

Media Release



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2017 VICTORIAN TRAINING AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Victoria's best apprentice, teacher and training provider have been celebrated at tonight's 63rd Victorian Training Awards, which recognise the high quality training being delivered across the state.

Maria Peters, the Chief Executive Officer of Chisholm Institute, received the Lynne Kosky Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement for her outstanding leadership and her invaluable contribution to TAFE in Victoria.

Other winners include GOTAFE's Jeremy Connell who was named Apprentice of Year and Longerenong College's Dustin Cross, who was named Trainee of Year.

Susan Morris from Box Hill Institute was awarded Victorian Trainer of the Year and Bethany Simpson, who studied at Mildura Senior College, won the Victorian School-based Apprentice of the Year Award.

Ambulance Victoria was named Victoria's Large Employer of the Year while Geelong's The Gordon Institute of TAFE took out the Large Training Provider of the Year award.

This year's winners will each receive \$5,000 prize money and will represent Victoria at the 2017 Australian Training Awards in Canberra.

With Skills First, the Andrews Labor Government is ensuring Victoria's training and TAFE system delivers qualifications that lead to real jobs.

Quotes attributable to Minister of Training and Skills Gayle Tierney

"The Victorian Training Awards recognise and honour the outstanding achievements of apprentices, trainees and students and the teachers and businesses who work tirelessly to train them."

"The awards are continuing to put Victoria's top achievers in the spotlight and show we are leading the way in delivering high quality training."

2017 Victorian Training Award Winners

Lynne Kosky Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement

Maria Peters, CEO, Chisholm Institute

Victorian Apprentice of the Year Award

Jeremy Connell

GOTAFE

Victorian Koorie Student of the Year Award (Vocational Student)

Tracy Mollison

SuniTAFE

Victorian School-based Apprentice of the Year Award

Bethany Simpson

Mildura Senior College

Victorian Teacher/Trainer of the Year

Susan Morris

Box Hill Institute

Victorian Trainee of the Year Award

Dustin Cross

Longerenong Agriculture College

Victorian Vocational Student of the Year

Louise Nicholas

The Gordon

Victorian Community Training Provider of the Year Award

Wingate Avenue Community Centre

Victorian Employer Award for Apprenticeship Development

A.F Gaston Pty Ltd

Victorian Industry Collaboration Award

Futuretech (Holmesglen Institute of TAFE and Electrical Trades Union Victoria Collaboration)

Victorian Large Employer of the Year Award

Ambulance Victoria

Victorian Small Employer of the Year Award

Mansfield Armchair Cinema

Victorian Large Training Provider of the Year Award

The Gordon

Victorian Small Training Provider of the Year Award

Alzheimer's Australia Vic