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QUEENSLAND Training Awards

STATE NEWSLETTER

Thank you for your nominations

The nominations are in, and what an incredible response!

We've received 750 inspiring submissions from across Queensland, each one showing passion, dedication, and the impact of vocational education and training.

Judging is now underway

A team of **54 expert judges**, including past winners, are reviewing nominations across 14 award categories, 7 regions, and 27 judging panels, including our state panel.

These nominations are a testament to the resilience, innovation, and excellence shaping Queensland's training sector.

Finalists will be contacted soon – so stay close to your phone and keep an eye on your inbox.

Thank you for sharing your journey. We're inspired by you and wish you the very best – we can't wait to celebrate you!

Congratulations to the Queensland Overseas Foundation Awards recipients!

We're happy to celebrate three of our 2024 regional winners who were recently honoured at the Queensland Overseas Foundation Awards Ceremony earlier this month at Queensland Parliament House. Queensland Overseas Foundation scholarship and bursary recipients are supported to undertake professional development and work experience opportunities abroad, gaining valuable skills and knowledge to bring home to Queensland.



**2025 Scholarship Awardee -
Caitlin Baxter**

Mentor - Encores Restaurant at
the Empire

**2024 Harry Hauenschild
Apprentice of the Year -**
Darling Downs South West
Regional Winner and State
Finalist



**2025 Bursary Awardee
- Tanu Jayaswal**

VET Coordinator - Australian
International Islamic College

**2024 VET Teacher/Trainer of
the Year - Metropolitan**
Regional Winner and State
Finalist



**2025 QTA Bursary Winner -
Rebecca Hoffensetz**

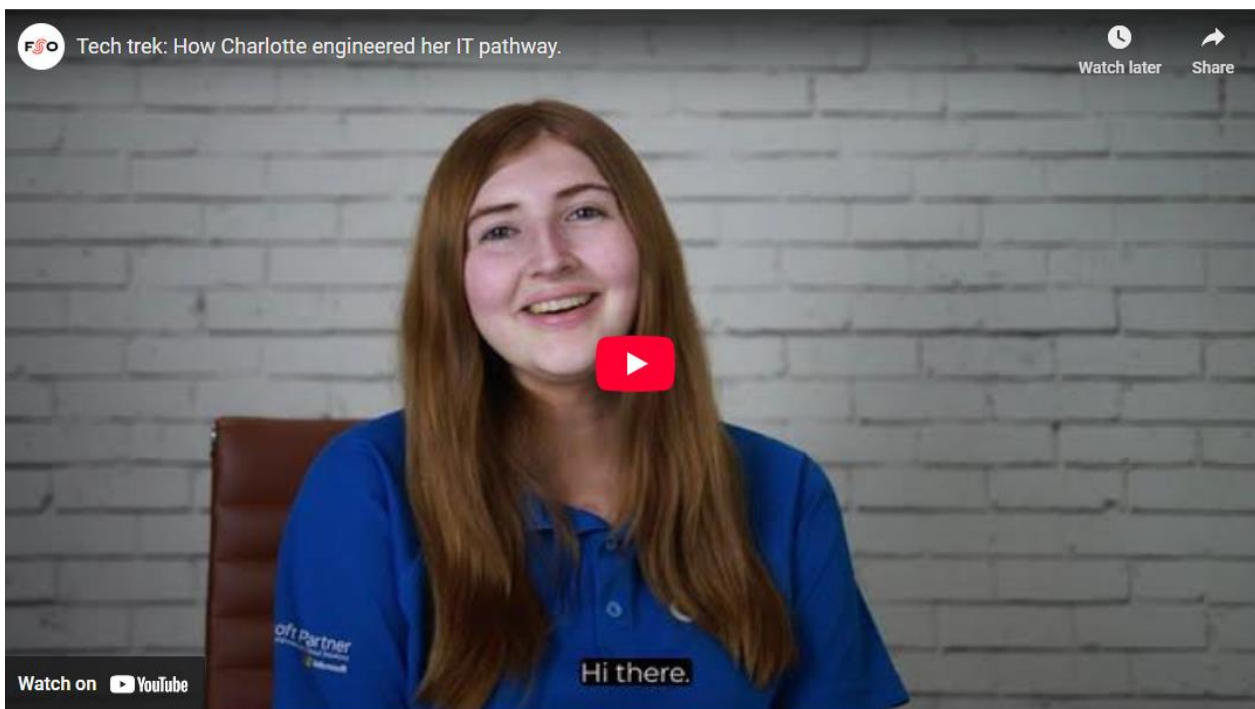
Hospitality Trainer, Learning
and Development Coordinator -
The Ville Resort – Casino

**2024 VET Teacher/Trainer of
the Year State Winner - North**
Queensland Regional Winner

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In the spotlight: Charlotte Ross

Watch below how our 2023 Queensland Trainee of the Year, Charlotte Ross is changing the game in tech and training.

[Read more](#)

Save the date for our regional awards

Make sure the following upcoming regional and state award ceremonies are marked in your diary.

Date	Activity
Friday 11 July 2025	South East regional final
Friday 25 July 2025	Metropolitan regional final
Friday 25 July 2025	Tropical North Queensland regional final
Friday 25 July 2025	North Coast regional final
Saturday 26 July 2025	North Queensland regional final
Saturday 26 July 2025	Central Queensland regional final
Friday 1 August 2025	Darling Downs South West regional final
Saturday 13 September 2025	State Gala – winners announced (Brisbane)

Watch Australia's top skills talent in action!

The [WorldSkills Australia 2025 National Championship and Skills Show](#) is Australia's premier skills competition, bringing together 600+ of the nation's top apprentices and trainees to showcase their excellence across 60+ skills and trades. This is the biggest competition of its kind in Australia!



Held alongside the Brisbane Careers and Jobs Expo, this dynamic event offers a hands-on experience through Try-a-Skill, where you can explore interactive skill displays and uncover exciting career pathways via apprenticeships and traineeships.

Open to schools, educators and the public, these live competitions provide the perfect platform to discover the lifelong career possibilities of apprenticeships and traineeships.

Get inspired and don't miss your chance to witness the future of skilled trades in action!

Can't make the show in person? Stream all the action live on [WSA TV](#)

[Learn more](#)

Become a Sponsor

Thank you to all of our current sponsors! There's still time to show your support for excellence in vocational education and training by becoming a sponsor of the 2025 Queensland Training Awards.

Sponsorship offers valuable exposure at both the state and regional levels while celebrating Queensland's top training talent.

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Get the bigger picture

Thanks for following QTA News and helping us find and celebrate this year's nominees, finalists and winners.

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The Queensland Government respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands and seas from across Queensland.

We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the state.



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