



**TASMANIAN
TRAINING
AWARDS**

2026

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2026 Tasmanian Training Awards

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*There are no Australian Training Awards equivalents to the VET in Schools Student Award and the two Equity Awards. These are Tasmanian Awards only.

Individual Awards

2026 Apprentice of the Year – proudly sponsored by TasTAFE

Name	Qualification	Training Provider	Employer / Host Employer
Liam Alexander	Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology	TasTAFE	Bell Bay Aluminium
Daniel Gillie	Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician	TasTAFE	NECA Education and Careers Hosted by FIP Electrical
Callum Butler	Certificate III in Electrotechnology	TasTAFE	NECA Education and Careers Hosted by Contact Group
Shaun Glover	Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician	TasTAFE	Incat Tasmania
Baxter Lewis	Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician	TasTAFE	NECA Education and Careers Hosted by Frontline Electrical
Christopher McKnight	Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician	TasTAFE	NECA Education and Careers Hosted by RBD Electrical
Caitlin Smith	Certificate III in Hairdressing	TasTAFE	Talking Heads Hairdressing
Harrison Lodge	Certificate III in Roof Plumbing	TasTAFE	Work & Training Hosted by Marriott Roofing

2026 Trainee of the Year – proudly sponsored by Apprenticeship Support Australia

Name	Qualification	Training Provider	Employer / Host Employer
Rose Bean	Certificate III in Business	Work & Training	Department of Health and Human Services
Jed Byrom	Diploma of Leadership and Management	GlobalNet Academy	Nexus Inc
Chance Coghill	Certificate IV in Forest Management	Timber Training Creswick	Midway Tasmania
Layla Nichols	Certificate III in Business	TasTAFE	Federal Group
Michael Aherne	Certificate IV in Community Services	Avidity Training and Development	Tassie Care
Jon Williams	Certificate III in Information Technology	TasTAFE	Work & Training Hosted by TasTAFE
Emmanuella Holyhead	Certificate III in Business	Work & Training	Work & Training Hosted by Terroir
Charlotte Cutrale	Certificate III in Sport, Aquatics & Recreation	Sportsready Education	Work & Training Hosted by The Fahan School

2026 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year – proudly sponsored by Mas National

Name	Qualification	Training Provider	Employer / Host Employer
Jed Leggett	Certificate III in Engineering – Welding Fabrication	TasTAFE	Incat Tas Pty Ltd
Cody Summers	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	TasTAFE	Full-time Student
Isabelle Naylor	Certificate III in Business	NDA Training Tasmania	Wrap Craft

2026 Vocational Student of the Year – proudly sponsored by Rotary Club of Deloraine

Name	Qualification	Training Provider	Employer / Host Employer
Sam Rawson	Certificate III in Community Services	Asuria Training	Asuria Training
Bernard Kababi Mwangi	Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability)	Foresight Group	Nexus Inc
Cerys Phillips	Advanced Diploma in Travel and Tourism Management	TasTAFE	Full-time Student
Jessica Burr	Certificate IV in Leadership and Management	Avidity Training and Development	genU
Tina Howard	Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing)	Work & Training	Respect Aged Care Eliza Purton Home
Melissa Presti	Certificate III in Disability	Work & Training	Higher Life
Linesh Giri	Diploma of Nursing	TasTAFE	Full-time Student

2026 School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year – proudly sponsored by McConnell Dowell

Name	Qualification	Training Provider	School/College	Employer
Taylah Jackson	Certificate III in Individual Support (Aged)	Work & Training	Hellyer College	Synovum Care
Joshua Forman	Certificate III in Screen and Media	TasTAFE	Leighland Christian School	Work & Training Hosted by Leighland Christian School
Lachlan Clyne	Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician	TasTAFE	The Friends School	Dare Electrical and Communications

