DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

“It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 21st TAFE NSW – South Western Sydney Institute (TAFE SWSi) Student Achievement Awards.”
The Student Achievement Awards are the Institute's premier event of the year, celebrating our students' achievements and excellence in vocational education and training (VET).

On behalf of TAFE SWSi I would like to congratulate the;

- three recipients of the TAFE NSW State Medal. These students are three of only eight students from across NSW to receive a State Medal in 2015.

- two recipients of the TAFE NSW Sponsored Awards, the Institute of Public Accountants Award and the Dr Ed Krajniak Memorial Award.

- three WorldSkills competitors who recently won Gold at the WorldSkills Oceania Competition held in New Zealand and who will now go on to represent Australia at the WorldSkills International competition in Brazil this year.

- the twelve Student Achievement Award winners and the ten Highly Commended students who were selected from our 2014 cohort of students and,

- the 2015 Institute Medal winner.

The awards recognise the outstanding academic achievements of these students and their ongoing commitment to developing the skills and knowledge they need to become high performing employees in the industry area of their choice.

In recognising the achievements of our students, it is important that we acknowledge those that supported them through their studies including employers, family, friends and TAFE SWSi staff.

Our reputation as a leading VET provider is due to the achievements of our students and the staff that train and support them. I would like to give my thanks to the dedicated staff of TAFE SWSi who have contributed to the outcomes that we are celebrating tonight.

The generosity of our sponsors reflects the high regard in which our graduates are held when they enter the workforce. I would like to personally take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for their ongoing support.

I am sure that all students recognised here this evening will go on to be proud ambassadors for TAFE SWSi and I would like to wish them every success for the future.

Peter Roberts Institute Director
EVENT PROGRAM

21ST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

MENU

Entrée
Lamb skewer served with pita bread and baby Greek salad topped with chimichurri
Chilli, lime and lemongrass prawn ravioli

Main Course
Grain fed eye fillet steak with crisp pancetta, mushroom jus, mash potato and seasonal vegetables
Roasted corn fed chicken breast with a pesto jus, mash potato and seasonal vegetables

Dessert
White chocolate and Baileys cheesecake
Sticky date pudding
Freshly brewed coffee and tea
THE PROGRAM

Host Introduction
Sam McCool

Welcome to Country
Carolyne Brown

Institute Welcome
Peter Roberts,
Institute Director, TAFE SWSi

Address
Pam Christie,
Managing Director, TAFE NSW

ENTREE

Presentation of TAFE NSW
State Medals

Presentation of TAFE NSW
Sponsored Awards

Entertainment

MAIN COURSE

Interval
Entertainment

DESSERT

Recognition of
WorldSkills Skillaroos

Presentation of Student
Achievement Awards

Presentation of
Institute Medal

Presentation to Sponsors

Student Vote of Thanks

CLOSE
Our State Medal winners are students who, through hard work, enthusiasm and sheer determination, have achieved the single highest honour awarded to students by TAFE NSW.
I felt really honoured but also very surprised to be awarded a State Medal.

I'm just glad that all that study and hard work has paid off in some way.

I've always liked doing experiments and playing around with chemicals – it's fun.

"I started studying science at university but there was really too much theory and not enough practical work.

At TAFE SWSi I found a more hands-on course which provided the right balance between theory and practice."

I'm hoping for a career in histology which is the study of the microscopic structure of tissues.

I'd like to work in a research laboratory looking at diseases and possible cures and winning a State Medal is a great start to my career.

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I was actually speechless when I found out I had won a State Medal. It was very emotional.

I've always wanted to study a science course related to the environment.

My dad was a huge influence in how I looked at things when I was growing up. He would take us out bushwalking and tell us stories about the environment as we went along.

We would stop and look at how different things react to each other in nature so I ended up developing respect for our place within the environment.

As for the future, I have so many dream jobs in mind but first I'd like to study more, perhaps at university.

