

The nomination window for the 2024 Queensland Training Awards is open!

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Wrapping up a big year

Queensland had a big night at the Australian Training Awards in November with our [12 wonderful finalists](#) taking out six awards and a silver medal.

Congratulations to:

Australian School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year Award winner Kyezaya Namai-Sabatino

Vocational Student of the Year Award winner Jessica Addo (who unfortunately couldn't attend the final)

Large Employer of the Year Award gold medallist All Purpose Transport (Berrinba)

Innovation in VET Award gold medallist Bradford Institute of Advanced Education — Roper Gulf Certificate III Project

School Pathways to VET Award gold medallist St James College (Spring Hill)

Large Training Provider of the Year gold medallist TAFE Queensland

Industry Collaboration Award silver medallist National Energy Technician Training Scheme (NETTS QLD)



Large Employer of the Year All Purpose Transport (left), Australian School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year Kyezaya Namai-Sabatino (centre) and Large Training Provider of the Year TAFE Queensland (right).



Innovation in VET Award Bradford Institute of Advanced Education (left), all 2023 Australian Training Awards finalists (centre) and School Pathways to VET Award St James College (right)

Well done to all our finalists who each have powerful stories of how vocational education and training supports different rewarding career paths and industries in this state.

Apprentice of the Year Award finalist Gabrielle Clift

Trainee of the Year Award finalist Charlotte Ross

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award finalist Shaniqua Burke

VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award finalist Craig Jones

Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award finalist Kelly Barron



Industry Collaboration Award silver medallist National Energy Technician Training Scheme (NETTS QLD) (left), Trainee of the Year finalist Charlotte Ross, Apprentice of the Year finalist Gabrielle Clift with 2022 Apprentice of the Year Jennah Halley, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year finalist Shaniqua Burke, VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year finalist Craig Jones and Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award finalist Kelly Barron.

Thanks to 2022 QTA winners Ronelle Sheehan and Tony Karamatic for mentoring the 2023 individual winners as they prepared to head down to Tasmania for the ATAs. Sharing their experience and insights with the next group of winners was valuable and enjoyable for the team.

The 2023 Australian Training Awards were its 30th year and it was great to see Commonwealth, State and Territory skills ministers involved in announcing the winners and congratulating all the finalists, after they met to discuss [the progress made in 2023 and plans for training in 2024](#).



2023 Queensland Training Awards winners

Skills on show at the QTA state final

The quality and variety of finalists who gathered for the QTA state final in September showed how vibrant and important training is in this state.

The finalists for the individual awards were studying or training others in 15 separate industry areas. Business services was the most popular but that includes people who studied a Certificate III in Work Health and Safety to work with local councils or energy companies. Community services and construction, plumbing and services were tied for second with health close behind. The seven state winners each represent different fields and qualifications as well.

Similarly, the organisation categories feature businesses working in diverse sectors, with construction and automotive operations leading the way.

Bringing regions and then the whole state together, draws people with a range of passions and goals, which can foster collaborative, supportive and energetic networks that celebrate each other's successes and supports further improvements in vocational education and training.

As we head into the summer holidays, and with nominations for the 2024 Queensland Training Awards open now, take some time to reflect on the stories all the finalists and nominees shared through the 2023 awards and consider nominating yourself or someone else for next year's awards.



Key findings from VET strategy consultation now available

More than 8000 Queenslanders have shared their views on the opportunities and challenges facing the skills sector to help develop a new VET strategy for the state, with a summary of what we heard [now available online](#).

Among findings was widespread support to promote the value of VET pathways and encourage pride in the sector – something our QTA family will no doubt appreciate.

Learn more about the consultation process and its findings, and stay up-to-date on the development of Queensland's new VET strategy at www.qld.gov.au/qvetstrategy.



Happy New Year!

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas break and we are looking forward to finding more people, projects and organisations using vocational education and training to pursue their goals in 2024.

Thank you to all the nominees, supporters, judges, stakeholders, sponsors and suppliers who helped make 2023 a fantastic year for the Queensland Training Awards.

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