Department of Education and Training

Higher Education and Skills Group

Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement — Branch Memo

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**SUBJECT: Nominations now open for the 2021 Victorian Training Awards**

## Actions / Critical Dates:

* Consider nominating for a 2021 Victorian Training Award, in particular the Community Training Provider of the Year Award, by Friday 4 June 2021. Nomination details on the [VTA Website](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/awards/vta/Pages/default.aspx).

The outstanding efforts of apprentices, students, teachers, employers and training providers can now be acknowledged by nominating them for a 2021 Victorian Training Award.

Now in their 67th year, the prestigious Victorian Training Awards foster connections and collaboration, bringing together apprentices, trainees, students, teachers, training providers, employers and industry representatives, sharing in a high-quality training system that meets the needs of all Victorians.

There are 15 general award categories, including the Community Training Provider of the Year Award which recognises innovation and excellence by an organisation involved in improving skills in the local community or workplace. Nominations can be made by relevant individuals or organisations (e.g. colleagues, professional bodies, students, employers, industry or community representatives), or through self-nomination.

Each winner will receive $5,000 in prize money, with winners announced at a gala ceremony due to be held in Melbourne in September 2021.

One of the highlights of the 2020 Awards was the Community Training Provider of the Year Award, which was supported by the ACFE Board. The winner of this award was The Centre for Continuing Education Inc.  You can view that video featuring winners and finalists [here.](https://www.facebook.com/107456140842876/videos/280491269921002)

For more information and to find out how you can nominate for the 2021 Victorian Training Awards, please visit the [VTA Website](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/awards/vta/Pages/default.aspx).