

HONOUR ROLL – INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Apprentice of the Year Award

2026	Baxter Lewis	Electrotechnology Electrician
2025	Holly Frankcombe	Electricity Supply Industry - Distribution Overhead
2024	Benjamin Barker	Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology
2023	Jake Chilcott	Electrotechnology
2022	Jack Wilson	Carpentry and Joinery
2021	Sophie Russell	Carpentry
2020	Caitlin Radford	Agriculture
2019	Marek Porter	Electrotechnology
2018	Harry Cuthbertson	Commercial Cookery
2017	Ashton Brown	Mobile Plant Technology
2016	Drew Charlton	Carpentry
2015	Joshua Dales	Electrotechnology
2014	Richard Wilkinson	Carpentry
2013	Samuel Downes	Electrotechnology
2012	Richard Styles	Electrotechnology
2011	Benjamin Standen	Commercial Cookery
2010	Jason Bryan	Electrotechnology
2009	Megan Beasley	Commercial Cookery
2008	Matthew Barwick	Carpentry and Joinery
2007	Michael Wickham	Engineering
2006	Alistair Hodgman	Horticulture
2005	Richard Bates	Commercial Cookery
2004	David Ringsgwandl	Automotive
2003	Martin Dingemanse	Electrotechnology
2002	Stephanie Wood	Mechanical Watchmaking
2001	Renee Austin	Commercial Cookery
2000	Konstantinos Kalimnios	Hairdressing
1999	Peter Overton	Carpentry
1998	Quade Geale	Electrical Engineering
1997	Simon Nell	Refrigeration Engineering
1996	Ella Wright	Mechanical Maintenance
1995	Bradley Sherriff	Automotive Mechanics
1994	Rachel Walker	Hairdressing
1993	Damian Lucas	Graphic Reproduction
1992	Colin Bosveld	Carpentry and Joinery
1991	Paul Coull	Fitting and Machining

Trainee of the Year Award

2026	Layla Nichols	Business
2025	Tiarna Bricknell	Business
2024	Imogen Tyers	Business
2023	Catherine Jones	Hospitality
2022	Natasha Robins	Dental Assisting
2021	Ashling Cannell	Education Support
2020	Madeline Wade	Business
2019	Stephen Witkowski	Aquaculture
2018	Elise Parker	Business
2017	Emily Nixon	Business
2016	David Gardiner	Agriculture
2015	Katherine Masson	Dental Technology
2014	Caitlyn Webb	Outdoor Recreation
2013	Jessica Benge	Disability
2012	Jessie-Lee Herman	Business
2011	Benjamin Wilkinson	Frontline Management
2010	Lizzy Ziegler	Horticulture
2009	Jessica Alexander	Business
2008	Florence Wren	Hospitality (Supervision)
2007	Evan Brett	Community Services Work
2006	Michelle Adlam	Retail Supervision
2005	Rahni Scholes	Hospitality (Operations)
2004	Ryan Manktelow	Retail Supervision
2003	Rebecca Norris	Business
2002	Megan Stanfield	Dental Assisting
2001	Sarah Karydis	Business
2000	Kim McKibben	Sport and Recreation
1999	Anita Astley-Paulsen	Aquaculture (Shellfish)
1998	David Long	Processing and Engineering Technology
1997	Lindene Murfett	Small Business
1996	Toni Smith	Processing and Engineering Technology
1995	Scott Barrenger	Print Design
1994	Belinda Barrett	Retail and Service Industries
1993	Kate Blake	Public Sector Office Skills
1992	Shane Phone	Hospitality
1991	Joanne Smith	Banking and Finance

