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# AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

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### PAUL RASMUSSEN

2013 LEADERSHIP IN VET QUALITY AWARD

In 2014, the Leadership in VET Quality Award became known as the National Leadership Award. The National Leadership Award recognises eligible individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in vocational education and training (VET) resulting in improved outcomes for the sector at both a local and national level.

Paul Rasmussen is the Head of Learning at one of Australia's largest providers of community services, UnitingCare Community, and has been instrumental in the development of its registered training organisation arm which provides qualifications within the Health and Community Services Training Package.

Paul's ongoing commitment and focus on UnitingCare's Leadership Framework and Leadership Training Program has assisted UnitingCare to secure government funding and deliver 285 vocational education and training (VET) places in the community services industry.

In recognition of his work, Paul won the Leadership in VET Quality Award at the 2013 Australian Training Awards.

"I was thrilled to win the national Leadership in VET Quality Award, it was fantastic recognition for me, and has shined a light on the important work we do in the community services sector," Paul said.

"I had a great experience winning the award, and witnessing the talent present in the VET sector. The Australian Training Awards is something that both changes lives and puts a spotlight on the quality of vocational education in this country.

"I could not be more proud to win an award for leadership in VET quality and I am privileged to be in a role where we are in a position to change lives.

"The work we do with our students - be they school-based or mature aged makes a real difference - it allows them to do things and have careers that some of them would never have had access to without their qualifications and the support of their teachers and trainers and everyone else in the industry," Paul said.

Paul also focuses on the administration and management skills of UnitingCare staff, implementing programs with qualifications ranging from the Certificate IV in Frontline Management to the Advanced Diploma of Community Sector Management as well as graduate programs.

# 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.

