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QUEENSLAND Training Awards

STATE NEWSLETTER

Meet our 2025 QTA Regional Finalists

We're thrilled to announce that **227 exceptional finalists** have been selected across our seven regions for the [2025 Queensland Training Awards](#).

A huge thank you to everyone who submitted or supported a nomination — your stories have inspired us all.

We're also incredibly grateful to our **59 dedicated judges**, including past winners, industry experts, training stakeholders and departmental representatives, who reviewed and assessed almost **750 nominations** across **14 categories** and **27 panels**.

Each finalist showcased the power of vocational education and training, whether they're apprentices, trainees, passionate teachers, community champions or industry leaders.

We can't wait to celebrate with you at the regional finals!

But, don't just take our word for it — hear what our judges had to say.

"I have had the absolute privilege of serving as a judge for the Queensland Training Awards for the past five years, and it remains one of the most rewarding roles I've ever been part of. From reading the nominations to meeting the finalists, every step in the process is filled with stories of dedication, resilience and transformation.

These awards don't just recognise achievement; they showcase the power of education and how government-supported training opportunities are genuinely changing lives and uplifting communities across Queensland."

Kate Winksworth, Better Together

"I'm proud to be part of something that shines a light on the incredible impact of education and training across Queensland. I hope I get to keep doing this for many more years because being a part of these awards is one of the best things I have ever been involved in and continues to excite me every time I am selected as a judge. I am proud to be involved in something so special that changes people's lives."

Tony Karamatic, Albem

Reminder: Save the date for Regional and State finals

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

Date	Activity
Friday 11 July 2025 at The Glass House	<u>South East regional final</u>
Friday 25 July 2025 at Brisbane City Hall	<u>Metropolitan regional final</u>
Friday 25 July 2025 at Cairns Convention Centre	<u>Tropical North Queensland regional final</u>
Friday 25 July 2025 at Maroochy RSL	<u>North Coast regional final</u>
Saturday 26 July 2025 at The Pavilion at The Ville	<u>North Queensland regional final</u>
Saturday 26 July 2025 at Rockhampton Leagues Club	<u>Central Queensland regional final</u>
Friday 1 August 2025 at Oaks Toowoomba	<u>Darling Downs South West regional final</u>
Saturday 13 September 2025 in Brisbane	State Gala – winners announced.

Note: direct-entry State Finalists will be announced close to the State Gala.

Let's go Queenslanders ... WorldSkills 2025 kicks off next month!

State against state, mate against mate, skill against skill. The battle is on – and Queensland is ready to dominate!

From 12–14 June, the [WorldSkills Australia 2025 National Championships and Skills Show](#) is taking over the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre – and our 121-strong team is fired up to take on the best from across the nation.

Just like Origin, this is where the pressure's on, the stakes are high, and only the best will rise to the top. From bricklaying to beauty therapy, cyber security to cooking, our Queensland champs will go for gold and a spot on the national team – the Skillaroos.

Entry is FREE and there's something for everyone – whether you're a future apprentice, a tradie-in-training, a proud parent, a career influencer or a skills super fan.



Come and cheer on our 121-strong Queensland team as they compete across 60+ skill categories – and experience the action, energy and talent that make this event a true showcase of excellence.

Can't make it in person? No worries – catch it all on [Channel WSA](#), streaming live from the arena.

Make sure you don't miss this spectacular showcase of skills, proudly supported by the Queensland Government and TAFE Queensland.

[Take me to WorldSkills 2025](#)

Partner with us and celebrate Queensland's training excellence

There is still time to get involved! By sponsoring the Queensland Training Awards, your organisation can:

- champion excellence in vocational education and training
- celebrate Queensland's most inspiring individuals and organisations
- gain valuable brand exposure at regional and state levels, and
- align with events that honour innovation, inclusion and achievement.

From apprenticeships to large employers, the awards program shines a spotlight on stories that are transforming lives and shaping industries across the state. Don't miss your chance to be part of this celebration of success.

Download the [Sponsorship Prospectus here](#) or email gldtrainingawards@desbt.qld.gov.au

Stay connected to Queensland's training success stories

Thanks for being part of the journey as we shine a light on the inspiring people and organisations behind this year's Queensland Training Awards.

Want to keep up with what's next in training, skills and workforce development?

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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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