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award

2026	Cody Summers	Early Childhood Education and Care
2025	Braydon Gower	Commercial Cookery
2024	Harley Mansell	Guiding
2023	Bradley Maynard	Work Health and Safety
2022	Nathan Pitchford	Project Management Practice
2021	David Lowery	Forest Operations
2020	Jessica Matthews	Nursing
2019	Djuker Willis Hart	Guiding
2018	Lydia Scotney	Nursing
2017	Michelle Maynard	Project Management Practice
2016	Jarroed Edwards	Conservation and Land Management
2015	Brendan Murray	Youth Work
2014	Christopher Medcraft	Mental Health
2013	Madeline Wells	Tourism
2012	Melinda Horton	Education Support
2011	Award not presented	
2010	Nickeeta Masatora	Engineering Drafting
2009	Joanne Crowden	Community Welfare Work
2008	Olive Ralph	Visual Art and Craft
2007	Wayne Lowery	Community Services Work
2006	Aleisha Beeton	Home and Community Aged Care
2005	Loueen Triffitt	Art, Craft and Design
2004	Dianne Cook	Children's Services
2003	Edmund Thomas	General Education
2002	Kellie Smith	Tourism
2001	Anita Maynard	Printing and Graphic Arts
2000	Janice Ross	Art, Craft and Design
1999	Dean Brown	Baking
1998	Adrian Sculthorpe	Private Sector Office Skills
1997	John Dickson	Horticulture
1997	Kevin McDonald	Sport Administration
1996	Rebecca Brown	Fishing Operations
1995	Nicholas Cameron	Automotive – Cadet Teacher
1994	Andrew Sharman	Automotive Mechanics
1993	Darren Beeton	Prison Officer

Vocational Student of the Year Award

2026	Jessica Burr	Leadership and Management
2025	Mikayla Towns	School Based Education Support
2024	Andrew Bartlett	Individual Support (Disability)
2023	Naomi Cox	Leadership and Management
2022	Fleur Broadhurst	Education Support
2021	Gypsy Rose Blackberry	Early Childhood Education and Care
2020	Heetham Hekmat	Community Services
2019	Benjamin Ling	Leadership and Management
2018	Cassandra Brown	Finance
2017	Colin Curlewis	Building and Construction
2016	Carla Wilcox	Disability
2015	Nicole Pace	Business
2014	Alison Rogers	Business
2013	Genia McGirr	Vocational Education and Training
2012	Thomas Courto	Tourism
2011	Jillian Brandsema	Children's Services
2010	Martin Ruzicka	Small Business Management
2009	Alison Richards	Retail Management
2008	Laura Brothers	Training and Assessment
2007	Natasha Johnstone	Training and Assessment
2006	Jason Walton	Community Services Work
2005	Letitia Lamb	Remedial Massage
2004	Jodie Mather	Frontline Management
2003	Maria Newsum	Community Pharmacy
2002	Andrew Tuma	Building Surveying
2001	Marcus Deakes	Training and Assessment Systems
2000	Marie Frodsham	Social and Community Services
1999	Suzette Harrison	Social and Community Services
1998	Stuart Crispin	Tourism
1997	Caroline Whamond	Retail Management
1996	Guy Doyle	Business Management
1995	Jamie Allison	Information Technology
1994	Jaimie Clarke	Applied Science

VET in Schools Student of the Year Award

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2026	Simon MacFarlane	Live Production and Technical Services
2025	Mia Gaffney	Cookery
2024	Connor Maguire	Tourism
2023	Bonnie Clark	Individual Support
2022	Freya Milic	Health Services Assistance
2021	Seth Harper	Hospitality
2021	Amelia Hill-Mundy	Early Childhood Education and Care
2020	Henry Rheinberger	Contemporary Pilates & Teaching Methodology
2020	Charli White	Health Services Assistance
2019	Georgia Elias	Agriculture
2018	Ella De Cesare	Fitness
2017	Mikayla Rumbold	Hospitality and Tourism
2016	Harrison Davidson-Lim	Hospitality
2015	Nicholas Bonnitcha	Engineering
2014	Kassi-May Boatwright	Business
2013	Brianna Crowley	Hospitality
2012	Charlotte White	Hospitality
2011	Mallory Priest	Community Services
2010	Jordan Carter	Horticulture
2009	Jessica Benge	Community Services Work
2008	Taylor Downes	Outdoor Recreation
2007	Emma Ismawi	Multimedia
2006	Adam Cooper	Outdoor Recreation
2005	Michael Smith	Community Services Work
2004	Steven Butler	Tourism and Hospitality
2003	Nathan Green	Information Technology
2002	Louise Armstrong	Community Services Work
2001	John Rowland	Information Technology
2000	Elizabeth Chopping	Children's Services
1999	Natalie Brown	Aged Care
1998	Natalie Layton	Tourism

