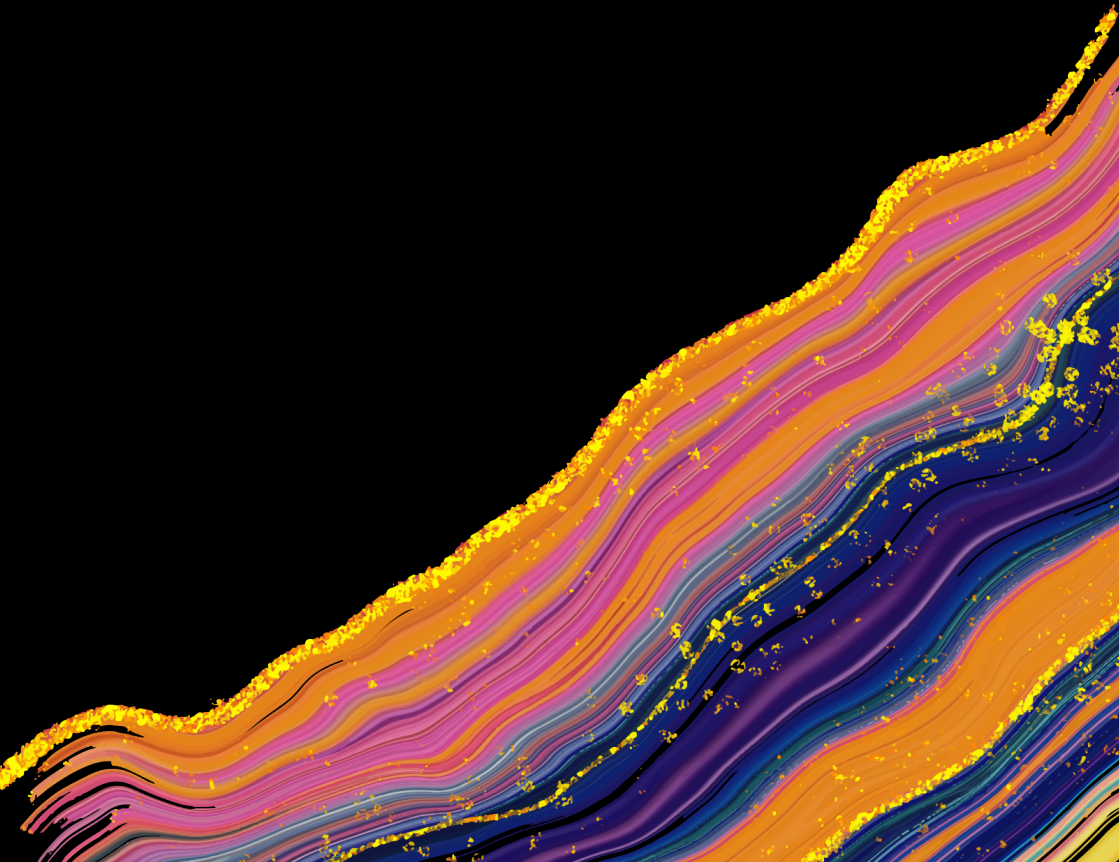


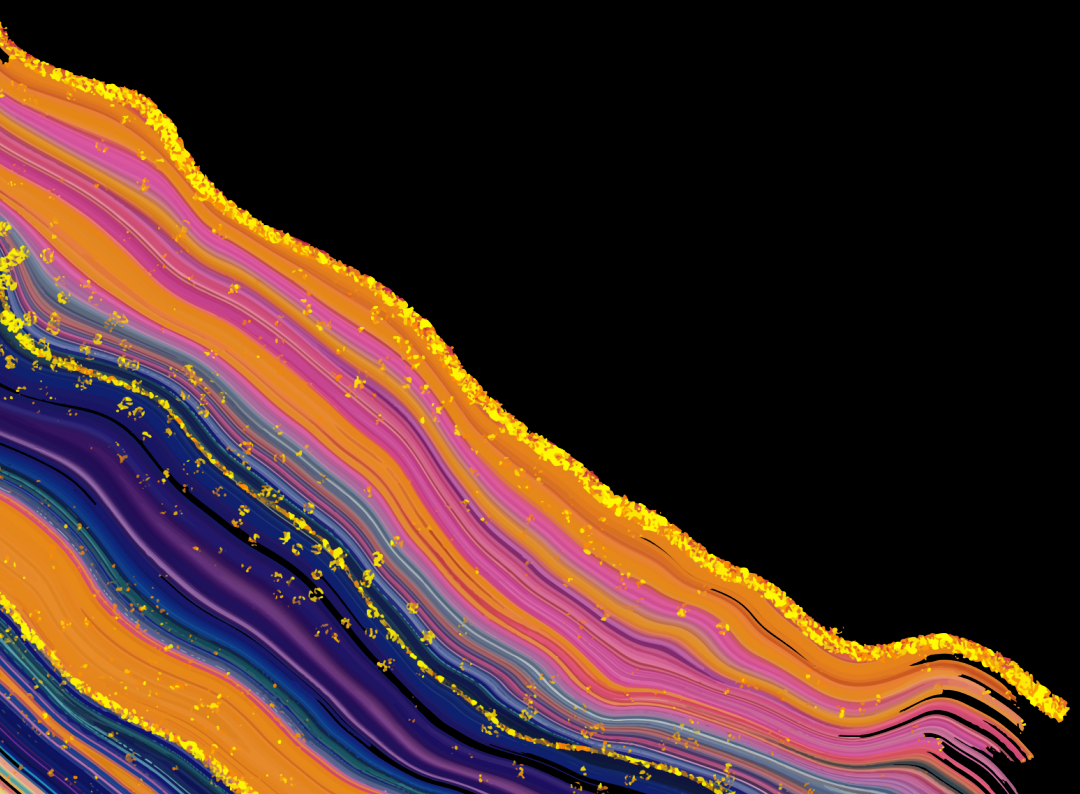


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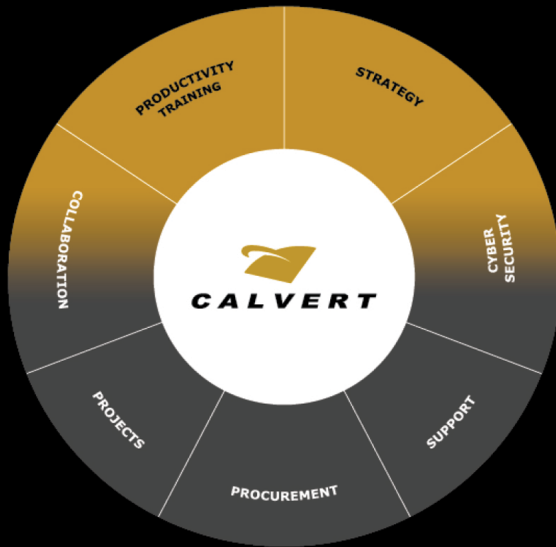
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# A MESSAGE FROM THE GTNT GROUP CEO

Thank you for joining us tonight as we come together to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our apprentices, trainees, supervisors, host businesses, and industry partners. Whether you've travelled from near or far, we're so grateful to have you here with us for this special evening.

At GTNT Group, we are passionate about supporting individuals and businesses as they grow, thrive and reach their full potential. Our team are passionate about empowering all apprentices and trainees to achieve success in their chosen career, and tonight is all about recognising their hard work, resilience, and achievements! They are celebrated alongside our hard-working host businesses and the sensational supervisors that teach our apprentices and trainees how to master their skills!



Tonight would not be possible without the support of our wonderful sponsors, thank you for your support. Your generosity allows us to bring this event to life, and we're so thankful for your continued partnership. Your support enables us to shine a spotlight on the amazing things happening across the Territory.