Once you start learning you can never stop. I would love to do research work in chemistry, molecular biology and the environment.
Winning a State Medal was an unexpected honour.

After I migrated to Australia, I wanted to work in a chemistry related field and I realised that the TAFE SWSi course in laboratory technology would give me the required theoretical and practical knowledge to do so.

TAFE SWSi ensures that students get a good understanding of the theory and are ready to work in the industry.

“It also has wonderful teachers and technicians who really care about the students and go out of their way to teach and help in whatever way they can.”

TAFE SWSi has made me more independent and confident. I have also learnt to prioritise and manage my time more effectively and efficiently.

With a good reference from my TAFE SWSi teachers, I was able to find a job at the University of Sydney Centre for Carbon Water and Food.
TAFE NSW SPONSORED AWARDS

TAFE NSW Sponsored Awards are donated by a wide range of companies and private organisations and recognise the achievements of our students. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all TAFE NSW award sponsors for their valuable contribution.
LEONORA RUIZ
Institute of Public Accountants Award
Advanced Diploma of Accounting
Granville College

I was very surprised to receive this award but also very happy and proud.

“The accounting courses at TAFE SWSi – from Certificate III to Advanced Diploma were like a refresher.”

I really enjoyed learning again and I found I had retained some knowledge from my previous experience as an accountant and lawyer in the Philippines.

I'm so glad I persevered. For me TAFE SWSi was a really good and rewarding experience and I hope I can inspire my five children to achieve great things in life.

I am now hoping to get a good job in accounting.

JANANI VIMALATHITHEIN
Dr Ed Krajniak Memorial Award
Diploma of Laboratory Technology (Chemical and Forensic Testing)
Granville College

I am honoured to receive this award.

After I migrated to Australia, I wanted to work in a chemistry related field and the TAFE SWSi course in Laboratory Technology gave me that opportunity.

TAFE SWSi ensures that students are ready to work in the industry. When I started working I was very thankful to all my lecturers who taught me the correct way to do things in a lab.

TAFE SWSi has wonderful teachers and technicians who really care about the students and go out of their way to teach and help them.

TAFE SWSi organises field trips and invites guest speakers so that students get an insight into what they can expect when they enter the industry.

The training and experience I gained, both at my workplace and at TAFE SWSi, will enable me to serve and contribute in my field.

I truly enjoyed the two years that I studied at TAFE SWSi.
WORLDSKILLS

The WorldSkills Competition occurs every two years and is the biggest vocational education and skills excellence event in the world. The competitors represent the best of their fields and are selected from WorldSkills’ member countries and regions. TAFE SWSi congratulates our three WorldSkills’ Skillaroo team members.
EMMA HILLIER  
Fashion Technology  
Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Technology  
Macquarie Fields College

My career decisions have been driven by my two major passions in life; creative design and live theatre. From a young age I learnt dance and drama and I have been gradually working towards my dream career as a costume designer or costumier ever since.

I undertook a Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Technology at TAFE SWSi which was a great experience. Not only were my teachers extremely skilled and knowledgeable, but they were also very passionate about the industry and did whatever they possibly could to help me realise my potential.

TAFE SWSi also introduced me to WorldSkills. This competition has proven to be the toughest challenge I have faced, yet also the most rewarding, exciting and worthwhile endeavour. An incredible amount of work goes into training and I am enjoying every moment. I am looking forward to travelling to Brazil to compete with the 2015 Skillaroos.

BEAU KUPRIS  
Refrigeration and Air-conditioning  
Certificate III in Refrigeration and Air-conditioning  
Granville College

My training at TAFE SWSi has been instrumental in my success at WorldSkills competitions.

The refrigeration section at TAFE SWSi has supported me enormously right from the first WorldSkills Regional Competition all the way through to my current training in preparation for the WorldSkills International Competition in Brazil.

“The teachers are always willing to stay back and help me and allow me to train on the equipment.”