1998 was the first year of the VET in Schools Student of the Year Award

School-based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year Award

2026	Joshua Forman	Screen and Media
2025	Joshua Fielding	Carpentry
2024	Aleira Chalker	Business
2023	Indiana Corbin	Patisserie
2022	Abbey Quinn	Individual Support
2021	Sophie Furphy	Individual Support
2020	Arielle Abrahams	Community Services
2019	Daniel Ragg	Electrotechnology
2018	Bronte Richardson	Engineering
2017	Constance Perry	Retail
2016	Sharnie-Lee Clark	Education Support
2015	Samantha Masih	Hospitality
2014	Bradley Fairlie	Electrotechnology
2013	Madeline Kline	Commercial Cookery
2012	Brittany-Lee Grice	Aged Care
2011	Aaron Zantuck	Agriculture
2010	Karpaagam Shanmugan	Retail
2009	Natasha Hill	Agriculture
2008	Melanie McCoy	Children's Services
2007	Warwick Johnstone	Carpentry and Joinery

2006 was the inaugural year for the Australian School-based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year Award.
Tasmania did not introduce the Award until 2007.

VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award

2026	Kelly Down	TasTAFE
2025	Steve Wiggers	SCALA The Training Company
2024	Renee Hinds	DECYP RTO at Don College
2023	Kirsten Bacon	DECYP RTO at Elizabeth College
2022	Matthew Fraser	TasTAFE
2021	Roy Leurs	Australian Institute of Education and Training at Huonville High School / Huon Valley Trade Training Centre
2020	Sharon Turner	TSC RTO at Newstead College
2019	Darren Scott	TasTAFE
2018	Gini Ennals	TasTAFE
2017	Matthew Eyles	TSC RTO at Hobart College
2016	Nate Welch	TasTAFE
2015	Stephen Lunn	Guilford Young College
2014	Carmen Gumley	Avidity Training and Development
2013	Loren Costello	TasTAFE
2012	Fiona French	TSC RTO at Hellyer College
2011	Stephen Lunn	Guilford Young College

2011 was the inaugural year for the VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award.

Equity Vocational Student of the Year Award

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2026	Carly Burrridge	Skills For Work and Vocational Pathways
2025	Will Dyer	Individual Support (Disability)
2024	Jennie Garland	Individual Support (Disability)
2023	Drew Wellard	Retail Cosmetics
2022	Isabelle King	Community Services
2021	Claire Draayers	General Education for Adults
2020	Mark Mclauchlan	Community Services
2019	Anna Daniel	Individual Support
2018	Nyang Kon	Spoken and Written English, and Employment and Training
2017	Arop Majok	Aged Care, and Home and Community Care
2016	Rhiannon Smith	Hospitality
2015	Benjamin Sweet	Security Operations
2014	Caitlyn Bishop	Business
2013	Athir Mansur	Spoken and Written English, and Hospitality
2012	Sisay Mekonnen	Spoken and Written English
2012	Renee Grinke	Education Support
2011	Martin Leeson	Retail
2010	Maddison Crowden	Child Care
2009	Aubert Ruzigandekwe	Youth Work, and Alcohol and other Drugs Work
2008	Debra Rowley	Community Services Work
2008	Mary Connell	Health Service Assistance
2007	Heath Mollineaux	Business
2006	Mary Thornton	Community Services Work
2005	Theresa Johnny-Moore	Community Services Work
2004	Benjamin Hills	Work Education
2003	Paska Ochilo	Hospitality
2002	Richard Mills	VET Course
2001	Clinton Williams	Community Services Work

