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AUSTRALIAN  
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AWARDS

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## MICHELLE WEAVER 2014 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

**The National Leadership Award recognises eligible individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in vocational education and training (VET) resulting in improved outcomes for the sector at both a local and national level. From 2015, the award will transition to the National Achievement Award.**

Michelle Weaver is the Chief Executive Officer and founder of Velg Training. Together with the help of her dedicated team, Michelle has grown Velg Training into Australia's leading provider of VET professional development and consulting services with a membership program consisting of 9300 members and over 20 000 subscribers. In November 2014, Michelle was rewarded for her leadership skills in vocational education and training by receiving the inaugural National Leadership Award.

"To receive the National Leadership Award is a significant personal achievement but also acknowledges the role that Velg Training has provided to the VET sector over the past 11 years," Michelle said.

"The Australian Training Awards allow the sector to celebrate every spectrum of skills and training within our country, encapsulating the depth and breadth of so many deserving applicants."

A former teacher, Michelle recognised a need for VET providers to have access to information that is current, accurate and timely. Velg's members, and the broader VET sector, are able to access such information through Velg's website, newsletter, magazines, conferences, social media and webinars. Resources are available through the website's Members' Lounge.

Michelle provides work experience to event management students, offering opportunities to be involved in the hosting of national conferences. She also supports schools through the Queensland School Mentoring Program.

"I believe the best part of my own individual journey throughout my career has been to surround myself with truly inspirational people that share the same vision and values of this company which continues to make a lasting impact in the sector," said Michelle.

# 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.

