



Australian Government

**AUSTRALIAN
TRAINING
AWARDS**

REAL STORIES. REAL ACHIEVEMENTS.



KAREN ROSE

2015 VOCATIONAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR

QUALIFICATION:

DIPLOMA OF LOGISTICS

REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATION:

LEARNING PARTNERS

EMPLOYER:

RIO TINTO ALCAN

The Vocational Student of the Year Award recognises outstanding achievement by a vocational student in a course of study leading to a nationally recognised qualification.

Warehouse and logistics supervisor Karen Rose decided that she and her team would undertake some formal training to gain extra skills. The training became even more important half way through when a curtailment of the refinery was announced.

"Completing the training kept us focused in a very turbulent and emotional time," says Karen.

Karen completed her Diploma of Logistics in 2014 and in representing the Northern Territory, won the Vocational Student of the Year Award at the 2015 Australian Training Awards.

"It means a lot to me, not only personally for the work I put in, but because the exposure has helped me promote the field of logistics. Every business has a logistics

cost and in tough times, looking at your logistics can really make a difference."

Karen researched the training and learned about the advantages of VET. "I loved the flexibility the system could provide here in Gove, enabling us to tailor competencies and contextualise training to suit our needs."

"Our registered training organisation (RTO) had expert staff from whom we learnt a lot and, as a supervisor, I now feel confident that I'm across this area, including the legislation. We're using the policies and procedures we wrote as part of the training, right now."

The RTO was a great support to Karen in her desire to help her team as it went through a tough time. When it became necessary for some of her team to be put off, Karen says that having a nationally recognised qualification helped every one of them quickly find another job.

Karen believes that the Australian Training Awards is important in not only showcasing amazing people and organisations in VET, but also the great diversity of the many career pathways that VET offers.

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.

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.