A very special thank you also goes to our amazing judges! We deeply appreciate the care you've shown in evaluating each nomination and helping us honour such deserving individuals. With over 100 nominations across all categories, you had a tough job!

Finalists, you should be incredibly proud of what you have achieved. You have demonstrated what's possible when you invest in your future – *betting on yourself is never a gamble*. We are so honoured to be part of your journey, and we cannot wait to see what you do next!

Onwards and upwards,  
**Kathryn Stenson**

A handwritten signature of Kathryn Stenson in a cursive script.

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

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# MENU

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## CANAPÉS

Humpty Doo barramundi bites, tartar sauce (LG)

Crispy pork belly, salted turmeric caramel (LG)

Mushroom arancini, truffle mayonnaise (LG) (V)

Vegetarian spring roll, sweet chili (V)

## MAIN COURSE

*Alternate Drop*

BRAISED BEEF CHEEKS (LG)

Celeriac purée, heirloom carrots, petite sorrel, tawny port jus

ROASTED CHICKEN BREAST (LG)

Roasted cauliflower, wilted spinach, truffle jus

## DESSERT

*Alternate Drop*

CHEESECAKE TORTE

Lemon curd, chantilly cream, mandarins

CHOCOLATE TORTE (LG)

Chocolate torte, ganache, cocoa nibs, vegemite, hazelnuts

## BEVERAGES

Hahn Premium Light | Great Northern Super Crisp

Hahn Super Dry | 5 Seeds Apple Cider | Heineken Zero

Fleur De Lys Sparkling

Little Berry Sauvignon Blanc

Little Berry Shiraz

Coke | Coke Zero Sugar | Sprite | Lemon Lime Bitters

Cascade Soda Water | Orange Juice | Pineapple Juice | Cranberry Juice

*Other drinks available from cash bar*



# PROGRAM OF EVENTS

## CANAPÉS ON ARRIVAL

### WELCOME ADDRESS

Kathryn Stenson - Chief Executive Officer, GTNT Group  
Anthony Lew-Fatt - Cultural Journeys | Acknowledgment of Country  
Amy Hetherington | Master of Ceremonies

### GUEST SPEAKER

Hon Jo Hersey - Minister for Education and Training, NTG

### PLATINUM SPONSOR ADDRESS

Dean Calvert - Chief Executive Officer, Calvert Technologies

### AWARD PRESENTATION

Institute of Skills and Training Australia - Student of the Year  
School-Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year  
Prelude to the Future Outstanding Shell Apprentice  
Outstanding Female in the Construction Industry

## MAIN COURSE SERVED

### AWARD PRESENTATION

Outstanding Apprentice - Stage 1  
Outstanding Apprentice - Stage 2  
Outstanding Apprentice - Stage 3  
Supervisor of the Year  
Host Business of the Year - Small Employer

## DESSERT SERVED

### AWARD PRESENTATION

Host Business of the Year - Large Employer  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year  
Trainee of the Year  
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### THANK YOU ADDRESS

Christopher Lay - Chairman of the GTNT Group Board

### FINAL AWARD PRESENTATION

Apprentice of the Year

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# INSTITUTE OF SKILLS AND TRAINING AUSTRALIA - STUDENT OF THE YEAR

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## THE FINALISTS ARE



**ELLEOISE FROEHNELT | Certificate III in Business**

**Host Business: ISACNT (Darwin) | RTO: ISTA**

*"The traineeship provided the perfect balance between professional development and hands-on experience, giving me a platform to explore my passion in a structured and supportive environment."*

Elle Froehnel initially pursued a Bachelor of Creative Media with a double major in Graphic Design and Web Communications, but the intensity of the course led her to reconsider her career path. She found her ideal role through a business traineeship in the Marketing Department, combining her creative vision with marketing fundamentals. She encourages friends to pursue traineeships, appreciating the balance between learning and practical experience.



**HELENA GALLAGHER | Certificate III in Business**

**Host Business: GTNT Group (Darwin) | RTO: ISTA**

*"This pathway has been a perfect fit for me, as the hands on, collaborative approach supports deeper understandings of concepts, skill mastery and stepping outside my comfort zone."*

Helena Gallagher's upbringing across remote and urban regions of the NT shaped her deep appreciation for culture, the arts, and community engagement. Her background in early childhood education strengthened her communication skills and understanding of professional expectations. As a young mother, she found that 'earning while learning' was the ideal pathway, with the practical and collaborative approach perfectly complementing her lifestyle.

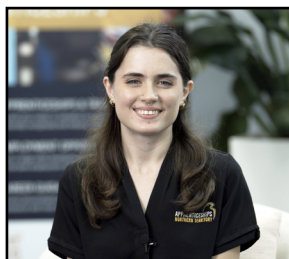


**TIA GRAHAM | Certificate III in Hospitality**

**Host Business: Airport Development Group (Darwin) | RTO: ISTA**

*"Workplace based training is such a fantastic way to develop employees, and the assistance of the tutors and mentors has been invaluable. ADG have many different qualifications available, and you can now see trainees in every area of the business."*

Tia Graham joined the Indigenous Training Academy at Airport Development Group (ADG) in April 2024, securing a traineeship in hospitality. This role in the food and beverage team marked her first paid employment. Although initially daunting, the supportive training academy group helped ease her transition and build her confidence. Tia values workplace based training and the guidance from tutors and mentors, embracing the flexibility required in the hospitality industry.



**KEETAH SINGLE | Certificate III in Business**

**Host Business: Apprenticeships NT (Darwin) | RTO: ISTA**

*"Thanks to this traineeship I have had the privilege of working to achieve my qualification in a safe and supportive environment that not only affords me financial independence but pushes me to be better. Since beginning in this role my confidence and perception of myself have changed exponentially."*

Keetah Single found traditional academic pathways challenging, which made progressing on the ATAR pathway difficult. After applying for several apprenticeships, she was offered a business traineeship - an opportunity that transformed her future. Working in a supportive environment has strengthened her resilience, allowing her to thrive under pressure and welcome new experiences. Grateful for the opportunity, Keetah continues to develop valuable professional skills every day.



# SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICE/ TRAINEE OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to a student who is undertaking a Certificate II or above qualification as an SBAT. The award recognises the students commitment to their formal studies at school and in the workplace.

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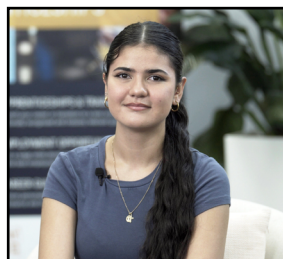


## THE FINALISTS ARE



**AARON COCHRANE** | Certificate III in Automotive Electrical Technology  
Host Business: CSA Auto Electrics & Air-Conditioning (Katherine) | RTO: CDU  
*"For me, the most rewarding part has been the ability to apply what I've learned in real-life situations and see tangible outcomes from my work. VET doesn't just prepare you for a job - it sets you up for a fulfilling career."*

Aaron Cochrane, a proud Aboriginal apprentice, always dreamed of pursuing a trade. While he once considered a career in sports, he found his true calling through an apprenticeship. Early in his journey, Aaron faced significant challenges that affected his performance at work, trade school and high school. This motivated Aaron to seek additional support. Through this, he demonstrated a strong commitment to personal and professional growth across all areas of his life.



**ISABELLA SAVAGE** | Certificate III in Business  
Host Business: Kinetic IT (Darwin) | RTO: CDU

*"I chose an apprenticeship pathway on top of schooling as it would provide me with greater opportunities beyond school and help me settle into a workplace, further gaining an understanding of working within a work environment."*

Isabella Savage is an Indigenous student in Year 11 at Darwin High School and has achieved impressive academic and practical success, balancing her schoolwork with multiple commitments. Despite her busy schedule, Isabella excels in her academic pursuits, with particular interest in business management and finance. Isabella has received high praise from her supervisors for being an outstanding trainee.