WorldSkills has been one of the hardest but also one of the best experiences of my life. I have learnt so much and met so many people.

WorldSkills has also enabled me to travel across Australia and the world for training and competitions.
My career decisions in the past have led me to where I am today. I feel very strongly that we choose our own destiny and it’s important that we enjoy our career and don’t just treat it like a job.

“In the future, I would like to teach floristry at TAFE and impart my knowledge to the next generation of florists. I would also like to own a florist shop and perhaps a café.”

TAFE SWSi training is fantastic and creates a warm environment with so much room for growth and potential.

My WorldSkills experiences have been an opportunity of a lifetime. The support and training I received while part of the WorldSkills’ family has been phenomenal. I would like to remain part of the WorldSkills organisation. It is one of my highest personal achievements.
2015 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Our Student Achievement Award winners and Highly Commended students are being recognised for outstanding achievement in their area of study, contribution to college life and their community involvement.
SARAH GRIMA
Apprentice of the Year
– Highly Commended
Certificate IV in Beauty Therapy
Liverpool College

I am thrilled to receive a highly commended award.

I chose to do Beauty Therapy as I love providing services to clients who aren’t able to do so themselves. Beauty treatments can increase the self-confidence of clients.

My job also allows me to communicate with a wide range of different people which is something I truly enjoy.

I am so appreciative of the training that TAFE SWSi has given to me. It has helped me not only in my career and workplace but also in life generally. I believe that experience can only be obtained from continual training and education.

An apprenticeship is a very different experience to school. It takes a lot of hard work and responsibility but it does pay off as you will always have a trade to fall back on.

ADRIAN ANDREWS
Apprentice of the Year
Certificate III in Meat Processing (Retail Butchery)
Granville & Padstow Colleges

I am extremely honoured to receive this prestigious award.

“ I believe that the combination of on-the-job and TAFE training is the best way to realise an apprentice’s full potential. TAFE is an environment where all the factors in the workplace that hinder you from learning comfortably are removed.”

It is a place where you have time to make mistakes and the teachers have the time and knowledge to explain in detail the finer points of butchery. I have learnt things from my TAFE SWSi teachers and my peers that cannot be taught or shown in the workplace.

I feel that the TAFE SWSi style of learning a trade has helped me to achieve great results and become the tradesman I am today.
DAVID CHHEAN
Trainee of the Year
Certificate III in Water Operations
Bankstown College

I feel privileged to receive this award.

I had been working in the construction industry when an opportunity to work for Sydney Water and gain a qualification came along.

“This course has given me the insight and knowledge into the water industry and its processes that I need to advance and hopefully become a team leader in the maintenance section of Sydney Water.”

Having a qualification is the norm for most positions which are advertised so learning and upskilling is vital. The theory training has definitely complimented the on-the-job aspects of training and I have been able to put theory into practice.

I would encourage everyone to never stop learning and try to gain a qualification so they can secure a better life for themselves.

MATTHEW VOSS
Vocational School Student of the Year (TVET)
Certificate II in Horticulture
Padstow College

Winning this award has given me the confidence to achieve my career goals.

I am currently enrolled in the Primary Industries (Horticulture) course at James Meehan High School, Macquarie Fields and have regular classes at TAFE SWSi. I chose horticulture and this training path because I have a passion for working outside and I wish to understand how to care for and maintain our environment and improve my hands-on skills.

The course provides me with knowledge of plant species, use of machinery and chemicals and knowledge of how to maintain sustainable environments.

I believe the horticulture industry is a great way to learn about the environment and it can open doors to several other trades. Throughout my studies I have gained an improved knowledge of our environment and how to develop and implement new ideas in the industry.
JODIE SKIDMORE  
School-Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year (SBAT)  
Highly Commended  
Certificate II in Business  
Campbelltown College

I am excited and honoured to receive the highly commended award.

“I chose to apply for a school-based traineeship (SBAT) because I believe it will give me an upper hand against my peers. I am learning at school while earning an income to support my education and family.”

