



2017
**VICTORIAN
TRAINING AWARDS**



Real Training for Real Jobs

MANSFIELD ARMCHAIR CINEMA

FINALIST - 2017 SMALL EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

Cinema screening success for local training

Settle down with your popcorn for a movie at Mansfield Armchair Cinema (MAC) and more than likely you will be in the capable hands of Mansfield Secondary College students.

The not-for-profit community-based cinema is providing local students with the opportunity to gain skills and experience in cinema through school-based apprenticeships. The students are trained to operate the technical side of the cinema, as well as training in hospitality and the business management skills.

The story began in 2006 when Mansfield's Star Cinema closed. Worried at losing such an important community asset, local couple James and Catriona Wilson established a not-for-profit community cinema that would employ and train local students. Collaborating with Mansfield Secondary College and Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE, as well as other community stakeholders, the MAC opened in May 2009.

In another unique twist, MAC started offering selected Mansfield Secondary College students a traineeship program combining Certificate III in Media Studies and on-the-job training at MAC, in partnership with the school and TAFE.



Six students are selected to undertake the school-based apprenticeship every two years, and at the end of their apprenticeship, they receive a Certificate III in Media through Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE and an additional 10% to their total VCE Score, offering the students a great head start in life.

Cut to Mansfield Secondary College principal Bruce McInnes who says: "The MAC also provides our students with a unique awareness of the demands and expectations of a workplace that could never be replicated within the confines of a classroom."

"The Victorian Training Awards is important for small business like ours as it recognises the efforts that we have put in to our unique business model. Employing school based apprentices has been a cornerstone of our success so just being nominated has a massive impact on our employee engagement."

Small Employer of the Year

The Small / Medium Employer of the Year Award recognises a small / medium enterprise which has achieved excellence in the provision of 'nationally recognised training' to its employees.

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 educational 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

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