobs, Real Wages program that supports registered training organisations, local government and businesses looking to employ people with greater challenges into secure work.

The program can help employers access financial support for wages and other hiring costs while providing up to 12 months post-employment support to encourage staff retention.



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Celebrating Queensland Greats

The recipients of the Queensland Greats Award were announced on the eve of Queensland Day, Thursday 5 June. This year's recipients included (from left to right):

- World cancer leader, researcher and advocate, [Professor Jeffrey Dunn AO](#)
- Co-founder – Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum of Natural History, [David Elliott OAM](#)
- Business pioneer and altruistic philanthropist, [James Frizelle](#)
- Global health technology pioneer, [Professor Mark Kendall](#)
- Global entrepreneur and advocate for women's employment and education, [Sarina Russo AM](#)
- Housing Queensland women safely since 1885, [The Lady Musgrave Trust](#)
- Father of Queensland tourism, [Sir Frank Moore AO](#).



The awards recognised extraordinary Queenslanders who have made a significant contribution to Queensland.

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Winners of the Queensland Reconciliation Awards

Winners for the 2025 awards were announced during National Reconciliation Week at a ceremony in Brisbane. The award category winners are:

- **Business:** Deadly Coders for Deadly Coders Academy
- **Community:** Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation for Pormpuraaw Youth Summit (Richard Killian, left, and Marc Harbrow, right)
- **Education:** State Library of Queensland for The unbroken spirit of the Kalkadoons
- **Health and wellbeing:** The Indigenous Marathon Foundation Ltd
- **Partnership:** Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers, South West Indigenous Corporation and QBuild — Department of the Housing and Public Works for St George Harmony Centre Project Control Group.



The Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation were also recognised with the overall Premier's Reconciliation Award for Pormpuraaw Youth Summit.

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