



Australian Government

AUSTRALIAN
TRAINING
AWARDS

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DENISE STEVENS

2016 NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The National Achievement Award is presented in recognition of an individual's outstanding leadership and contribution to the VET sector for up to 25 years. This may be a new innovation, new knowledge, or ways to improve professional practice deemed to be above and beyond the everyday with a long lasting positive influence and impact in the sector.

Denise Stevens has had a distinguished career in the Victorian vocational education and training (VET) sector and has delivered significant reform, resulting in improved outcomes for learners both in Victoria and overseas.

Following the establishment of Hospitality and Tourism at Eastern TAFE and to meet growth and local need, Denise established the Centre for Food and Wine Tourism at the then Swinburne University's Lilydale Campus. Denise's vision for tourism in Victoria, and to meet regional demands, led her to develop the Graduate Certificate in Business (Food and Wine Tourism Marketing) and a dual Diploma/Degree program in Tourism.

Denise went on to hold a senior management role at Holmesglen Institute, where she was responsible for implementing some of the first degree programs within a TAFE, developing an engagement model which supported alternative pathways for learners, and supporting teaching operations in China.

After 12 months working in the Middle East as an educational advisor, Denise went to William Angliss Institute where she was Director of Teaching and Learning, overseeing teaching operations across cookery, tourism and hospitality and the implementation of their first degree programs.

As Chief Executive Officer from 2009–2015, Denise transformed the VET Development Centre (VDC) into a nationally recognised leader in VET workforce development. This required significant reform and resulted in the expansion of the VDC's services to non-public providers.

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.

