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LYN WILSON

2015 EXCELLENCE IN LANGUAGE, LITERACY AND NUMERACY PRACTICE AWARD

The Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award recognises innovation and excellence by an individual involved in improving English language, literacy and numeracy skills in an educational, community or workplace context.

Every day Lyn Wilson, who has managed the Sydney TAFE – Petersham College Foundation Studies Section for over 20 years, sees for herself how her efforts are changing lives.

While achieving national recognition through her Award for Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) Practice at the 2015 Australian Training Awards, Lyn says the award was also recognition “for my committed team that for more than 10 years ran fabulous programmes in collaboration with our industry partners.”

“It’s great that the Australian Government has an award that specifically recognises the importance of foundation skills in VET.”

Lyn’s work with large organisations has taken all those involved on a

development path. Over 10 years, close working relationships were formed between teams from industry and TAFE, including its Aboriginal Training Unit.

“Over time, emotional commitment kicks in. Importantly, where prejudices sometimes existed, I’ve seen those attitudes shift enormously.”

Lyn’s team uses strategies that not only prepare people for a job, but also for the recruitment process where many large organisations may have up to seven different steps in their rigorous selection processes.

“We address this in our courses. It’s no use preparing someone for a job if they can’t get that first foot in the door.”

At Petersham, all students in LLN programmes are able to

select learning modes that suit their personal learning style. These may include group classes or individual learning that is closely monitored and receives comprehensive support as needed. Indigenous employment programmes combine the two.

Even after 20 years, Lyn says she’s still learning. Josh Toomey, who won the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander of the Year Award at the 2011 Australian Training Awards, is a great example.

“I doubted he’d get through, but Josh pestered me until I accepted him into my Foundation Skills course. He went from strength to strength. It was a reminder to me that just because people have missed school, never underestimate what they can achieve in a short time.”

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

* 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.

** Businesses registered in Queensland, Tasmania and the ACT must apply for the Small Employer of the Year Award through the relevant 2016 state or territory training awards. Businesses registered in New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia and the Northern Territory must apply directly to the Australian Training Awards.

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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.