2001 was the first year of the Equity Vocational Student of the Year Award

Equity Apprentice/Trainee of the Year Award

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2026	Mani Rai	Community Services
2025	Nazir Hussain Sultani	Carpentry
2024	Ryan Frosi	Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology
2023	Maryam Azizi	Dental Assisting
2022	Lindsay Britton	Disability
2021	Michael Taylor	Heavy Vehicle Mechanical Technology
2021	Frances Daisy Walsh	Hospitality
2020	Award not presented	
2019	Debra Blake	Individual Support
2018	Hadi Rezaie	Business
2017	Award not presented	
2016	Hannah Murray	Business
2015	Jacob O'Beirne	Business
2014	Elise Romaszko	Business
2013	Hope Wooldridge	Business
2012	Award not presented	
2011	Award not presented	
2010	Award not presented	
2009	Award not presented	
2008	Award not presented	
2007	John O'Keefe	Automotive
2006	Erica Burleigh	Customer Contact
2005	Janet Bell	Hospitality
2005	Adele Kirkpatrick	Automotive (Electrical)
2004	Beata Czyzowicz	Community Services Work
2003	Kingsley Becker	Aquaculture
2002	Adam Westbrook	Cabinetmaking
2001	Heath Banfield	Forest Growing and Management

2001 was the first year of the Equity Apprentice/Trainee of the Year Award.

HONOUR ROLL – BUSINESS AND TRAINING PROVIDER AWARDS

Industry Collaboration Award

2026	Tasmanian Transport Association, with Work & Training, NDA Training, Transport Employers and the Registrar of Motor Vehicles,
2025	Civil Contractors Federation with TasTAFE
2024	Bethlehem House, with MAX Solutions; Civil Contractors Federation Tasmania; Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller-Australasia Tasmanian Priory; Link Resources; Hobart and Southern Tasmania Employment Facilitator.
2023	St Joseph Affordable Homes, with Centacare Evolve Housing, Guilford Young College, Milwaukee, Mitre 10, Nigel Vince Plumbing, Choices Flooring, Parr's Heat Pump and Refrigeration Centre, McKay's Timber, Nibbs Electrical, Daisy, Catholic Care Tasmania, TasTAFE, BGAS, MEGT, Mas, Sam Upton, Simon Thompson, Build Like A Girl Australia, Area Connect, RACT, Speak Up Stay ChatTY, Drug Education Network, Impact Communities, St Johns Ambulance Tasmania, The Moreton Group Tasmania.
2022	Award not presented
2021	National Disability Services, with Avidity Training and Development
2020	Award not presented
2019	St.Lukes Health, with TasTAFE and MEGT
2018	TasTAFE, with DXC Technology
2017	Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania, with Avidity Training and Development
2016	Award not presented
2015	Clennett's Mitre 10, with MEGT and White Lion
2014	Business Action Learning Tasmania, with Action Learning Institute, Automotive Components Limited, Bell Bay Aluminium, CPT Engineering, Department of State Growth (originally represented by the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts, and Skills Tasmania)
2013	Aged and Community Services Tasmania (AETS), with Alzheimer's Australia Tasmania, Ashley Institute of Training, Campbell Page Training, GlobalNet Academy, Learning Partners, Skills Institute, Skills Tasmania, Southern Cross Care, Tasmanian Polytechnic, Work & Training Ltd
2012	Skills Institute, with Air Conditioning and Mechanical Contractors Association
2011	NGT Tasmania, with Huon Aquaculture, Seafood Training Tasmania and Choose Employment

Large Employer of the Year Award

(Since 2022 this award has been called Large Employer of the Year)

