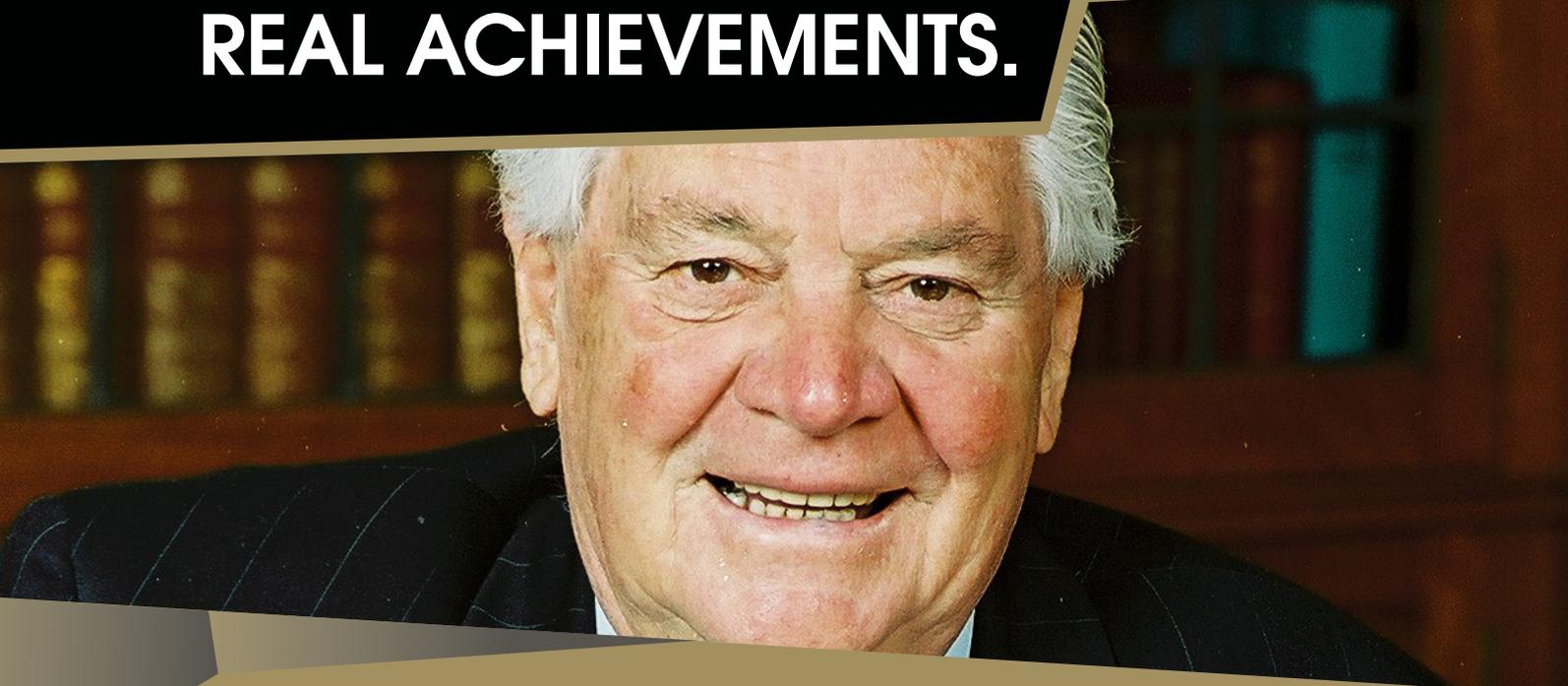




Australian Government

AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

REAL STORIES. REAL ACHIEVEMENTS.



ALBERT COULSTON EVANS AO 2013 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognises an individual who has:

- an established history of distinguished service to the vocational education and training (VET) sector
- made a lasting contribution to VET practice
- exhibited leadership and provided inspiration to others in the VET sector
- positively influenced VET on a state, national or international level.

New South Wales vocational education and training (VET) advocate Albert Coulston Evans AO (Bert) has been recognised for more than 30 years of service to the VET sector, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2013 Australian Training Awards.

The award recognises an individual who has an established history of distinguished service to VET and who has made a lasting contribution to VET practice.

"To win the Lifetime Achievement Award from the national VET sector is totally unexpected, but I would be telling lies if I didn't say I was really proud and thrilled and surprised," Bert said.

"I have been working in this field my whole life, especially with apprenticeships and traineeships.

"Apprenticeships and traineeships are absolutely vital for Australia's future and we've got to produce more and better trained apprentices. They're excellent now but we want them to aim even higher, to go on and get diplomas and get degrees and become leaders," Bert said.

During his time as Chief Executive of the Metal Trades Industry Association (MTIA) from 1981 to 1996, Bert worked towards a cooperative approach to managing business and union interests.

Integral to his vision was a rebuilding of the manufacturing sector and the development of progressive industry policy which valued and invested in labour through training, career paths, fair pay and workplace regulation.

Since his retirement in 1996, Bert has used his extensive knowledge, credibility and standing within industry and government to lead reform of the New South Wales VET system.

He has done this through two key roles, as Chair of the New South Wales Board of Vocational Education and Training (1996 to 2013), and as Chair of the Vocational Education and Training Accreditation Board (1997 to 2011). A number of achievements in New South Wales under his guidance have set the benchmark for other states and territories.

Under Bert's guidance, participation in VET in New South Wales has grown to record levels under greatly improved and strengthened arrangements.

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.