I have always wanted to achieve to the best of my abilities. The opportunity to do a traineeship has enabled me to apply my knowledge and develop my work readiness and skills that I will be able to take into any workplace or learning environment in the future.

My experience as an SBAT will help in achieving my long-term career goal of teaching. I have learnt to work with people of all ages while also building my communication and organisational skills.

APRIL WALKER  
School-Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year (SBAT)  
Certificate II in Animal Studies  
Campbelltown College

Winning this award is a true honour.

I’m completing a course in Animal Studies because I’ve always had a passion for working with animals and a particular interest in vet nursing.

I’m also doing my traineeship as a vet nurse with Ingleburn Vet Clinic. Every week I learn new skills and become more confident undertaking the duties of a vet nurse. I’m grateful for these opportunities and absolutely love working in a vet clinic.

I would definitely encourage anyone who has an interest in vet nursing to apply for a school based traineeship. It gives students the opportunity to get their foot in the door in a competitive and popular industry.
I am honoured to be highly commended for this award.

“From my TAFE SWSi course in 2014, I gained a lot of technical knowledge in my chosen IT field. Most importantly, I learned how to perform a job in an ethical manner; respecting people’s privacy and intellectual property. I also learnt how to manage a small IT project in the workplace.”

I am excited about starting the next course in network security.

I am convinced that the best investment you can make is in your own education and training. Learning provides preparation for employment and by its nature extends your academic and practical capabilities in an ever-changing workplace.

BISHNU GHIMIRE
International Student of the Year
Highly Commended
Diploma of Information Technology Networking
Lidcombe College

IMMANUEL NJOROGE
International Student of the Year
Diploma of Laboratory Technology (Pathology Testing)
Granville College

It is an honour to receive this award.

My experience at TAFE SWSi has been both a challenging and rewarding one.

I chose to study pathology (chemical and forensic testing) because I wanted to improve my understanding of health services so that I could be more effective and efficient in my work.

In Kenya, where I was a midwife, it was rewarding to deliver healthy babies as well as frequently being able to save the lives of babies and mothers in the village. After completing my health studies, I have greater biomedical knowledge and skills which will enhance my career opportunities.

When it’s time to go back to Kenya, I would like to open a facility that helps marginalised, underprivileged but talented children to further their education. It is the best way to empower them.
CARESSA-LEE SENGSTOCK  
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year  
Highly Commended  
Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Technology  
*Macquarie Fields College*

I'm excited and grateful to have been highly commended for this award.

I am an Aboriginal woman from the Gumbayngirr nation. I am a storyteller and this is how I keep my culture alive. It is my soul and grounding of being.

"I love being creative and fashion has always been my passion. I have put in the effort to learn my craft and learn new technology to stay up-to-date with an industry that is forever changing and always competitive."

I now have a qualification to teach and pass on my knowledge to others, especially to other Indigenous people, and to help create better employment outcomes, that will lead to better and brighter futures.

APRIL SHEPPEARD  
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year  
Certificate IV in Community Services Work  
*Granville College*

I'm thrilled that my hard work has been recognised through this award.

I've worked with traumatised Aboriginal youth who've had horrific childhoods and I decided to do a Community Services course because of my personal experience in this area.

I wanted to gain a better understanding and further my knowledge in this field so that I could help those who've experienced trauma to find a better and more fulfilling path in life.

Through completing my studies and work, I have been able to remain strong when dealing with confronting situations in my life.

As a strong-willed Aboriginal female, I believe strongly in self-empowerment and empowering others in the community to believe in themselves so that they too can have a better future whatever path they choose to take.
ANGELO TRABOLSI
Building & Construction Award Highly Commended
Certificate III in Plumbing
Granville College

I am very pleased to be highly commended for this award.

I chose to do plumbing because I was always a hands on person.

At TAFE SWSi I learnt theory, and gained valuable experience while working on the job. It’s important to try your best, put in the extra time to study, ask questions when you’re not sure and always put 100 percent into your work.