2026	Contact Group
2025	TasNetworks
2024	Nexus Inc
2023	Stornoway Maintenance
2022	Incat Tasmania
2021	BioMar
2020	St.Lukes Health
2019	Fairbrother
2018	Vantage Group
2017	South32 TEMCO
2016	TasWater
2015	Vantage Group
2014	Vantage Group
2013	Caterpillar Underground Mining
2012	Southern Water
2011	MeadCon
2010	Anvers Confectionery
2009	Norske Skog
2008	Australian Bulk Minerals
2007	DJ Motors
2006	Connect Financial
2005	Caterpillar Elphinstone
2004	Norske Skog
2003	Collex
2002	Novaris
2001	Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority (PAHSMA)
2000	PAHSMA
1999	Auspine Tasmania
1998	Award not presented
1997	Wrest Point Casino
1996	BHP TEMCO

Small Employer of the Year Award

2026	Dentists of Tasmania
2025	The Dental Surgery, Newstead
2024	Howrah Plumbing
2023	Bridgewater Police and Community Youth Club
2022	The Dental Surgery, Newstead
2021	Trimboli's Restaurant
2020	Deloraine Amcal Pharmacy
2019	Crusader Homes
2018	CAJ Hair and Beauty
2017	Crusader Homes
2016	Audrey Hair
2015	Health Revival Longford
2014	Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary
2013	Roadways
2012	Comstar Systems
2011	Imola Salon Australia
2010	Convict Cutters
2009	Cyber Hair
2008	Newstead Hair
2007	Award not presented
2006	Real Estate Scholarship Board Incorporated
2005	Blade Runner City Hairdressing
2004	Ahead in Time Hair Studio
2003	Ahead in Time Hair Studio
2002	Roschele Hair and Beauty
2001	Award not presented
2000	Latitude 40 Degrees
1999	Anvers Confectionery
1998	Award not presented
1997	Award not presented
1996	Roschele Hair and Beauty

Large Training Provider of the Year Award

2026	Award not presented
2025	Award not presented
2024	Award not presented
2023	Learning Partners
2022	Avidity Training and Development
2021	Award not presented
2020	TasTAFE
2019	Tasmanian Secondary Colleges RTO
2018	Award not presented
2017	Tasmanian Secondary Colleges RTO
2016	Work & Training
2015	TasTAFE
2014	TasTAFE
2013	Australian Employment Services

Small Training Provider of the Year Award

2026	TasNetworks RTO
2025	Scala The Training Company
2024	Athena Training Academy
2023	Scala The Training Company
2022	Award not presented
2021	St Michaels Association
2020	Avidity Training and Development
2019	Award not presented
2018	Industrylink Training
2017	Avidity Training and Development
2016	Avidity Training and Development
2015	MEGT
2014	Seafood Training Tasmania
2013	Industrylink: Culinary School of Excellence

The Trevor Leo Medal

This medal is presented to an individual, or organisation, who has made an outstanding contribution to vocational education and training over a sustained period. The Medal is named in honour of Trevor Leo who made an enormous contribution to Tasmania's and Australia's education and training sector for over 50 years.

2026	Geoffrey Fader AM
2025	Damian Peirce
2024	Michael Frost
2023	Medal not presented
2022	Jacqui Maclaine
2021	John Gilpin
2020	Medal not presented
2019	Lyndene Bowen
2018	Medal not presented
2017	Stephen Noone
2016	David Hind Jon Grant
2015	Michelle Harwood
2014	Malcolm White Paul Roberts-Thompson
2013	Kip Muller
2012	Rachel Sullivan
2011	Laurie Miller
2010	Jo Crothers
2009	The Rotary Club of Deloraine WorldSkills Australia Tasmania Region Management Committee
2009	Trevor Leo

The Mike Frost Encouragement Award

The Mike Frost Encouragement Award honours the legacy of Mike Frost, a passionate advocate for vocational education and a tireless supporter of young Tasmanians finding their path through hands-on learning. Mike believed deeply in the power of VET to transform lives, especially for students still at school who are just beginning to discover their strengths and passions.

