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STEPHEN LUNN

2015 VET TEACHER/TRAINER OF THE YEAR

The VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award recognises innovation and excellence by a vocational education and training (VET) teacher/trainer providing nationally recognised training to students at a registered training organisation (RTO), or in partnership with an RTO.

When Stephen Lunn had trouble finding apprentices with the basic work readiness needed in the hospitality industry, the widely respected chef decided to start teaching those skills himself. Stephen has now been the lead vocational education and training (VET) Hospitality Teacher at Guilford Young College in Tasmania for seven years and has added VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award from the 2015 Australian Training Awards to his hospitality industry awards.

"Winning this award is recognition and validation of the hours you spend working on getting the most out of your students, making them aware and giving them the best possible skills to enter the workforce."

Stephen and his colleagues have put in place systems for success at Guilford Young College.

"We establish clear pathways, goals and standards and take the time needed to make our students work ready."

Stephen has introduced an innovative, engaging taste of the industry with 'Master Chef' style classes over each term in which the best Year 10 students progress to cooking a dinner for 60 people.

"After this, a number of those Year 10 students sign up to Guilford Young's hospitality courses and many go right through to Year 12 and into apprenticeships."

His connections, developed over 30 years of local and international experience in the hospitality industry, have helped some of Stephen's

talented students into interstate careers with major hospitality establishments. But he takes equal pride in students to whom he's simply been able to give direction and goals in life to keep them learning. "It's about working out how each student learns."

For Stephen, the Australian Training Awards give recognition to the outstanding people and businesses in the VET sector. "It lifts the profile of what we do and what we are trying to achieve."

Stephen says he is still learning. "Every year throws up new challenges and rewards, and I have to think of different ways to get my message across to the next generation. In doing that, they keep me young."

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.

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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.