2026 VET Teacher / Trainer of the Year – proudly sponsored by NECA Education and Careers

Name	Employer
David Tottle	Department for Education, Children and Young People at Rosny College
Eric Campbell	Tasmanian Networks
Maryanne Napier	TasTAFE
Maree Gerke	Department for Education, Children and Young People at Newstead College
Kelly Down	TasTAFE
Jason Cleary	TasTAFE
Johann Cerecke	TasTAFE
Andrea Reece	Department for Education, Children and Young People at Hobart College

2026 VET in Schools Student of the Year – proudly sponsored by TasTAFE

Name	Qualification	School/College/Training Provider
Emma Woolley	Certificate II in Hospitality	Rosny College / DECYP RTO*
Erin Cocker	Certificate II in Community Services	Hobart College / DECYP RTO*
Simon MacFarlane	Certificate III in Live Production & Technical Services	Hobart College / DECYP RTO*
Ruby McPherson	Certificate III in Fitness	Hobart College / Australian Institute of Personal Trainers
Rupert Mullins	Certificate III in Screen and Media	Hobart College / DECYP RTO*
Holly Gray	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	St Brendan-Shaw College / Workforce Development RTO
Cameron Browning	Certificate I in Maritime Operations	Rosny College / University of Tasmania
Zahlee Marchant	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	Hobart College / DECYP RTO*

*DECYP – Department for Education, Children and Young People

2026 Equity Apprentice or Trainee of the Year – proudly sponsored by Mas National

Name	Qualification	Training Provider	Employer
Mani Rai	Certificate III in Community Services	Avidity Training and Development	Northern Suburbs Community Centre
Sam Cook	Certificate III in Individual Support	Avidity Training and Development	Nexus Inc
San Man Rai	Certificate III in Individual Support	Avidity Training and Development	St Giles
Brison Sipthorp	Certificate IV in Information Technology	TasTAFE	IT Zen

2026 Equity Vocational Student of the Year – proudly sponsored by Work & Training

Name	Qualification	Training Provider	Employer
Tina Wright	Certificate III in Individual Support	Asuria Training	Full-time Student
Rihanna Ruse	Certificate III in Individual Support	Work & Training	Full-time Student
Arabella Livingston	Certificate II in Community Services	DECYP RTO*	Full-time Student
Carmen Kitchenham	Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing)	Work & Training	Full-time Student
Ari Fenton	Certificate II in Community Services (Early Childhood Focus)	DECYP RTO*	Full-time Student
Amalia Glynatsis	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	DECYP RTO	Full-time Student
David Williams	Certificate III in Individual Support	Avidity Training and Development	Northwest Support Services
Carly Burrige	Certificate II in Skills for work & Vocational Pathways	DECYP RTO*	Full-time Student

*DECYP – Department for Education, Children and Young People

Business and Training Provider Awards

2026 Industry Collaboration Award – proudly sponsored by Keystone Tasmania

Lead Organisation

Name of Collaboration

Civil Contractors Federation of Tasmania

Civil Job Ready – Supercharged.

Parties in the collaboration:

Tas Prison Service; Link Resources; TasTAFE; AKG, BEST

Tasmania Football Club

The Tasmania Academy of Leadership and Sport (TALS)

Parties in the collaboration:

TasTAFE; Tasmanian Netball Association; Tasmanian Cricket Association; Tasmania Basketball

Tasmanian Transport Association

Drive Train

Parties in the collaboration:

Work & Training; NDA Training Tasmania; De Bruyn's Transport; SRT Logistics

Dorset Employment Connect

Growing Futures in Hospitality

Parties in the collaboration:

TasTAFE; Department for Education, Children and Young People; Barnbougles Tasmania; Hospitality Tasmania; The Hospitality People – Training and Consulting; Plus local hospitality businesses

2026 Small Training Provider of the Year – proudly sponsored by BUSY At Work

Avidity Training and Development

TasNetworks

2026 Small Employer of the Year – proudly sponsored by the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI)

Dentists of Tasmania

Temtrol Technologies

2026 Large Employer of the Year – proudly sponsored by the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI)

Contact Group

Bluestone Mines Tasmania

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