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## THE AUSTRALIAN RACING AND EQUINE ACADEMY

### 2013 INDUSTRY COLLABORATION AWARD

**The Industry Collaboration Award** recognises an exemplary skills development collaboration between an employer or industry body and, at least, one other organisation.

The Australian Racing and Equine Academy addresses workforce development issues within the racing industry through a combination of licensing reform, flexible training and assessment solutions and increased safety of racetracks and horse training facilities.

"We identified that we were an industry that typically hadn't done a lot of training so it was important for us to focus on improving the skills and safety of our industry," General Manager – Workforce Development and Training Opportunities at Racing NSW, Maurice Logue said.

The Academy was formed through a partnership between TAFE NSW – Western Sydney Institute and Racing NSW and was recognised nationally in 2013 for its exemplary skills development collaboration by winning the coveted Industry Collaboration Award at the Australian Training Awards.

"Partnerships are really what vocational education and training is all about," Institute Director of TAFE NSW – Western Sydney Institute Susan Hartigan said. "This collaboration has brought the training and skills capacity that we have as a TAFE institute together with the industry knowledge and the expertise of Racing NSW. Together it is the perfect partnership."

The Thoroughbred Racing Industry contributes significantly to New South Wales' economy and is a major employer in occupations such as jockey, track rider, stable hand, barrier attendant, horse trainer, farrier and equine nurse.

These occupations interact daily with horses and require training and skills development with a specific focus on safety.

"This award gives an affirmation of the success of vocational education and training for industry," Whitney Rousham, Director, Business Development of TAFE NSW – Western Sydney Institute said. "In winning this award we would really like to thank and acknowledge all the fantastic staff involved. We have some fabulous people who are industry specialists and teachers and trainers who have the expertise to bring the whole program to life."

Since the formation of the Australian Racing and Equine Academy, the numbers of employees in nationally recognised training have increased, employee compensation claims have decreased and a wider range of support services are available.

# 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.

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## 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.

