Finalists announced for 60th annual NT Training Awards

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Thirty-six of the Northern Territory’s top apprentices, trainees, vocational students, trainers, employers and registered training organisations have been named as finalists in the 60th annual NT Training Awards.

“The Country Liberals Government is committed to training and upskilling Territorians to equip them to make the most of future job opportunities,” Minister for Employment and Training Peter Styles said.

“The vocational education and training (VET) sector plays an integral role in the economic growth of the Territory, skilling and training our current and future workforce.

“This year a record 89 nominations were received across the 11 categories. It is great to see the finalists include mature-age trainees and apprentices from regional and urban areas across the Territory, and from a myriad of industries including electro-technology, digital media, conservation and land management, business, baking, fitness, community services and agriculture.”

The individual finalists took part in the Ambassador Preparation Program last weekend (30-31 May 2015). The program aims to prepare the finalists for their judging interview and to equip them with the skills to become leaders in their chosen industry.

Dawn Ivinson from Darwin has been nominated in the Vocational Student of the Year category for her Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, and participated in professional development sessions and valuable networking opportunities over the weekend.

“Being short-listed as a finalist gives me great pride in myself, as it recognises the hard work and achievements that I have accomplished,” Dawn said.

“The training journey can be very demanding, and stressful, but to have an awards process such as this, that recognises those achievements, is a truly uplifting feeling.”

Minister Styles said the winners will be announced at the 60th Anniversary of the Northern Territory Training Awards gala ball on 29 August 2015 at the Darwin Convention Centre.
“Traditionally most Territory winners will go on to represent the NT at the 2015 Australian Training Awards in Hobart in November,” Mr Styles said.

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For more information and details of the finalists, visit www.trainingawards.nt.gov.au and join the NT Training Awards on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NTTrainingAwards

**FINALIST LIST:**

**Individual category finalists**

**Austin Asche Apprentice of the year - Sponsored by Gil Court Memorial Fund**

Taylor Fishlock - Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician

Liam O’Reilly - Certificate III in Engineering-Mechanical Trade

Deborah Trebilcock - Certificate III in Retail Baking

**Trainee of the year - Sponsored by Apprentice Employment Network**

Michael Perez - Certificate II in Telecommunications

Drew Rankins - Certificate IV in Civil Construction Supervision

Chelsea Dodds - Certificate III in Business

**Vocational Student of the year - Sponsored by ConocoPhilips**

Anke Pfannkuchen - Certificate III and IV in Fitness

Dawn Ivinson - Certificate IV in Training and Assessment

Melissa Bridge - Certificate III and IV in Fitness

Karen Rose - Diploma of Logistics

**Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Student of the year - Sponsored by East Arnhem Regional Council**
Zachery Cork - Certificate III in Business Administration
Raelene Gaykamangu - Certificate III in Financial Services
Philadelphia Hughes - Certificate IV in Frontline Management
Josephine Grant - Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management

**VET in Schools Student of the year - Sponsored by VETnetwork Australia**

Joshua King - Certificate I in Engineering
Chad Robinson - Certificate II in Business
Caitlin Riedel - Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology
Georgia Lowery - Certificate III in Agriculture

**School-Based Apprentice or Trainee of the year - Sponsored by GTNT**

Sinead Spicer-Heaslip - Certificate III in Community Services Work
Koulla Tomazos - Certificate III in Business Administration
Hayley Statham - Certificate III in Business
Raymond Fordimail - Certificate III in Business

**VET Teacher/Trainer of the year**

Matthew Deveraux - Taminmin College
Marlene Organ - Nhulunbuy High School
Margaret Keighley - Charles Darwin University
Debra Say - Traditional Credit Union

**Organisation category finalists**

**Employer of the year - Sponsored by Southern Cross Television**

Traditional Credit Union
Carpentaria Disability Services
The Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation

Small Employer of the year - Sponsored by NT News
HiQA Geotechnical

Training Provider of the year - Sponsored by NEC
Alana Kaye Training Specialists
Matrix on Board Training
Charles Darwin University

Industry Collaboration of the year - Sponsored by The Ichthys Project
IE Project in collaboration with Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Education
Department of Correctional Services in collaboration with Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Education
Department of Correctional Services in collaboration with Centre for Appropriate Technology

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