



2017  
**VICTORIAN  
TRAINING AWARDS**



## *Real Training for Real Jobs*

### **WINGATE AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**FINALIST - 2017 COMMUNITY TRAINING  
PROVIDER OF THE YEAR**

Wingate Avenue Community Centre  
creating opportunities in the heart of  
public housing

Residents in Melbourne's inner north are benefiting from the transformative power of education and training programs, thanks to Wingate Avenue Community Centre – a Learn Local and Registered Training Organisation (RTO) located in the heart of an Ascot Vale public housing estate.

Wingate plays a vital role in providing education and community development programs for disadvantaged people on the estate.

Wingate offers three literacy English programs including Skills for Education and Employment, Foundation English delivering Certificates in Spoken and Written English and the Adult Migrant English Program. Students' progress from pre-literate and low-level preliminary English through to Certificate III level English. Once students reach a higher-level English they are offered work experience with local businesses.

While studying English, participants are supported in pre-accredited programs developing their digital technology and literacy skills.

Wingate also developed and offers a new Financial Literacy training resource, which has been shared by many other training organisations nationwide. The package covers banking, budgeting, loan management, financial options and contracts and won an outstanding achievement award in resource and communication with Financial Literacy Australia.



Wingate also offers its students pathways into Certificate II in Kitchen Operation, and employment options with the support of the Victorian Governments Jobs Victoria (JVEN), a major program to help Victorian jobseekers gain employment.

The JVEN program - a partnership with Kensington Neighbourhood House and the Moonee Valley Local Learning and Employment Network, has been developing work experience and employment partnerships with the Marriot Hotel, Hyatt Place, Australian Retail Association, Bunnings and Moonee Valley City Council.

***“Wingate is a quality training provider that delivers education programs, work experience and pathways to ongoing Employment. We are pleased to be a finalist and are excited to be recognised through these Awards.”***

**Jan Thorpe, General Manager, Wingate Avenue Community Centre**

#### **Community Training Provider of the Year**

The Community Training Provider of the Year Award recognises innovation and excellence by a Learn Local organisation involved in improving education of the local community or workplace.

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## 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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