The Hon Peter Hall MLC
Minister for Higher Education and Skills
Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession

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Victorian Training Awards finalists announced

More than 40 finalists have been selected for the 58th Victorian Training Awards, held to promote and reward outstanding achievement and innovation in vocational education and training.

Minister for Higher Education and Skills Peter Hall said awards and a share of more than $120,000 in prize money would be presented to Victoria's top apprentices, trainees, teachers, employers and training providers at the Victorian Training Awards on August 24.

“The Victorian Training Awards celebrate the best and brightest in our training system, from our enterprising and innovative staff, our hardworking apprentices and trainees to our numerous high quality training providers,” Mr Hall said.

“Victorian Training Award winners not only gain recognition for their outstanding achievements, they get the opportunity to increase their profile and gain valuable networking opportunities with senior industry and business leaders.

“Winners of individual awards each receive a $10,000 fellowship and the opportunity to represent Victoria at the 2012 Australian Training Awards in Melbourne in November.

“Last year Victoria scooped three awards at the Australian Training Awards in Brisbane and on seeing this year’s Victorian Training Award finalists I am confident that our world class TAFE and private training providers will deliver the goods again.

“Winners of the Victorian Small Employer of the Year, Victorian Industry Collaboration Award, Victorian VET Client Service Excellence Award, VET in Schools Excellence Award and Victorian Employer Award for Apprentice Development also receive prize money of $10,000 each for investment in their training programs.”

Mr Hall said a strong and sustainable Vocational Education and Training (VET) system was vital for Victoria’s future.

“The Victorian Coalition Government announced an extra $1 billion over the next four years for the training system and is providing a record investment of $1.2 million next year,” Mr Hall said.

“Much of this money will go to better support courses that provide higher level training such as apprenticeships, particularly in areas of skills shortages or areas that make an important contribution to the Victorian economy and Victorians chances of gaining meaningful employment.”

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Victorian Training Awards 2012 finalists

Victorian Apprentice of the Year Awards Finalists

John Leontiades
South West Institute of TAFE

Sevag Parseghian
Kangan Institute – Automotive Centre of Excellence

Michael Bruns
Box Hill Institute of TAFE

Victoria Caskie
Chisholm Institute of TAFE

Victorian Koorie Student of the Year Awards Finalists

Stacey Steve
Practical Outcomes

Darlene Sanders
Sunraysia Institute of TAFE

Tiffany Hunter
Swinburne University of Technology (TAFE Division)

Melissa Dalton
Bendigo TAFE

School Based-Apprentice of the Year Awards Finalists

Ellen Cameron-Irving
Try Youth and Community Services INC

Samantha Noble
University of Ballarat

Regan Sheehan
Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE

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Jessica Perkins
The Gordon

Victorian Trainee of the Year Awards Finalists

Saadat Iqbal
Central Gippsland Institute of TAFE (GippsTAFE)

Bethany Griffiths
The Gordon

Stephen Kong
Crown Melbourne Limited

Stephanie Greene
Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE

Victorian Vocational Student of the Year Awards Finalists

Bret Ryan
South West Institute of TAFE

Andrew Hinton
Victoria University

Ross Uebergang
Swinburne University of Technology

Susan Holmes
GOTAFE

Victorian Teacher/Trainer of the Year Awards Finalists

Donna Ellis
South West Institute of TAFE

Brian Martin
Kangan Institute
Conor Mullan
Chisholm Institute

Victorian VET Client Services Support Excellence Awards Finalists

Brad Beach
Central Gippsland Institute of TAFE (GippsTAFE)

Christine Hayes
Swinburne University of Technology

Carolyn Curnow
GOTAFE

Victorian Employer of the Year Awards Finalists

Southern Rural Water
PACCAR Australia
Crown Melbourne Limited

Victorian Small Employer of the Year Awards Finalists

Power's Country Express
ADM Instrument Engineering

Victorian Employer Award for Apprentice Development Finalists

Implementation of a life-long learning model
WORKCO Limited
Apprenticeship in Commercial Cookery
Crown Melbourne Limited
Victorian Large Training Provider of the Year Awards Finalists
Sunraysia Institute of TAFE
Box Hill Institute of TAFE
Kangan Institute of TAFE

Victorian Small Training Provider of the Year Awards Finalists
Central Highlands Group Training Inc T/A BGT
FGM Consultants Pty Ltd

Victorian Industry Collaboration Awards Finalists
Kangan Institute and the Council of Textile and Fashion Industries (TFIA)
Swinburne University of Technology and Nursery Garden Industry Victoria (NGIV)
Northern Futures and The Gordon

Victorian VET in Schools Excellence Awards Finalists
Bendigo Senior Secondary College
College of Sound and Music Production (Tech Production Network)
Hallam Senior College

For details of award finalists please contact 9637 2833.