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# PRELUDE TO THE FUTURE OUTSTANDING SHELL APPRENTICE

This award is presented to a participant within the Prelude to the Future Program 6 who has demonstrated passion, dedication and commitment towards continual learning and development.

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## THE FINALISTS ARE



**ETHAN BUSH | Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician**

**Host Business: Scott Services Pty Ltd (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**

*"The main reason for becoming an apprentice was because I wasn't enjoying school, it wasn't something I wanted to continue with. Taking on a trade I knew would be a hands on experience and was how I learn best."*

Ethan Bush chose an apprenticeship as an Electrician to challenge himself in a trade he was passionate about. Growing up working with his dad on creative projects, he had the benefit of strong family support and wanted to follow in their footsteps. Although initially anxious, Ethan now takes pride in his progress and encourages his mates to consider apprenticeships. Grateful for the skills he's gained, he's excited about the opportunities and experiences that lie ahead.



**AARON FAIRWEATHER | Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician**

**Host Business: Territory Generation (Channel Island) | RTO: CDU**

*"Choosing an apprenticeship pathway regardless the trade you are seeking, will give you both professional and personal growth and allow you to become a part of a high-demand profession."*

Aaron Fairweather, a qualified boilermaker with over 10 years of industry experience, has brought valuable skills and resilience to his journey as an apprentice. Aaron's background in challenging and diverse projects, alongside strong mentorship and industry connections, has shaped both his personal and professional growth. As a mature age apprentice, he has a natural affinity to help his younger peers. Aaron was acknowledged as the Prelude 6 Ambassador for his positive contribution to promoting the benefits of program at the Stage 1 graduation.



**VENCEL GAAL | Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician**

**Host Business: MechElec NT (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**

*"Finding my apprenticeship was challenging, but it has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life. The Prelude to the Future program has opened up incredible opportunities for me."*

Vencel Gaal chose an apprenticeship to gain practical experience in a field he enjoys. Inspired by his older sister, a successful boilermaker, he was motivated to secure an apprenticeship. After facing challenges securing a school-based apprenticeship, he worked at McDonalds while continuing his search. His persistence paid off with the opportunity to join the Prelude to the Future program, which has provided valuable training and he now thrives in a career he's passionate about.



**HARRISH MAHENDRAN | Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician**

**Host Business: SAGE Automation (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**

*"I'm very enthusiastic about my apprenticeship, I enjoy working with my hands and using my brain to problem solve. I am a practical learner and an apprenticeship in electrotechnology is a great fit for me."*

Harrish Mahendran chose the apprenticeship pathway after realising traditional university study wasn't for him. Coming from a highly academic family, he initially enrolled for university but found the learning style didn't suit him. Harrish joined the Prelude to the Future program, gaining valuable exposure to industrial, commercial, and domestic areas of the trade. The program provided a flexible, practical introduction and confirmed that he had found the right path for his future.



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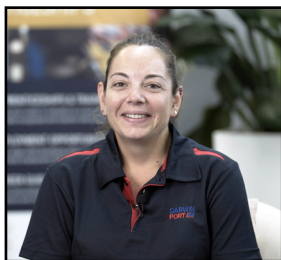
# OUTSTANDING FEMALE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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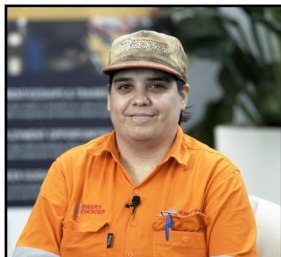
## THE FINALISTS ARE



**LAURA BOND | Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician  
Host Business: Darwin Port (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**

*"Choosing this pathway, as a mature age female, was a good fit due to a long-standing interest in trades, and the prelude program helped prepare me with essential first-year skills for the workplace."*

Laura Bond chose the apprenticeship pathway to become an electrician, combining on-the-job training with classroom learning. She started her journey with the Prelude to the Future program and this equipped her with essential skills such as working at heights, confined spaces, and a Certificate II in Split Systems, enabling her to contribute effectively at work. A standout moment was supporting the repair of the rail and ship loader conveyor systems at Darwin Port, where she quickly learned the value of accuracy and collaboration with her tradesman, Louis, boosting her confidence and enhancing her technical expertise.



**KIRRA O'CONNOR-MITCHELL | Certificate III in Engineering - Fabrication Trade  
Host Business: KAEFER Integrated Services (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**

*"This experience has not only developed my technical skills but also taught me the importance of safety, precision, and teamwork. It has impacted my life by providing me with a clear career path and helping me build confidence."*

Kirra O'Connor-Mitchell, a proud Larrakia person and new parent as of last year, is undertaking a boilermaking apprenticeship through the Santos-KAEFER Indigenous Employment and Training program. With a passion for practical work and problem solving, Kirra found boilermaking the perfect match of theoretical and technical skills. A highlight has been contributing to the DLNG Project. Involvement in industry events has also opened doors to learning and professional growth.



**MELINDA MARTIN | Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician  
Host Business: Power and Water Corporation (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**

*"The work I do now feels much more meaningful, and I've developed real skills that I'm proud of and can apply to my personal life. It's strange to think how much this work has changed me for the better."*

Melinda Martin chose an apprenticeship to pursue a meaningful career. Before commencing her electrical apprenticeship, she took part in the Aboriginal Employment Program (AEP). As the only female apprentice from her intake, she embraced the challenge, determined to prove herself and inspire others. Melinda values the practical nature of her work and finds pride in seeing her efforts take shape. Through mentoring and networking, she encourages women to explore trades, believing apprenticeships offer a powerful path to growth.



**GEORGINA SIEBERT | Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician  
Host Business: Power and Water Corporation (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**

*"I try to approach every task with a proactive mindset, taking on challenges with confidence and determination. I'm committed to doing my best, and it means a lot to be seen as a positive part of the team."*

Georgina Siebert is a standout electrical apprentice, recognised by mentors and senior managers for her dedication, initiative, and positive attitude. As one of only two female apprentices in her 2024 intake, she has excelled in a traditionally male-dominated industry due to her determination. Her proactive mindset and readiness to contribute, demonstrated by purchasing her own tools, have enabled her to play a key role in major projects. Georgina consistently demonstrates technical skills, a strong work ethic and genuine passion for her trade.

# MOST OUTSTANDING APPRENTICE STAGE 1

This award is presented to a First Year Apprentice who has performed exceptionally well in all aspects of their training.

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## THE FINALISTS ARE

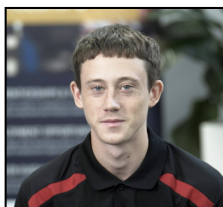


**DEEGAN ADAMS | Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician**

**Host Business: HD Pumps (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**

*"Choosing this pathway felt right because I have always grown up with people doing trades, it was especially my dad due to always helping him working on cars and other odd jobs around the house and teaching me it's always good to know things like that."*

Deegan Adams grew up around tradespeople and his dad taught him practical skills through car repairs and odd jobs which inspired his career path. Deegan enjoys learning and is motivated by the opportunity to help others and build a strong foundation for his future. Being young, he's excited to complete his training early and obtain more qualifications.



**GEORGE BEATTIE | Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology**

**Host Business: Bridge Toyota (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**

*"The idea of getting my hands dirty and working on vehicles right from the start was really appealing, and the apprenticeship provides a clear pathway into a stable, well-paying career without the need for years of schooling."*

George Beattie saw an apprenticeship as the ideal way to learn both theory and practical skills directly from experienced professionals. The opportunity to work on vehicles from day one and pursue a stable, well-paying career without years of study appealed to him. Since starting, George has built strong relationships with colleagues, gained more motivation in all areas of life, and embraced independence by moving out of home.