New in 2026, the award recognises a VET in Schools student who demonstrates outstanding commitment, growth, and potential in their chosen field —someone who embodies the spirit of opportunity and excellence that Mike championed throughout his life.

2026	Holly Gray – St Brendan-Shaw College
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DISCONTINUED or SUPERSEDED AWARDS

Training Provider of the Year Award

From 1996-2012 in Tasmania there was only one category for the Training Provider of the Year Award. In some years two awards were presented – one for a small training provider and one for a large training provider. In those cases both were nominated for the Australian Training Awards

2012	Skills Institute (L)
2012	Jenard Training and Personnel
2011	Work & Training Ltd
2010	Industrylink Training
2009	Australian Technical College Northern Tasmania (L)
2008	Industrylink Training
2007	TAFE Tasmania (L)
2007	Industrylink Training
2006	Drysdale Institute (L)
2005	TAFE Tasmania (L)
2005	Jenard Training & Personnel
2004	Jenard Training & Personnel
2003	TasTrain
2002	TAFE Tasmania (L)
2002	TasTrain
2001	Banjo's Administration
2000	TAFE Tasmania (L)
1999	Purity Roelf Vos Retail College
1998	Guilford Young College
1997	Blueline Laundry
1996	College of Aluminium Training

Medium Employer of the Year Award

The Medium Employer of the Year Award was introduced nationally in 2016. After 2017 Large and Medium Employer categories were discontinued in Tasmania and one category, Employer of the Year, was introduced. The winner of this award was then nominated for the Australian Training Awards Large Employer of the Year or Medium Employer of the Year, depending on the number of employees. The Australian Training Awards discontinued the Medium Employer of the Year after 2021 and changed the eligibility for Small Employer and Large Employer categories.

2017	JBS Devonport
2018	JBS Devonport

Equity Award for a Registered Training Organisation

This was a Tasmanian award only. The winner did not progress to the Australian Training Awards. The Award was discontinued.

2005	Devonfield Enterprises
2004	Workforce Aboriginal Corporation Equity Intowork
2003	Workforce Aboriginal Corporation
2002	Oak Enterprises
2001	Intowork Recruitment and Training

Equity Award for an Employer

This was a Tasmanian award only. The winner did not progress to the Australian Training Awards.

2019	St Vincent Industries
2018	Vincent Industries
2017	Award not presented
2016	Award not presented
2015	The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel
2014	Award not presented
2013	BlueLine Employment
2012	The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel
2011	Award not presented
2010	Award not presented
2009	Award not presented
2008	Devonfield Enterprises
2007	Tamar Valley Dairy
2007	Fuchsia Fantasy
2006	Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens
2006	The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel
2005	Tastex Knitwear
2004	Indian Affair
2003	Devonfield Enterprises
2002	Woodshine Crafts NGT Tasmania – The Nova Group

Training Award

Replaced by the Training Initiative Award in 2002.

2001	Auspine Tasmania
2000	Hotel Grand Chancellor-Drysdale Hotel School
1999	Incat Tasmania
1998	Aurora Energy Training
1997	North West Institute of TAFE
1996	Hellyer Training Services

Training Initiative Award

Replaced by the Industry Collaboration Award in 2011.

2010	Claremont College and the Housing Industry Association
2009	Federal Group
2008	Industrylink Training
2007	Federal Group Tasmania Mise En Place
2006	Master Plumbers' Association and Claremont College
2005	Rosny College
2004	The Work Lab
2003	Prisoner Education and Training
2002	Recognition Services-Department of Education

VET in Schools Excellence Award

This award was discontinued in 2010 at the Australian Training Awards and in all states and territories

2009	Port Dalrymple School Further Education Centre
2008	Award not presented
2007	Rosny College
2006	St Patrick's College
2005	Claremont College
2004	Port Dalrymple School
2003	North East Education and Training Inc
2002	Launceston College
2001	Rosny College
2000	Hobart College
1999	Dover District High School