## Media Release

**The Hon Gayle Tierney MLC** Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council Minister for Training and Skills Minister for Higher Education



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## NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR VICTORIAN TRAINING AWARDS

Outstanding individuals and organisations in the TAFE and training sector can now be nominated for the Victorian Training Awards 2022.

The prestigious event is now in its 68th year and recognises the achievements of apprentices, students, teachers, employers and training providers.

There are six award categories for individuals, three for employers and four for training organisations as well as the Lynne Kosky Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement, the Industry Collaboration Award and People's Choice awards.

Winners will receive \$5000 prize money and winners in some categories will have the opportunity to represent Victoria at the Australian Training Awards in Adelaide in November.

Applications close at midnight on Friday, 27 May 2022 and winners will be announced at a gala ceremony in Melbourne in September.

The event is supported by principal partner Apprenticeship Employment Network (AEN) and the Global Apprenticeship Network (GAN Australia).

Last year's winners included Diploma of Nursing student Samantha Brown who worked as a conveyancer before realising she wanted to pursue nursing at Federation University TAFE.

William Angliss Institute was named Large Training Provider of the Year for its innovative training in the specialty areas of foods, tourism, hospitality and events education.

To nominate for the Victorian Training Awards 2022 visit <u>www.education.vic.gov.au/vta</u>.

## Quotes attributable to Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney

"This is a great chance to shine a spotlight on the brightest stars in our TAFE and training sector, showcasing their outstanding work and contribution to the community, both in Victoria and on a national stage."

"I'm looking forward to seeing who is named among the finalists and winners and celebrating our world-class TAFE and training system at the gala ceremony later this year."