**KEIGAN BLAKE | Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology**

**Host Business: Gebie Civil and Construction (Groote Eylandt) | RTO: CDU**

*"I chose the apprenticeship pathway because I wanted to learn by doing hands on work. This way, I could gain skills I could use straight away in real life situations as well as in the workplace and outside of work instead of just learning in a classroom."*

Keigan Blake finds it rewarding to learn new things daily, knowing it all contributes to a brighter future. Working alongside experienced tradespeople has helped him grow and their guidance has enhanced his understanding of the industry. Highlights include attending trade school, connecting with fellow apprentices and learning step-by-step on the job.



**CHRISTOPHER THOMAS | Certificate III in Engineering - Fabrication Trade**

**Host Business: KAEFER Integrated Services (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**

*"My apprenticeship journey has been filled with learning, challenges, and personal growth. I am committed to continuing my training, supporting my peers, and becoming a role model for young Indigenous individuals aspiring to build their futures in the trades industry."*

Christopher Thomas, a proud Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander man born on Larrakia Country, proudly serves as a cultural educator, leader and role model within his family. A key highlight has been working on-site at the DLNG plant. As a quiet and reserved person he has built confidence, improved his communication and connects well with tradespeople.



**ANNA WENSING | Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology**

**Host Business: Bridge Toyota (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**

*"My choice to leave my previous career path and become a mature age apprentice has been one of the scariest, but most rewarding decisions I have ever made. I am so grateful to have the opportunity to come to not just a great job each day, but an education, an opportunity to take my pre-existing skills and develop them further."*

Anna Wensing is driven by a passion to one day mentor and inspire future generations of apprentices, especially women in trades. One of her proudest achievements is collaborating with STAND, a community organisation dedicated to advocating for and supporting women in trades. She is also honoured to have won the Bridge Toyota 2025 Rising Star Award.



# MOST OUTSTANDING APPRENTICE STAGE 2

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This award is presented to a Second Year Apprentice who has performed exceptionally well in all aspects of their training.

## THE FINALISTS ARE



**DAMIEN AARONS | Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Distribution Overhead**  
**Host Business: Power and Water Corporation (Darwin) | RTO: ESS**

*"The electrical industry is one of my passions and over the years up skilling and developing knowledge relating to it has been top priority. Attaining an apprenticeship as a distribution linesworker has been the most rewarding and fulfilling job I've been lucky enough to experience."*

Damien Aarons, a qualified electrician with experience in domestic, construction, maintenance, instrumentation, mining and oil and gas sectors and has always been passionate about the electrical industry. Damien finds the role fulfilling, whether it's promoting the trade to students or delivering essential services. The industry has provided him with valuable opportunities, leading to a purpose driven career.



**SANDON BOTT | Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology**  
**Host Business: Bridge Toyota (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**

*"I feel proud to be part of a team that supports each other and works together to get the job done. This nomination really reinforces that everything I've put into my apprenticeship has been worth it, and it's been incredibly rewarding to see how we all grow together."*

Sandon Bott's journey has been shaped by resilience, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to learning. In 2024, a highlight for Sandon was representing Toyota and Apprenticeships NT at Palmerston College, where he inspired students by sharing his personal journey, an opportunity he wished he'd had at their age. He takes pride in being part of a supportive team. For Sandon, facing challenges with resilience has been a key part of both his personal and professional development.



**OLIVER KING | Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician**  
**Host Business: Power and Water Corporation (Alice Springs) | RTO: CDU**

*"I can't speak more highly of GTNT Group and my host company Power and Water, the opportunities and support I am offered have exceeded my expectations of what an apprenticeship should be."*

Oliver King's passion for trades was sparked by his grandfather, a fitter and turner, who taught him to use tools from a young age. By age 10, Oliver was welding, fixing bikes, and assembling engines. After working as a mountain bike mechanic, he sought a career with broader skills and relocated from Tasmania to Alice Springs to pursue an apprenticeship. Diagnosed with dyslexia as a child, Oliver has overcome many challenges through hard work and determination.



**JAIDEEP RANDHAY | Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician**  
**Host Business: Power and Water Corporation (Alice Springs) | RTO: CDU**

*"The combination of practical and theoretical learning is transforming my approach to daily tasks and challenges. In my view, being an apprentice requires dedication to learning, and I have consistently strived to bring a positive attitude and a keen willingness to learn to the forefront, not just through words but also through my actions."*

Jaideep Randhay, a first generation immigrant, has always aspired to work in electrical generation and transmission, inspired by his father's role at a thermal power plant. After gaining experience in Canada's electrical sector, Jaideep settled in Alice Springs where he started his electrical apprenticeship. Now in his second year, he finds great purpose maintaining critical infrastructure and learning from skilled professionals.

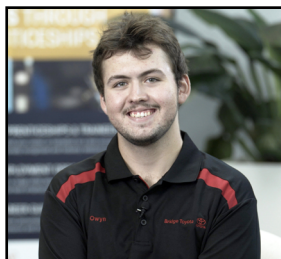
# MOST OUTSTANDING APPRENTICE STAGE 3

This award is presented to a Third Year Apprentice who has performed exceptionally well in all aspects of their training.

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**OWYN CLARK | Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology  
Host Business: Bridge Toyota (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**

*"Since I have now completed my Toyota training last year, I still find sources, connections and other peoples experience in this industry to build on my skills. Toyota has been a big part in setting me off on my career path into the automotive industry."*

Owyn Clark left school at the end of 2020 to pursue a career in the automotive trade. After gaining experience working on farming equipment, his interest shifted to light vehicles, leading him to an apprenticeship with Bridge Toyota. Over the last three years Owyn has built strong technical skills and a deep passion for the industry. He credits Toyota's support and training as instrumental in shaping his career path.



**CODY HODGINS | Certificate III in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology | Host Business: RK Diesel (Alice Springs) | RTO: CDU**

*"I am a strong advocate for apprenticeships, having experienced significant personal growth since starting mine. The variety of tasks in our busy workshop keeps me engaged, and even the most challenging diagnostic jobs are made easier thanks to the support and approachability of our mechanics."*

Cody Hodgins started his apprenticeship with RK Diesel in 2022 after switching from an electrical apprenticeship to follow his passion for mechanics. Growing up around cars, racing, and motorsport, he was inspired by his family's involvement in drag, speedway, and off-road racing. His apprenticeship has allowed him to develop practical skills and gain valuable experience, setting a strong foundation for his future in the automotive industry.



**SIDNEY HUGGETT | Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade  
Host Business: South32-GEMCO (Groote Eylandt) | RTO: CDU**

*"When this opportunity presented itself I knew I could not pass on it. This was the right decision I made as I knew I would be choosing a great career path but also knowing it would be something I would enjoy learning and completing."*

Sidney Huggett chose an apprenticeship as it suited her preferred learning style. She knew it would be a fulfilling career path and something she would enjoy. Despite initial apprehension, particularly being the only female in the workshop, Sidney quickly gained confidence with the support of experienced tradespeople. Over time, she earned the trust and respect of her colleagues, demonstrating her commitment to completing tasks to a high standard.



**JACK RENTSCH | Certificate III in ESI - Power Systems - Distribution Overhead  
Host Business: Power and Water Corporation (Tennant Creek) | RTO: ESS**

*"As I am in the final stage of my apprenticeship as a linesworker, I am certain that completing an apprenticeship with Power and Water was the right decision. I arrived to complete my apprenticeship in Tennant Creek, eager to build a career and learn a new skill."*

Jack Rentsch knew a linesworker apprenticeship was the right path, though he didn't anticipate how varied and challenging the role would be. Working in Tennant Creek with a small, close knit team, Jack has gained invaluable skills from his supervisors. Highlights include working on diverse projects across remote communities, which has strengthened his problem solving abilities and independence. As an outgoing person, Jack thrives in the regional environment as a respected team member.

# SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to a Supervisor who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the training and mentoring of their apprentices/trainees.

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**TINA ARCHUVAL | Kinetic IT (Darwin)**

*"I have supported trainees, helping them navigate both technical skills and workplace dynamics. It has been rewarding to see their progress in developing into confident, capable professionals and completing their qualifications."*

Tina Archuval, who holds a Master's in Physics and IT, brings over 15 years of industry experience. Passionate about training and mentorship, she has led onboarding and coaching programs that blend technical expertise with people development. Tina believes in empowering others by creating an inclusive and collaborative environments where staff thrive. Her tailored training sessions and ongoing support helps individuals gain confidence and succeed. All of Tina's trainees have secured full-time roles, with two promoted to senior positions with Kinetic IT.



**MATTHEW BLANKENSPoor | Territory Generation (Tennant Creek)**

*"My objective is for our apprentices to feel confident in seeking support, knowing that I am dedicated to nurturing their growth. I want them to look forward to each workday, motivated to advance both personally and professionally."*

Matthew Blankenspoor, born and raised in Tennant Creek, began his career with a local earthmoving company, completing his diesel fitter apprenticeship before moving into the mining sector and later joining TGen in 2014. Now Station Manager, he brings an inclusive approach to mentorship. His approachable leadership style builds trust, encouraging apprentices to ask questions and grow in confidence. One of his apprentices, Asinate Bradbury, was named Apprentice of the Year at the 2024 NT Training Awards, a reflection of his guidance.



**PHILLIP CHAN | Scott Services Pty Ltd (Darwin)**

*"My dedication to mentoring has always been about making a lasting impact on my apprentices, the team, and the industry. Tom, our apprentice, has often expressed how grateful he is to have me supervising him throughout his training. I take pride in my leadership, passion and ability to inspire."*

Phillip Chan brings 15 years of industry experience, along with exceptional technical knowledge and leadership to his role. As a passionate mentor, he focuses on teaching both the "how" and the "why," helping apprentices develop a deep understanding of their trade. He adapts his mentoring to suit individual learning styles and emphasises constructive feedback and recognition to build confidence. His troubleshooting skills are a powerful teaching tool and his patient, practical approach ensures apprentices grow into capable professionals.



**DAVE EWART | Asbuild NT (Alice Springs)**

*"I want to see young people learn and build something that will set them up for the rest of their life. I find great fulfilment in watching apprentices grow, starting with limited knowledge and gradually developing their skills and expertise."*

Dave Ewart is highly regarded for his exceptional dedication to mentoring carpentry apprentices. Despite his heavy workload, Dave consistently takes time to explain tasks thoroughly, ensuring apprentices understand every detail of their craft. His patient guidance has been crucial to their growth and success. Currently supervising two apprentices at the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Health Hub, Dave has mentored over 10 apprentices, many of whom have advanced to supervisor roles or have started their own businesses.



# HOST BUSINESS OF THE YEAR SMALL EMPLOYER

This award is presented to a small employer who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to providing quality learning experiences and outcomes for their apprentices/trainees.

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## THE FINALISTS ARE



### ASBUILD NT (Alice Springs)

**“Our ability to produce highly skilled tradespeople highlights our dedication to providing quality training, mentorship and opportunities for long-term career growth. By investing in our apprentices, we contribute to the future of the industry while fostering a positive impact on the local community.”**

Asbuild is committed to continuous learning and professional development. Their philosophy centres on empowering employees to grow professionally, which not only enhances individual capabilities but also secures long-term success for the business by investing in its people. Since 2012, Asbuild’s partnership with GTNT Group has supported training across business, carpentry, building and construction, and labour hire. The company has proudly hosted over 20 apprentices, with five currently in training. Many have progressed to successful careers, with several former apprentices now holding senior roles or running their own businesses. With 25% of staff actively in training, Asbuild ensures a skilled, confident and future ready workforce.



### BENASH MAINTENANCE SERVICES (Katherine)

**“Our current cohort of nine apprentices is making significant progress in their academic and practical training, benefiting from the extensive expertise of our senior personnel. This ensures they gain a well-rounded education, equipping them with the skills necessary for a successful career.”**

Benash Maintenance Services is dedicated to developing local talent through high quality apprenticeship and training programs. With a current cohort of nine apprentices, including two Indigenous apprentices with GTNT Group, Benash combines academic learning with applied training under the guidance of experienced tradespeople. Over 18 years, the company has supported 22 apprentices, including 16 local school leavers and five mature aged apprentices. One of our Indigenous apprentices recently successfully completed their trade, reflecting Benash’s commitment to inclusion. Their strong focus on skills development and workforce training plays a key role in building a sustainable local workforce in the electrical and electronic trades.



### KATHERINE VET CARE CENTRE (Katherine)

**“Our training approach is very hands on and we like to get students as involved as possible in our patient diagnostics and care. The family basis of our clinic philosophy is something we strive to uphold to make students and employees feel like they are a part of our team.”**

Katherine Vet Care Centre is a family owned clinic dedicated to supporting the next generation of veterinary professionals. Each year, they host up to fifteen veterinary students on extended placements and have mentored numerous vet nursing students, including five who completed their Certificate IV and five currently studying, with two through GTNT Group. Most recently, they’ve supported seven graduate veterinarians, of whom four are on staff. The clinic currently employs six nurses, with four undertaking further study. Katherine Vet Care Centre fosters an experiential learning environment and actively promotes professional development through conferences, workshops and regular industry led training, making staff feel valued and supported.

# HOST BUSINESS OF THE YEAR LARGE EMPLOYER

This award is presented to a large employer who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to providing quality learning experiences and outcomes for their apprentices/trainees.

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### KINETIC IT (Northern Territory)

***"In the Northern Territory, we're proud to be known for our highly skilled employees, this is due to our structured training programs, that combine hands-on experience, role specific learning and competency validation to prepare staff for success in our collaborative culture."***

Kinetic IT believes that while technical IT skills can be taught, a genuine passion for helping others is essential. With customer service at the core of every role, they frequently seek candidates from hospitality and retail backgrounds, recognising the value of their strong interpersonal skills and commitment to service excellence. Kinetic IT's structured training combines hands on learning and competency validation. From 2010 to 2022, Kinetic IT proudly supported 29 trainees. Building on this foundation, they have significantly increased their efforts, with 11 trainees onboarded in 2024 - five already completing their traineeships and six currently progressing. As part of their ongoing commitment to nurturing local talent, Kinetic IT have pledged to support at least five trainees annually in the Northern Territory.



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### POWER AND WATER CORPORATION (Northern Territory)

***"As an organisation employing 900 people, we prioritise training and professional development to maintain an empowered, safe, and high-performing workforce. Over 75% of our team actively participate in training and development programs including technical skills, leadership training and professional development opportunities."***

Power and Water Corporation is committed to developing a skilled local workforce through significant investment in apprentices and trainees across the Northern Territory. Currently, they supports 47 apprentices, 12 graduates, 11 business trainees and three Water Operations trainees. The organisation consistently exceeds its engagement targets and has expanded its programs annually. Power and Water's business traineeship program continues to grow, with many participants securing NT Government roles. Their innovative recruitment approach includes Assessment Centres led by former apprentices, ensuring candidates are well-supported.



 TERRITORY  
GENERATION

### TERRITORY GENERATION (Northern Territory)

***"We are dedicated to embedding exemplary business practices within our strategic approach to workforce development. Our careers programs not only cultivate essential skills but aim to empower the next generation. Through training and mentorship, we ensure that our workforce is equipped support the Northern Territory's changing generation landscape."***

Territory Generation (TGen) is the Northern Territory's largest wholesale electricity generator, operating eight power stations across the Territory. TGen is proud to nominate for this award, highlighting its strong commitment to developing apprentices and supporting workforce growth. Through its Early Careers program, TGen nurtures talent by providing practical experience, mentorship, and growth opportunities. Apprentices are encouraged to explore their interests and apply their learning, such as contributing to complex crane lifts using trade school knowledge. With recognition at events like the NT Training Awards, TGen continues to empower the next generation while meeting the Territory's evolving energy needs.



