



Australian Government

AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

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SHANE DEALY

2016 AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

The Australian Apprentice of the Year Award is presented to an Australian Apprentice who has been outstanding in all aspects of their trade.

After 18 months into an engineering degree at university Shane Dealy knew it was not the right career path for him so he switched to his first love, carpentry. Engineering's loss has now proven to be carpentry's gain, with Shane named the Australian Apprentice of the Year in the 2016 Australian Training Awards for being outstanding in all aspects of his trade.

"When I changed from engineering to carpentry I wasn't sure that I'd done the right thing. The career advice I'd received at school was very much in favour of going to university. But now the award confirms that I've chosen the right pathway," said Shane.

Shane gained his apprenticeship while working for his father's firm Algoa Holdings and studying at

the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT). His work covers a range of projects from new homes, extensions, alterations, decks, pergolas and landscaping.

"The training I have received from my father and CIT has provided me with the skills and confidence to contribute to the business and progress in my trade," said Shane.

While doing his Certificate III and his apprenticeship, Shane also engaged in a number of other studies which saw him working full time, studying one day a week for the apprenticeship and sometimes three evenings a week for additional qualifications in building and construction. His ultimate goal is to do further study and gain a degree which would allow him to work as a building certifier.

"What my studies have shown me is the value of learning," said Shane.

"It provides choice, room to grow and self-worth. With an ever changing world, new building techniques, products and designs to keep abreast of, you have to be always adapting and learning."

Shane has been appointed an Australian Apprenticeships Ambassador for the Australian Government to share his career success story with young people looking at career options.

"I am proud to be an ambassador for VET by visiting schools and giving impressionable young people in Year 10 or 11 a more complete picture of the options available to them. I want to be an exemplar of how fantastic a trade can be."

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**)
- National Achievement Award (**direct entry**)
- Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice 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

Business

- Australian Apprenticeships – Employer Award (**direct entry**)
- Small Employer of the Year Award (**direct entry**)
- Medium Employer of the Year Award
- Large Employer of the Year Award
- Industry Collaboration Award

Registered Training Organisation

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

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WHY APPLY?

The awards offer 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. This will set you apart from the competition and make you an employer or registered training organisation of choice.

