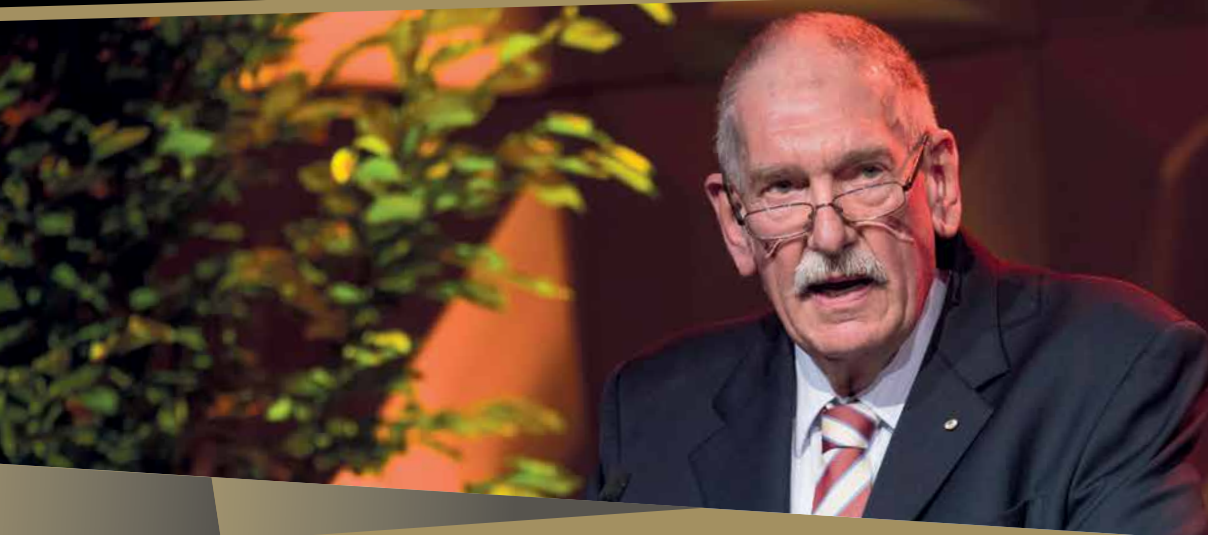




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AUSTRALIAN
TRAINING
AWARDS

REAL STORIES. REAL ACHIEVEMENTS.



PETER HENNEKEN AM

2015 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented in recognition of an individual's outstanding leadership and contribution to the vocational education and training sector for more than 25 years.

As a Queensland Government public servant, Mr Peter Henneken AM entered the sector in the 1980s, just as a new National Training System was taking shape. He reflects that there was impressive collaboration between Commonwealth and State Governments, along with industry employer and employee bodies, as together they created today's Vocational Education and Training (VET) system.

VET has a habit of engaging and holding those who encounter it and that's what happened to Peter.

"It's easy to develop a passion for something that touches people at such a personal level. My signature is on thousands of apprenticeship and traineeship certificates and indentures."

But Peter also sees the bigger picture. "VET is so important for getting a job. And the impact of getting a job is important to individuals and the whole community."

Not only did Peter guide much of the new VET system in Queensland, he was also very influential at the national level.

He is most proud of the introduction of entry level traineeships, which provided recognised training pathways for many additional industry sectors.

Opening up a more competitive and expanded training system and improving its national consistency were other major achievements.

"We also made sure that industry played a big part in creating the system that was being designed for it."

Since then, across many roles, Peter has kept the interests of VET to the fore.

Peter sees the Australian Training Awards as benchmarks of excellence that are of great importance to the future.

"Australia needs to be productive and competitive against overseas competitors. In coming years we will need to accelerate the rate at which we build on these benchmarks."

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 VWA 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.

DISCOVER MORE OF THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF APPLYING FOR AN AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARD BY DOWNLOADING THE WHY APPLY FACT SHEET OR VISIT THE WHY AND HOW TO ENTER PAGE OF THE AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS WEBSITE.

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.