“My advice to anyone thinking of studying is to give it a go. If it’s not for you, you can always change direction and try something different.”

My goal is to complete my Certificate IV in two years and open my own business one day.

ATHEER AL KHMESI
Building & Construction Award
Diploma of Building Design
Granville College

I feel very privileged to receive this award considering the talent amongst my classmates.

It has been my dream since childhood to study architecture and know the historical concept behind amazing structures and their creators.

The Diploma of Building Design gave me a great perspective and understanding of the industry in general and building design in particular. Completing the course has opened up a pathway to better qualifications and career opportunities.

I am now studying architecture at Sydney University.

My training pathway was successful even though it took me two years longer. It’s worthwhile having the extra certificate, knowledge and working opportunities that TAFE SWSi has given me.
It is an honour to receive this award in a field which is seemingly outside my direct career path.

The Diploma of Management at TAFE SWSi has been an invaluable experience in that it has taught me time management, conflict resolution and team management skills.

I believe these subjects should be part of every course as these skills are needed by everyone in any job.

“This was the first course that I did in a long time that was not for work but for myself, and it was brilliant!”

Through education I have reinvented myself. I've had different careers as an electronics technician, police officer and crime scene investigator. Training is not always about improving the work you are doing now. Sometimes it is about paving the way to go in a different direction.

I am living proof that you can teach an old dog new tricks.

I am honoured and humbled to receive this award.

When I started my TAFE SWSi Diploma of Banking Services I was nervous. I had never completed a course before and I didn't finish high school. I had a track record of failing to finish so my greatest academic achievement was completing the diploma with distinctions in all graded units. That gave me greater confidence in myself overall.

The TAFE SWSi teachers were incredibly supportive and gave the students the training and guidance to achieve their goals.

Completing the diploma gave me the opportunity to gain access to an industry in which I enjoy working. My life is better because of it.

Securing my position was aided by being able to show assessments I had undertaken in class.

I now have a job I love, friends, family and three adorable cats. These are my accomplishments.
MARAIA TALEI  
Community, Health, Hospitality & Service Skills Award  
Highly Commended  
Diploma of Travel and Tourism  
Bankstown College

I was pretty excited to be highly commended for this award. I believe that to succeed in life you have to remain focused on your goals and what is important to achieve these goals. I have been interested in all things travel and tourism since the first time I stepped onto a plane.

"Travel and Tourism at TAFE SWSi has given me the chance to further develop my communication, teamwork and customer service skills."

Studying at TAFE SWSi has increased my confidence and knowledge. The teachers are so approachable, supportive and encouraging, they make you want to achieve more. I would encourage anyone who is looking for an education to consider TAFE SWSi.

I plan to open a tourism business of my own in the near future.

KRISTEN MOORE  
Community, Health, Hospitality & Service Skills Award  
Diploma of Beauty Therapy  
Granville College

I feel honoured to receive such a prestigious award. I chose a career pathway in beauty therapy after being exposed to the great opportunities available in the beauty industry and because I love working with people.

After completing my Diploma of Beauty Therapy, I set my sights on owning a beauty salon. I enrolled in a Diploma of Salon Management so that I could gain management skills and I’ve since bought my own salon.

The beauty industry is ever changing and growing. There are always new services and trends emerging so to succeed as a business you need to change and grow with it.

I plan to continue with education and training for services such as laser safety and body piercing. I believe strongly that through continuous education and updating my skills, I can thrive in the beauty industry.
MACARTHUR BUILDING INDUSTRY
SKILLS CENTRE (MBISC)
CARESSA-LEE SENGSTOCK  
Electrotechnology, Information and Communications Technology & Design Award  
Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Technology  
Macquarie Fields College  
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I’m very excited to have won this award.  
I love being creative and fashion has always been my passion.  
When I started the fashion course at TAFE SWSi I was running my own business in the fashion industry. At the time I was struggling with finding new inspiration and motivation but after enrolling in the course, new ideas started to emerge.  
More opportunities are on the horizon for me. I’ve continued studying but this time with a focus on business which is opening up new ideas that I would not have discovered on my own.  
After being involved in the fashion industry for 17 years I am continually learning new skills and feel much more confident that I know my craft and industry.

