

STATE FINALISTS ANNOUNCED IN QUEENSLAND TRAINING AWARDS

Fifty-one state finalists from across Queensland will contest the 49th Queensland Training Awards next month.

Education and Training Minister Geoff Wilson said the finalists showcased Queensland's best vocational education and training achievements and had been selected from a field of nearly 600 nominations.

"The calibre of these finalists is a testament to the State's employers, apprentices, trainees, vocational students and training providers and their drive to innovate and excel," Mr Wilson said.

"The finalists come from diverse sectors ranging from a theme park, an island resort and hospitality services through to the construction, engineering and mining industries.

"Their efforts towards skills development bring rewards for their careers and businesses, and foster innovation within their industries.

"As the economy recovers and industry expands; skilling people to fill jobs has never been more important.

"Queenslanders have more opportunities than ever to access world-class training and the State Government is determined to hone a training system tailored to industry and workforce needs."

The 51 finalists from seven regional areas across Queensland will progress to the state finals in Brisbane on September 10.

They will vie for titles as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Student of the Year, Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year, Harry Hauenschield Apprentice of the Year, School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year, Vocational Student of the Year, Employer of the Year and Small Employer of the Year.

Awards will also be presented to organisations for Small Training Provider of the Year, Large Training Provider of the Year, Skilling for the Future and the Premier's Innovation in Skilling Award.

State winners will then enter the Australian Training Awards held in Sydney on November 19.

"I want to congratulate the finalists for their outstanding achievements so far," Mr Wilson said.

"Having skilled workers across a range of industries is vital to Queensland's ongoing success, and these awards illustrate the great work in our workplaces, schools and training institutions."

The Queensland Training Awards are run by the Department of Education and Training. For more information, visit www.qta.qld.gov.au.

A list of Queensland's state finalists follows.

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2010 QUEENSLAND TRAINING AWARDS - STATE FINALISTS

Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year, sponsored by Construction Skills Queensland

Paul Famularo, Certificate III in Electrotechnology Systems Electrician from Nerang

Sung Han Kim, Certificate IV in Aeroskills-Structures from Calamvale

Alexander King, Certificate III in Electrotechnology Systems Electrician from Blackwater

Caleb Mayne, Certificate III in Engineering from Kingaroy

Samantha McRaid, Certificate III in Hospitality (Commercial Cookery) from Bli Bli

Teagan Twomey, Certificate III in Hairdressing from Cairns

Christian Webb, Certificate III in Electrotechnology Systems Electrician from Townsville

Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year, sponsored by BUSY At Work

Natahlia Austin, Certificate III in Sport and Recreation from Oxenford

Amy Brazier, Certificate III in Business Administration from Maidenwell, South Burnett

Sonya Church, Certificate III in Business Administration from Yandina

Amber Muller, Certificate III in Business Administration from Brandon, North Queensland

Lo'arna Murphy, Certificate II in Telecommunications from McDowall

Michelle Rollason, Certificate IV in Education Support from White Rock, Cairns

Josephine Shannon, Certificate III in Business from Dalby

Vocational Student of the Year, sponsored by Queensland Alumina Limited

Daniel Abot, Diploma of Community Welfare from Toowoomba

Tracy Brown, Diploma of Justice Administration from Kelso, Townsville

Tim Elliott, Diploma of Information Technology (Networking) from Caboolture

Royden Fagan, Certificate IV in Community Services, Diploma of Community Welfare, Diploma of Youth Work and Diploma of Community Services Management from Woodridge

Maria Richards, Certificate III in Aged Care Work from Kuranda

Haylee Robertson, Certificate II in Animal Studies from Bridgeman Downs

David Smith, Diploma of Management and Certificate IV in Frontline Management from Boyne Island

School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year, sponsored by Volvo Group Australia Pty Ltd

Curtley Cunningham, Certificate III in Heavy Vehicle Road Transport from Mundingburra, Townsville

Jaron Goodman, Certificate III in Carpentry from Frenchville

Jake Jones, Certificate III in Carpentry, Certificate III in Information Technology from Toowoomba

Ryan Jones, Certificate III in Information Technology from Bingil Bay, North Queensland

Ashleigh Rimmington, Certificate II in Sport Coaching from Gympie

Gage Wilson, Certificate III in Electrotechnology (Electrician) from Bilinga

Alissa Young, Certificate III in Engineering - Fabrication Trade (Sheet Metal) from Rochedale

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year, sponsored by Busy Inc.

Curtley Cunningham, Certificate III in Heavy Vehicle Road from Mundingburra, Townsville

Paula Dean, Diploma of Community Welfare from Caboolture

Corie Duff, Certificate III in Business from Park Ridge

Joseph Frey, Certificate III in Electrotechnology from Goondiwindi

Lo'arna Murphy, Certificate II in Telecommunications from Mc Dowall

Barbara Peeters, Certificate IV in Education Support from White Rock, Cairns

Melanie Pope, Certificate III in Aged Care from Munduberra, Townsville

Small Employer of the Year, sponsored by Manufacturing Skills Queensland

Diesel Electrics, Dalby

Douglas and Miller Motor Body Repairs, Currajong

Jaynar Constructions, Aroona, Sunshine Coast

Employer of the Year, sponsored by CareerOne

Dreamworld, Coomera

Hamilton Island Enterprises, Hamilton Island

Rio Tinto Capability Development, Gladstone

Small Training Provider of the Year, sponsored by the Australian Council for Private Education and Training

Help Enterprises, Nundah

National Technical Training, Robina

Simmonds & Bristow Pty Ltd, Rocklea

Large Training Provider of the Year, sponsored by Energex

Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE, Mountain Creek

Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE, Cairns

Wide Bay Institute of TAFE, Maryborough

Skilling for the Future, sponsored by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

My Other Mum Training College, Manunda, Cairns

Origin Alliance, Redbank

St Columban's College, Caboolture

Premier's Innovation in Skilling Award, sponsored by Outsource Services

Abigroup Contractors Pty Ltd, Cooran, Wide Bay

Challenge National Pty Ltd, Townsville

Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE, Cairns