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WA finalists in Australian Training Awards

A talented team of finalists from across Western Australia will represent the State in this year's Australian Training Awards (ATA).

Three organisational and six individual finalists were among the winners from the WA Training Awards, announced in September, while WA will also be represented in the ATA's Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award.

Congratulating each finalist on their achievement, Department of Training and Workforce Development Director General Ruth Shean said they reflected the quality of the State's training sector.

"Being named as a finalist in one of the most prestigious vocational education and training awards in Australia is a great achievement," Dr Shean said.

"It is testimony to their dedication to training and a credit to the people and organisations that have helped them get there.

"I wish our finalists all the very best as they compete against the nation's finest."

Individual finalists include Henry Kemp of Nedlands (School-Based Apprentice of the Year Award); Natasha Farr of Geraldton (Vocational Student of the Year Award); Ryan D'Souza of Thornlie (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award) Joshua Antunovich of Piara Waters (Australian Apprentice (Trainee) of the Year Award); Emma Stevenson of Palmyra (Australia Apprentice of the Year Award); Jacky Cheng of Broome (VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award); and Jo Hart of Morangup (Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award).

Organisational finalists include Barber Drilling Pty Ltd (Small Employer of the Year Award); Taylorweir International School of Hairdressing (Small Training Provider of the Year Award); and Kimberley Training Institute (Large Training Provider of the Year Award).

Winners will be announced at a presentation dinner to be held in Perth on November 22.

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