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2014 NSW TRAINING AWARDS

Parliamentary Secretary for Tertiary Education and Skills Mark Speakman today officially launched the 2014 NSW Training Awards at the Apprentice Restaurant, TAFE NSW Sydney Institute.

“The NSW Training Awards are the most prestigious vocational training event in NSW, showcasing and recognising excellence in vocational training,” Mr Speakman said.

“The Awards highlight the many opportunities that exist in NSW for people to gain valuable skills – skills that underpin the NSW economy and the foundations on which to build a rewarding and prosperous life.

“The Awards are an established NSW tradition recognising the achievements of apprentices, trainees, vocational students, schools, training providers and employers across our State.”

NSW Award finalists are chosen from regional competitions held in Sydney, Western Sydney, South Western Sydney, Southern Sydney, the Central Coast, Riverina, New England, North Coast, Western NSW, Illawarra and the Hunter.

State winners and finalists represent NSW at the Australian Training Awards, this year to be held in November in Adelaide.

“NSW has a proud record of excelling at the Australian Training Awards. In 2013, finalists from NSW won six categories including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander of the Year, Australian Apprentice (Trainee) of the Year and Large Training Provider of the Year,” Mr Speakman said.

“Mr Bert Evans AO, Patron of the NSW Training Awards and NSW Apprenticeships Ambassador, was also presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award recognising his outstanding contribution over many years to shaping one of the best vocational education systems in the world.”

Applications for the 2014 NSW Training Awards close on 4 April 2014.

“The high achievements in learning that we recognise through the NSW Training Awards will continue long into the future,” Mr Speakman said.
“Recognition and promotion of our high achievers inspires others to participate, contribute and excel in our marvellous vocational system.

“I encourage all eligible NSW individuals, employers and training organisations to submit entries to the 2014 NSW Training Awards.”

For information on the awards including eligibility criteria visit www.trainingawards.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 306 999.

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