



Australian Government

# AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

## REAL STORIES. REAL ACHIEVEMENTS.



### PATRICK JANES

#### 2013 AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

**QUALIFICATION:**  
CERTIFICATE III IN  
ENGINEERING –  
FABRICATION TRADE

**HOST EMPLOYER:**  
W.R. & R.J. HUNTER PTY LTD

**EMPLOYER:**  
CVGT AUSTRALIA

**REGISTERED TRAINING  
ORGANISATION:**  
UNIVERSITY OF BALLARAT

**GROUP TRAINING  
ORGANISATION:**  
CVGT AUSTRALIA

**The Australian Apprentice  
of the Year Award**

recognises the most  
outstanding Australian  
Apprentice in Australia.

State or territory training  
award winners of this  
category are automatically  
finalists for the Australian  
Training Awards and will  
compete at the national level.

Ballarat welder Patrick Janes is a business owner at age 23 – an achievement he says he owes to his Australian Apprenticeship in the fabrication trade.

Rewarded for his outstanding efforts in work and training, Patrick was named the Australian Apprentice of the Year at the 2013 Australian Training Awards.

“To be named Australian Apprentice of the Year at the Australian Training Awards is a huge honour and a dream come true,” Patrick said.

Patrick’s career choice was ignited at a young age when his father taught him to weld. During secondary school Patrick completed an Australian School-based Apprenticeship in engineering.

After completing secondary school, he enrolled in a Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade at the University of Ballarat and completed his apprenticeship in just over two years.

The combination of on and off-the-job training through his Australian Apprenticeship allowed Patrick to build his skills in real-work situations after gaining the basic skills and theory. Now, he is not only a skilled tradesman but he is also fast becoming a business entrepreneur, having bought the business where he trained.

“I’m 23 and I am taking on a business - I can’t wait to get right into it,” Patrick said.

Now an Australian Apprenticeships Ambassador for the Australian Government,

Patrick is keen to share his story to encourage others to undertake the career pathway. Patrick offers this advice to budding apprentices and trainees.

“If you have something that you love doing, have a crack. A great way to start is through an Australian School-based Apprenticeship which gives you a good initial look into an industry and gets your foot in the door. If that goes well an Australian Apprenticeship is an excellent way to continue on and get a strong foundation for your career, which you really can take anywhere.”

Patrick is now looking forward to training his own Australian Apprentices in the near future.

# 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.

**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.**

## 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.

