BERWYN CLAYTON

2014 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Since joining the sector as a teacher over 30 years ago, Berwyn has also worked as a curriculum development manager, a professional developer, an evaluator and a practitioner-researcher. She is committed to, and an advocate of, the development and provision of improvements to professional practice. In 2014 she was recognised for this work, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Australian Training Awards.

"A Lifetime Achievement Award that other very serious people have won! I’m deeply honoured by it. I have worked for 33 years in the VET sector and this is kind of the pinnacle," Berwyn said.

Berwyn’s VET career started at the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT), where she worked for 24 years. Berwyn was a founding member of the Australian Vocational Education and Training Research Association, and was its President between 2000 and 2004. In 2006, the Association established the biennial Berwyn Clayton Award, given for distinguished service. Berwyn’s contributions to student and teaching outcomes in the sector were recognised in 2001 when she was made a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators.

In 2008, Berwyn was named the Director of Victoria University’s Work-based Education Research Centre, an honorary role she still holds today. Her contributions to the sector continue to be recognised at the highest levels. The National Centre for Vocational Education Research named her its 2011 Researcher of the Year, and in 2012 she was the first recipient of Victoria University’s Chancellor’s Medal in recognition of her role in enhancing the university’s reputation in teaching, learning and research. Victoria University has also recognised her work by appointing her Emeritus Professor.

"I think such wonderful work is done in the sector and often it is not acknowledged. One thing the Australian Training Awards does really well is highlight the wonderful students and great employers who are committed to training, the registered training organisations who have had as their focus, teaching and learning. I think this is a grand way to celebrate it," Berwyn said.
ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

Each year, the Australian Training Awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of Australian Apprentices, vocational students, training practitioners, businesses, secondary schools, industry and registered training organisations for their contribution to skilling Australia.

The majority of the awards are the culmination of the state and territory awards programs with winners from each state and territory eligible to compete at the national level in aligned categories.

There are also seven award categories available by entering directly to the Australian Training Awards.

Individual
- Lifetime Achievement Award (direct entry)
- Australian School-based Apprentice of the Year Award
- Vocational Student of the Year Award
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award
- Australian Apprentice (Trainee) of the Year Award
- Australian Apprentice of the Year Award
- VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award
- National Achievement Award (direct entry)
- Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award (direct entry)

Business
- Small Employer of the Year Award
- Employer of the Year Award
- Industry Collaboration Award
- Australian Apprenticeships - Employer Award (direct entry)
- Disability Training - Employer Award (direct entry)

Registered Training Organisation
- Small Training Provider of the Year Award
- Large Training Provider of the Year Award
- International Training Provider of the Year Award* (direct entry)
- School Pathways to VET Award (direct entry)

* Applications for this award are made directly to the Australian Training Awards in all states and territories except Western Australia where applications must be made direct to the WA Training Awards.

WHY APPLY?

The awards offer its participants Australia-wide recognition for exceptional training outcomes and an opportunity to become known as the best-of-the-best, nationally.

For individuals, the awards can open up networks and career opportunities within the business sector and provide you with the opportunity to become a national ambassador for skills to promote the vocational education and training sector at a national level.

For businesses and registered training organisations, the awards can propel you into the national spotlight positioning you as a front runner in skills and workforce development and leader in best practice which sets you apart from the competition and makes you an employer, or registered training organisation, of choice.

DISCOVER MORE OF THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF APPLYING FOR AN AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARD BY DOWNLOADING THE WHY APPLY FACT SHEET OR VISIT THE WHY APPLY PAGE OF THE AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS WEBSITE.

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