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# ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER APPRENTICE/TRAINEE OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander apprentice/trainee who has performed exceptionally well in all aspects of their trade, training and is committed to continual development for themselves and the local community.

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**SHADRACK BARA | Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology  
Host Business: South32-GEMCO (Groote Eylandt) | RTO: CDU**

*"I chose an apprenticeship pathway because although I had a good job, I thought for a good future it would be better if I had a trade. Some of the highlights from my training and workplace are learning new skills and doing new things."*

With over a decade of experience at GEMCO, Shadrack Bara previously worked in operations and at the port, gaining skills in machinery and welding. Now as an apprentice, he services and repairs a wide range of vehicles. Highlights include learning new skills, meeting new people, and supporting his family and community with his knowledge. The apprenticeship has changed his life and brought pride to his wife and kids.



**KIT HAWES | Certificate IV in Training and Assessment**

**Host Business: Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia (Yulara) | RTO: WANT**

*"As someone who trains I understand the value that a traineeship or apprenticeship has for people. For me it was a supported way for me to gain further skills and advance my career. A great VET pathway is one that is accessible to anyone who is willing to do their best and try."*

Kit Hawes earned a TAE certificate while working as a Learning Support Coordinator at the National Indigenous Training Academy, the very organisation where she had studied six years earlier. Passionate about the VET sector, she advocates for accessible pathways, especially for Indigenous youth. She believes stepping out of your comfort zone can lead to life changing opportunities.



**KAYLISHA MAMARIKA | Certificate III in Retail**

**Host Business: South32-GEMCO (Groote Eylandt) | RTO: CDU**

*"The number one rule I have about my training is don't give up on what you are doing. Keep working until you are finished. My number two rule is don't forget rule number one. Keep going, don't let others stop you from what you are doing."*

Kaylisha Mamarika chose a traineeship pathway to gain new skills as a young person and to prepare for the future. She recognises the importance of local people maintaining the supermarket for the community. A highlight of her role is serving customers, and she enjoys connecting with everyone due to her fluency in both Anindilyakwa and English. Having lived on Groote Eylandt her whole life, Kaylisha feels strongly connected to the community.



**JASON RAMSAMY | Certificate III in Business**

**Host Business: KAEFER Integrated Services (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**

*"I truly believe that VET is an ideal learning approach, offering the best of both worlds. It equips individuals with skills that prepare them for the workforce or allows them to explore different career options just as it did for me."*

Jason Ramsamy chose a traineeship pathway after graduating Year 12 in 2023. He secured a position as a Health, Safety and Environment Administrator. A highlight has for Jason has been to work at their various locations, including the Santos DLNG gas plant, where he conducts inductions for workers from across Australia and overseas. Inspired by his family's support, including his older brother's positive VET experience, Jason encourages others to consider VET for its combination of practical and academic learning.



# TRAINEE OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to a trainee who has performed exceptionally well in all aspects of their training.

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**PETER ILIĆ | Certificate IV in Training and Assessment**

**Host Business: Apprenticeships NT (Alice Springs) | RTO: WANT**

*"There's something incredibly rewarding about completing a VET certificate, where practical skills are developed alongside theoretical learning. Earning this qualification has given me the confidence to continue in this field."*

Peter Ilić, a mature aged student, earned his qualification in training, which has significantly boosted his confidence in making a positive impact through education. A key moment during his traineeship was teaching job interview techniques to participants with lower literacy skills, using interactive methods like role-playing to reinforce learning. Peter is also actively involved in industry discussions, attending meetings with Job and Skills Centres and participating in workforce groups in the Barkly and Alice Springs regions.



**TAHNEE HENDERSON | Certificate III in Business**

**Host Business: Charles Darwin University (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**

*"I chose an apprenticeship pathway after graduating from high school because I wanted to continue learning in a structured environment. It's allowed me to gain financial independence while developing essential workplace skills."*

Tahnee Henderson has dedicated herself to significant personal and professional growth during her traineeship. She has gained confidence and skills through a range of workplace activities, demonstrating determination, curiosity and courage. She has embraced challenges, adapting to unexpected situations while emphasising the importance of effective communication. She values her supportive team at CDU, who now all enthusiastically share her love for cake!

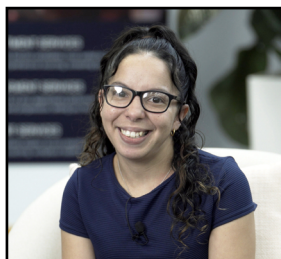


**JONTY POLLARD | Certificate III in Information Technology**

**Host Business: Kinetic IT (Darwin) | RTO: Integrity Business College**

*"The learning approach of this traineeship has had a significant impact on my personal and professional growth, helping me refine my problem solving abilities and boosting my confidence."*

Jonty Pollard's IT traineeship has provided valuable opportunities to develop his technical skills and build a long-term career. He recognises that a field position would be the ideal next step after completing his qualification. A key highlight of Jonty's experience has been engaging with end users to resolve technical issues, ranging from troubleshooting hardware to configuring software. The collaborative environment at his workplace has provided him with the opportunity to learn from experienced colleagues, further enhancing both his technical expertise and communication skills.



**JASMINE RAMSEY | Certificate III in Community Services**

**Host Business: Knowmore Legal Services (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**

*"I advocate for VET as an empowering route for anyone looking to make a difference. I plan on sharing my journey and success with those around me, to inspire others to pursue training that leads to impactful careers."*

Jasmine Ramsey chose a traineeship to gain real life experience in legal and social services, driven by her passion to support Aboriginal people affected by trauma and injustice. A key part of her role has been assisting Stolen Generations survivors with the Redress Scheme, helping clients access justice and reclaim dignity. Through this experience, Jasmine has developed a strong sense of purpose and is committed to empowering her community.

# APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to a final year apprentice who has performed exceptionally well in all aspects of their training.

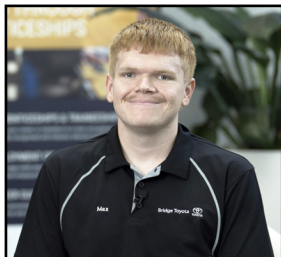
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**ABBE AYRES | Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician & Certificate III and IV in Instrumentation and Control**  
**Host Business: South32-GEMCO (Groote Eylandt) | RTO: CDU**  
*"I'm a huge advocate for the VET sector which separates itself from the traditional university by prioritising hands on learning. Apprentices are fully immersed in practical experiences, combining trade school with on-the-job training."*  
Abbe Ayres is a dual trade qualified electrician. She is the third apprentice to secure full-time employment with GEMCO's electrical department. Her passion for electrical systems began at 15, and she actively pursued an apprenticeship while completing high school. Abbe's four year apprenticeship provided invaluable experience across domestic, industrial and port operations, including working alongside linesworkers.



**MAX GARTON | Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology**  
**Host Business: Bridge Toyota (Darwin) | RTO: CDU**  
*"The apprenticeship felt like the smartest choice for me. Instead of just studying and hoping for a job afterward, I'm already building connections and skills. Plus, I get the chance to work alongside experienced professionals who are guiding me along the way."*  
Max Garton chose an apprenticeship as the most practical way to launch his career, combining learning with real world experience from day one. Max has also led fellow apprentices, explored service advising, and participated in open days to mentor new candidates. His journey reflects a deep commitment to the VET pathway and a clear focus on building a strong, sustainable career in the automotive industry.