BISHNU GHIMIRE  
Electrotechnology, Information and Communications Technology & Design Award Highly Commended  
Diploma of Information Technology Networking  
Lidcombe College  
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I am happy and honoured to be highly commended for this award.  
I wanted to learn about IT devices and the servers with different operating systems that are used to store, process and transfer data across networks.  
"Today’s IT Networks are complex and without in-depth training, I would not be able to develop the knowledge and skills to manage networking infrastructure.”  
TAFE SWSi not only taught me core technical subjects but also workplace health and safety, project management, privacy and ethics so that I could understand how to work as an IT professional.  
With new developments in the IT industry, skilled manpower is desperately needed and this provides unique opportunities for people who are willing to learn.

I love being creative and fashion has always been my passion.  
When I started the fashion course at TAFE SWSi I was running my own business in the fashion industry. At the time I was struggling with finding new inspiration and motivation but after enrolling in the course, new ideas started to emerge.  
More opportunities are on the horizon for me. I’ve continued studying but this time with a focus on business which is opening up new ideas that I would not have discovered on my own.  
After being involved in the fashion industry for 17 years I am continually learning new skills and feel much more confident that I know my craft and industry.
I feel privileged to be highly commended for this award.

I chose to participate in TAFE SWSi’s workplace training in English language and literacy (WELL) program because I urgently needed to improve my spoken and written communications skills so that I could do my job with confidence.

Participating in WELL training has widened my understanding about my personal relationship with work teams and work mates.

There’s numerous advantages to workplace training. As soon as I learn something, I can go to my section and apply the training.

Because of this training, I am able to correctly read job specifications and follow instructions. I am better able to give clear instruction to the team, deal appropriately with angry internal and external customers, clarify doubts and find innovative ways to solve wastage problems.

Now I encourage my work mates to upgrade their skills so they can also improve their productivity.

I am very proud to have won this award.

I am originally from Iraq but was forced to leave because of the war. My family spent five years in Syria before coming to Australia.

“I enrolled in the Foundations Skills course to improve my English and my confidence in literacy and numeracy.

As a result, I’ve been able to set out on a pathway to an apprenticeship in carpentry starting with a wall and ceiling Lining course.”

I have great respect for my fellow students and teachers.
I am very pleased to be highly commended in this award.

After having my two children, I wanted to get back into the workforce and the TAFE SWSi Diploma of Laboratory Technology has enabled me to achieve my goal.

I already had a Bachelor’s degree in Chemistry from Sri Lanka but needed to update my skills and also obtain an Australian qualification. I chose this course after doing research which revealed that it would give me the required theoretical and practical knowledge to find employment.

The two years I spent at TAFE SWSi gave me an enormous amount of knowledge about lab techniques.

TAFE SWSi has made me more independent, confident and able to prioritise and manage my time more effectively.

JANANI VIMALATHITHEN
Manufacturing & Transport Award
Highly Commended
Diploma of Laboratory Technology (Chemical and Forensic Testing)
Granville College

SHERRYN CABARDO
Manufacturing & Transport Award
Diploma of Water Operations
Bankstown College

I am honoured to receive this award.

I work as a Business Customer Representative (BCR) for Sydney Water and doing the Diploma of Water Operations has helped me gain more knowledge and understand the theory BCRs are required to know to carry out their work effectively.

This course made me more aware and appreciative of the role of the various processes and systems that are relevant and complement our work as BCRs at Sydney Water.

“Learning the background behind why we are carrying out our BCR role gave me more confidence being the face of Sydney Water to our customers.”

