



2017  
**VICTORIAN  
TRAINING AWARDS**



Education  
and Training

## *Real Training for Real Jobs*

### **FUTURETECH**

**FINALIST - 2017 INDUSTRY COLLABORATION  
AWARD**

Futuretech is creating sparks in innovation and training

Futuretech was created in response to the Industry Skills Council's recommendation for a pioneering training centre to pilot innovative programs to drive the training of tomorrow's skilled electrical and electro technology workers.

Hearing the call, the Electrical Trade Union (ETU) Victoria and Holmesglen Institute of TAFE partnered to develop an agile education and training provider with the ability to develop and adapt learning programs according to industry needs.

In 2016 Futuretech – a \$3.4 million state-of-the-art integrated training facility for the electrical and electro technology – opened its doors at the ETU's head office in North Melbourne.

Futuretech offers 19 accredited and professional development courses in electro technology, telecommunications, cabling, OH&S and testing.

In one Futuretech program the ETU identified that the industry would benefit from a program with a mental health focus. Collaborating with Holmesglen's Health Sciences faculty, a customised one day Mental Health in the Construction and Electrical Workplace program was developed.

In 2016, Futuretech enrolled 25 pre-apprentices and 29 apprentices and by May 2017, 30 pre-apprentices and 51 apprentices had enrolled. The Centre is on track to reach more than 70 apprentice enrolments by the end of 2017.



The ETU and Holmesglen have worked with a number of industry partners sparking new ideas in raining in planning future courses.

Futuretech also sees its role as a key player in industry adopting renewable and sustainable energy by ensuring graduates are highly trained and work ready for Victoria's rapidly changing landscape and future innovation economy.

***“The Futuretech education and training facility will help develop and upskill electrical professionals, to meet the current and future demands of the industry. The Awards are a recognition that we are ensuring all electrical workers receive the quality training that the industry is looking for.” Mary Faraone, Chief Executive, Holmesglen Institute***

#### **Industry Collaboration Award**

The Industry Collaboration Award recognises an exemplary skills development collaboration between at least one employer or industry body and at least one organisation delivering nationally recognised training.

*Recognise and honour outstanding achievements in training*



## ABOUT THE VICTORIAN TRAINING AWARDS

Each year, the prestigious Victorian Training Awards recognise and honour the outstanding achievements of vocational education and training students, teachers, training providers and employers.

The Awards celebrate excellence in the training and TAFE system, highlight student achievements and the businesses' who train them. Showcases innovation and collaboration between industry and training providers - continuing to put Victoria's top achievers in the spotlight.

Through *Skills First*, the Victorian Government is delivering a trusted training and TAFE system that delivers real training for real jobs. The Awards bring confidence and pride to vocational education and training.

## AWARD CATEGORIES

### Individual Categories

- Vocational Student of the Year
- Apprentice of the Year
- Trainee of the Year
- Koorie Student of the Year
- School-based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year
- Teacher/Trainer of the Year

### Training Provider Categories

- Small Training Provider of the Year
- Large Training Provider of the Year
- Community Training Provider of the Year

### Employer Categories

- Small Employer of the Year
- Medium Employer of the Year
- Large Employer of the Year
- Employer Award for Apprenticeship Development

### Industry Collaboration Award

### Lynne Kosky Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement

## Australian Training Awards

There are five Australian Training Awards categories open for direct entry:

- National Achievement Award
- Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award
- International Training Provider of the Year Award
- School Pathways to VET Award
- Australian Apprenticeships - Employer Award

## WHY APPLY?

The Awards set the standards for vocational education and training in Victoria; promoting high quality training and workplace skill development.

Being a finalist puts organisations at the forefront, building brand recognition and a strong industry reputation. In turn attracting a better standard of employees.

Students have the opportunity to showcase skills and their journey within the training and TAFE system. Plus students have the chance to network with industry experts and employers from across the state to help build their careers.

Award winners receive \$5,000 prize money.

Winners go on to be ambassadors for the Victorian Training Awards and have the opportunity to represent Victoria nationally at the Australian Training Awards (in aligned categories).

For more information visit Victorian Training Awards [www.education.vic.gov.au/vta](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/vta)

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