As the saying goes, ‘knowledge is power’ and the more knowledge and skills I gain, the more confident and effective I become as a BCR and the more opportunities I have to develop my career as a people manager.
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NECA Group Training is proud to support these awards and congratulates all the finalists and winners of the 2015 Student Achievement
The University of Western Sydney (UWS) is a large, research-led metropolitan university operating over multiple campuses in Greater Western Sydney.

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By continuing to develop mutually enriching partnerships with local schools, organisations, businesses and community groups, UWS is a leading advocate and champion for the GWS region and its people.

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Vibrant town centres are at the heart of the area’s different suburbs. Home to colourful cafes and shops with food and items from all over the world, Auburn City is a unique fusion of cultures resulting from many different people living side by side with their different customers, languages and traditions.

As the gateway to Western Sydney, Bankstown City is a thriving centre.

Residents enjoy the services and facilities of a prosperous, growing city with lively neighbourhoods and a proud history. The city’s diverse population lives and works together in harmony.

Bankstown is a modern, active community with quality transport infrastructure, clean waterways, pristine bushland and great community spaces and parks.

Bankstown City Council believes in:

- being fair, honest and transparent
- engaging and consulting with our community
- being creative and innovate
- managing community assets responsibly
- celebrating our cultural diversity and promoting social justice
- treating our community with respect, courtesy, and fairness.
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Country Comfort Hunts Liverpool are pleased to again be associated with the TAFE SWSi Student Achievement Awards especially as this is the 21st year that TAFE SWSi has recognised their best students. Congratulations to the students who have worked so hard in being recognised tonight.

The Group Training Association (GTA) has been successfully changing the lives of young people in NSW for over 30 years by employing them in an Australian Apprenticeship to start a lifelong career.

Group Training Organisations (GTOs) in NSW currently employ more than 10% of all apprentices in trades that are vital to the economy. GTA apprentices and trainees are employed in a wide range of industries, including hospitality, mining, plumbing, building construction, metals engineering, automotive, electrical, and sport and recreation, with hundreds of these young people being trained at TAFE SWSi.

GTA works with government and business to solve the state’s big problems – like boosting business confidence, decreasing youth employment and solving skills shortages.
Mara Workwear provides a mobile service where we come to you,

Mara Workwear pride ourselves on customer service and strive to provide a fast, reliable and quality service, which has kept many customers coming back.

We specialise in all workwear, safety, corporate, hospitality, health and beauty, activewear, footwear, PPE products, bags, headwear and promotional products.

Mara Workwear can offer an embroidery, screen-printing, heat press and digital thermal transfer service for all your uniform wear and/or personal requirements. Garment decoration logos and designs can be applied to almost all workwear garments, bags, head wear and so much more. We have no minimum quantity.

For over thirty years My Gateway has been helping career seekers launch their careers via an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Getting paid to work and paid to study sounds too good to be true but it’s a reality with My Gateway. Become an apprentice or trainee with us and enjoy the benefits – get on the job experience and a recognised qualification without a student debt. Employers benefit too.

Hire your next trainee or apprentice through My Gateway and you’ll enjoy free recruitment, next to no paperwork, expert guidance and total support. My Gateway cover the whole of greater Sydney and with hundreds of apprenticeship and traineeship options to choose from there is simply no better way to invest in your business than by developing your own people.
Revesby Workers’ Club is one of Sydney’s premier entertainment and lifestyle destinations.

Whether you’re after a casual beer at the bar, catching up with friends for a coffee, grabbing a fast and easy family dinner or celebrating a special occasion, Revesby Workers’ Club offers a range of bar and dining options perfect for any occasion.

Well known for entertainment, the perfectly appointed lounge offers free live entertainment every weekend, while its theatre regularly hosts high profile artists and shows.

Revesby Workers’ Club offers a variety of services to its members and guests with an award-winning health and fitness centre, early childhood centre, hair salon, travel agent and function centre.
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