**GEORGENA JAMES | Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician**  
**Host Business: Power and Water Corporation (Alice Springs) | RTO: CDU**  
*"The apprenticeship has also provided some incredible opportunities. I feel like I have found the right career. I am confident that I know I will have strong future success in the industry and am excited to keep learning."*  
Georgena James pursued an electrical apprenticeship to follow her passion for science and sustainability. As someone with dyslexia, she thrives through practical experience and the VET pathway has helped her build confidence. Fascinated by the evolving maths and physics behind electricity, Georgena values working in a trade that supports the community. She is passionate about encouraging respect between men and women in the industry.



**EVIE RUSHFORTH | Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade**  
**Host Business: South32-GEMCO (Groote Eylandt) | RTO: CDU**  
*"VET has been a great pathway for me. It's been great to learn while being paid, I really appreciate the FIFO roster and the freedom and flexibility it grants me. Above all I appreciate the practical skills I've learnt through my training."*  
Evie Rushforth chose a trade apprenticeship to challenge herself beyond her comfort zone. After previously studying law and then horticulture, she discovered her passion for physical work. Now that she has completed her apprenticeship, she is a confident and resilient professional. From critical response work post cyclone to machining and fuel line repairs, Evie has thrived in high-pressure environments. VET has been transformative, providing her with not only practical skills but also the confidence to overcome challenges and keep growing.

# HONOUR ROLL

## OUTSTANDING APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR - STAGE 1

Year	Name	Host Business
2024	Jamil Turpin	Benash Maintenance Services
	Oliver King	Power and Water Corporation
2023	Georgena James	Power and Water Corporation
2022	Evangelene Rushforth	South32-GEMCO
2021	Shane Greening	Rk Diesel Services
2020	Shannah Mudge	Aggreko
2019	Dillon Morris	ABB Australia Pty Ltd
2018	Arnold Caridad	Bridge Toyota
2017	Callum DiFrancesco	Bridge Toyota
2016	Allan Spence	Power and Water Corporation
2015	Shane Jovanovic & Craig White	Power and Water Corporation
2014	Jack Rutherford	Bridge Toyota
	Tim Childs	Power and Water Corporation
2013	Hayden Kennaway & David Kearns	Power and Water Corporation
2012	David Koever	Bridge Toyota
	Igor Luthi	Peter Kittle Motor Company
	Sam Putland	Alcan - Gove Pty Ltd
	Anthony Tucker	Croc Gold
2011	Daniel Hurst	MTU Detroit Diesel
	Matthew Watts	Alcan - Gove Pty Ltd
2010	Dale Hudson	Channel Nine
	James Ross	Alice Springs Desert Park
2009	Lachlan Malone	Bridge Toyota
	Rex Stuart	Peter Kittle Motor Company
	Elisa Wakelin & Trent Tschirpig	Power and Water Corporation
	Jake Mapstone	Rio Tinto Alcan
	Kameron Symons	GEMCO

## OUTSTANDING APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR - STAGE 2

Year	Name	Host Business
2024	Thomas Marsh	Power and Water Corporation
2023	Thomas Norris II	Darwin Port
2022	Julian Coburn	Nilsen (NT) Pty Ltd



2021	Shannah Mudge	Aggreko
2020	Edward Clarke	Broadspectrum Pty Ltd & Cegelic Oil & Gas
2019	Sayd Metcalfe	Power and Water Corporation
2018	Timothy Childs	Power and Water Corporation
2017	Nathan Powell	Power and Water Corporation
2016	Corey Kahl	Power and Water Corporation
2015	Jack Rutherford	Bridge Toyota
	Ben Litzman & Tim Childs	Power and Water Corporation
2014	James Pearce	Power and Water Corporation
	Matthew Shadforth	Power and Water Corporation
2013	Lachlan Shambrook & Jaco De Wet	Power and Water Corporation
2012	Tom Sherrell & Phillip Yates	Power and Water Corporation
	Simon Brown	Alice Springs Desert Park
	Nicholas Kokles-Ridgway	Alcan
2011	Ben Finlayson	Bridge Toyota
	Senad Jahic	Alcan
	Phillip Yates & Dale Prime	Power and Water Corporation
2010	Brendan Lee	Power and Water Corporation
	Robert Maloney	Alice Springs Desert Park
2009	Grant Fitzgerald	Conoco Phillips
	Ronnel Colon & Thomas Parrish	Power and Water Corporation
	David Bastian	Rio Tinto Alcan
	Benjamin Wood	GEMCO

OUTSTANDING APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR - STAGE 3		
Year	Name	Host Business
2024	Abbe Ayres	South32-GEMCO
2023	Julian Coburn	Nilsen (NT) Pty Ltd
2022	Brieanna McSweeney	Territory Generation
2021	Matthew Cubis	Trace JV
2020	Micheal Bowden	Power and Water Corporation
2019	Callum DiFrancesco	Bridge Toyota
2018	Nathan Powell	Power and Water Corporation
2017	Shane Jovanovic	Power and Water Corporation
2016	Tim Childs	Power and Water Corporation
2015	Dylan Cowan	Power and Water Corporation
	Bradley Duke	Power and Water Corporation
2014	Olivier Schinkel	Power and Water Corporation

	Igor Luthi	Peter Kittle Motor Company
2013	Willie Augerea	Master Electrical
	Joshua Starick	Power and Water Corporation
2012	Anthony Wilson-Anderson	Bridge Toyota
	Daniel Pezet	Power and Water Corporation
	Kieran Paradise	Alcan
	Scott Armstrong	Katherine Toyota
2011	Brendan Lee	Power and Water Corporation
	Mackline Malupo	Alcan
2010	Grant Fitzgerald	Conoco Phillips
	Cameron Khal	Power and Water Corporation
2009	Shane Boots	Bridge Toyota
	Jordan Boyd	Rio Tinto Alcan
	David Portelli	GEMCO
	Daniel Oliver	Katherine Toyota

SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR		
Year	Name	Host Business
2024	Steven Budd	Power and Water Corporation
2023	Tom Loveridge	TL Metalworks
2022	Geoff Brook	Northern Territory Government - Rum Jungle Project
2021	Susan Turner	NTG - Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade
2020	Travis Messner	Territory Wildlife Park
2019	Macauley Taunton	Bridge Toyota
2018	Rowan Lee	Power and Water Corporation
2017	Samantha Barley	Department of Health, Oral Health Services Central Australia
2016	Luke Chandley	Chandley Plumbing
	Sally-Ann Nepe	Power and Water Corporation
2015	Jimmy Bouhoris	Power and Water Corporation
	Sharijin King	Waltja Tjutanku Palyapayi
2014	Karen Duncan	Department of Health - Oral Health Services NT
	Gavin Kahl	Power and Water Corporation
2013	Tony Sievers	Department of Health - Alcohol & Other Drugs
	Peta Bettineschi	Department of Health
2012	Leigh Southwick	MTU Detroit Diesel
	Gavin Kahl & Ben Howard	Power and Water Corporation
	Pierre De La Rey	Peter Kittle Motor Company
2011	Christine Mandall	NT Pest & Weed Control

	James Gorman	NRETAS
2010	Sharon Wunningmurra	Gapuwiyak
	Mark David	Northern Territory Government - Darwin Bus Services
	Steve Bell	Power and Water Corporation
2009	Jochem Van Der Reijden	ASP Desert Park
	Tom Niven	Rio Tinto Alcan
	Joe McQuaid	GEMCO
	Robert Hore	Power and Water Corporation

SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICE/TRAINEE OF THE YEAR		
Year	Name	Host Business
2023	Lilly Bright	Department of Health - Katherine Hospital
2022	William Brown	NT Fisheries - Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade
2021	Taylah Mills	NT Government - DCDD - Gove District Hospital
2020	Courtney Anderson	Alice Springs Hospital
2019	Catherine Ralph	Kakadu National Park
2018	Quinton Appleby	Territory Wildlife Park
2017	Kate Gornall	DCIS Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
2016	Chloe Bonnell	DCIS DLRM
	Debbon Webb	DCIS - Bradshaw Primary School
2015	Susanne Munkara	Department of Health - Alcohol & Other Drugs
2014	Shardae Harris	Department of Health - Alcohol & Other Drugs
2013	Christopher Cleanthous	Department of Health - Disability Services
2012	Dahila Edwards	National Australia Bank
2011	Addison Young	Centrelink
	Taylor Jane Lewis	Alcan - Gove Pty Ltd
2010	Tarizma Kenyon	DNRETAS
	Brianna Shaw	ANZ Bank
2009	Jarrod Benton	DNRETAS
	Bianca Erlandson	Department of Corporate & Information Services
	Zoe Shepherd	GTNT

ATSI TRAINEE OF THE YEAR		
Year	Name	Host Business
2024	Thomas Norris II	Darwin Port
2023	Shenea Tipungwuti	Menzies School of Health Research
2022	Patrik Crosby Ralph	NT Government- Department of Health
2021	Jahdai Vigona	Menzies School of Health Research
2020	Rodney Nagawalli	Darwin Port Operations



2019	Raelene Collins	Menzies School of Health Research
2018	Dylan Barry	Department of Education
2017	Allana Neave	Department of Health, Alcohol & Other Drugs
2016	Jordan Johnson	DCIS NT Police Fire & Emergency Services
	Zac Martin	Asbuild NT Pty Ltd
2015	Jach Hunter	Kinetic IT
	Veronica James	Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi
2014	Marylou James	Maningrida College
	Leela Kruger	Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi
2013	Roslyn Malngumba	Marpuru Christian College
	Jessica McAdam	The Smith Family
2012	David Laughton	Gold Medal Services
	Susan Walker	Yipirinya School
	Ludwig Schebeck	Alcan
	Marty Kartinyeri	ACDC Electrical & Communication Services
2011	John Anstess	Power and Water Corporation
	Steven Dhurrkay	Alcan
	Allan Anderson	NRETAS
2010	Clifford Taylor	Borroloola Health
	Tahlia Peckham	Alice Springs Desert Park
2009	Anthony Lew Fatt	National Australia Bank
	Ashlee Porter	Alice Springs Desert Park
	Danielle McGinness	Elsey National Park

HOST BUSINESS OF THE YEAR		
Year		
2024	Power and Water Corporation	
2023	Nilsen NT	
2022	Territory Generation	
2021	GEBIE Civil & Construction	
2020	South32-GEMCO	
2019	Asbuild NT Pty Ltd	
2018	Oral Health Services, Top End Health Services	
2017	Asbuild NT Pty Ltd	
2016	North Australia Aboriginal Family Legal Service	
	Power and Water Corporation	
	Menzies School of Health Research	
	Asbuild NT Pty Ltd	
2015	Department of Infrastructure	

	Chifley Alice Springs Resort
2014	Department of Health – Oral Health Services NT
	Bizcom NT
2013	National Australia Bank
2012	Power and Water Corporation
	ACDC Electrical & Communication Services
2011	Bridge Toyota
	Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Association
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	Yirara College
	Peter Kittle Motor Company
2009	NTPFES Indigenous Policing Development Division Yidiyu Initiative
	National Road Transport Historical Society
	Outback Automotive
	Katherine Toyota
	Nitmiluk National Park

TRAINEE OF THE YEAR		
Year	Name	Host Business
2024	Jessica Porter	GTNT Group
2023	Rheece Davies-Smith	GTNT Group
2022	Sam Duke	Power and Water Corporation
2021	Jahdai Vigona	Menzies School of Health Research
2020	Tanisha Garling	Kalano Community Association
2019	Jordan Owen	Central Australia Oral Health Services NT
2018	Dylan Barry	Department of Education
2017	Dimiti Andresen	DCIS Oral Health Services Central Australia
2016	Thomas Polkinghorne	DCIS Department of Business
	Mike Jenkins	Chifley Alice Springs Resort
2015	Drew Rankins	Department of Infrastructure
	Cameron Brown	Chifley Alice Springs Resort
2014	Maria Giallouris	GTNT
	Kate Porter	RASAC
2013	Jenna Brady	DCIS George Brown Botanical Gardens
	Edward Robertson	Department of Justice
2012	Elle Lyons	Department of Construction & Infrastructure
	Jayde Manning	Department of Business & Employment
	Michael Mayer	Alcan
	Daniel Mackander	DCIS Clyde Fenton Primary School

2011	Cheryl Fitzsimmons	De Silva Hebron
	Ludwig Schebeck	Alcan
	Johnny Cooper	Department of Resources
2010	Michael (Miguel) Molina	Territory Technology Solutions
	Nathan Harrison	NRETAS
	Hannah Auld	Central Australia Metal Health Services

APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR		
Year	Name	Host Business
2024	Julian Coburn	Nilsen NT
2023	Shane Greening	RK Diesel Services
2022	Mary Coulter	South32-GEMCO
2021	Joshua Zeimer	Power and Water Corporation
2020	Michael Francis	Power and Water Corporation
2019	Benjamin Martin	GEMCO
2018	Joshua Cawthorne– Crosby	Power and Water Corporation
2017	Timothy Childs	Power and Water Corporation
2016	Harrison Killalea	Chandley Plumbing
	Jakco Long	Central Desert Regional Council
2015	Jack McCarthy	GEMCO
	Jaco DeWet	Power and Water Corporation
2014	Rowan Lee	Power and Water Corporation
	Shawn Du Venage	Power and Water Corporation
2013	Simon Brown	Alice Springs Desert Park
2012	Brendan Lee	Power and Water Corporation
	Nikki Bennert	DASA
	Mack Malupo	Alcan
	Katie Williams	Power and Water Corporation
2011	Grant Fitzgerald	Conoco Phillips
	Christopher Lynch	Rio Tinto Alcan
2010	Harry Bliss	Darwin Port Corporation
	Ronnel Colon	Power and Water Corporation
2009	Adam Thrift	Bridge Toyota
	Glen Detenon	Rio Tinto Alcan
	Luke Tabone	YBE
	Norman	GEMCO
	Magnus Fejo	Nitmiluk National Park



**DAVID BEAVINGTON AWARD FOR MOST OUTSTANDING AUTOMOTIVE APPRENTICE**

Year	Name	Host Business
2022	Ryan Randle	Darky's Mechanical Services
2021	David Hemopo	Bridge Toyota
2020	Shannon Chuter	South32-GEMCO
2019	Daniel Bromot	YBE (2) Pty Ltd
2018	Arnold Caridad	Bridge Toyota
2017	Jake Rutherford	Bridge Toyota
2016	Dylan McPharlin	Bridge Toyota
2015	Joel Raymond	Bridge Toyota
2014	Reuben Adams	Bridge Toyota
2013	David Koever	Bridge Toyota
2012	Shaun Boyer	Bridge Toyota
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**PRELUDE TO THE FUTURE FOR MOST OUTSTANDING SHELL APPRENTICE**

Year	Name	Host Business
2023	Elisha Wright	Territory Generation
2022	Ranty Labasi	Nilsen (NT) Pty Ltd
2021	Victoria Lang	Nilsen (NT) Pty Ltd
2020	Victoria Lang	Nilsen (NT) Pty Ltd
2019	No award	
2018	Margaret Bell	
2017	Olivier Hasan-Fourcard	
2016	Thomas Mitchell	

**OUTSTANDING FEMALE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

Year	Name	Host Business
2024	Elisha Wright	Territory Generation
2023	Ranty Labasi	Nilsen (NT) Pty Ltd



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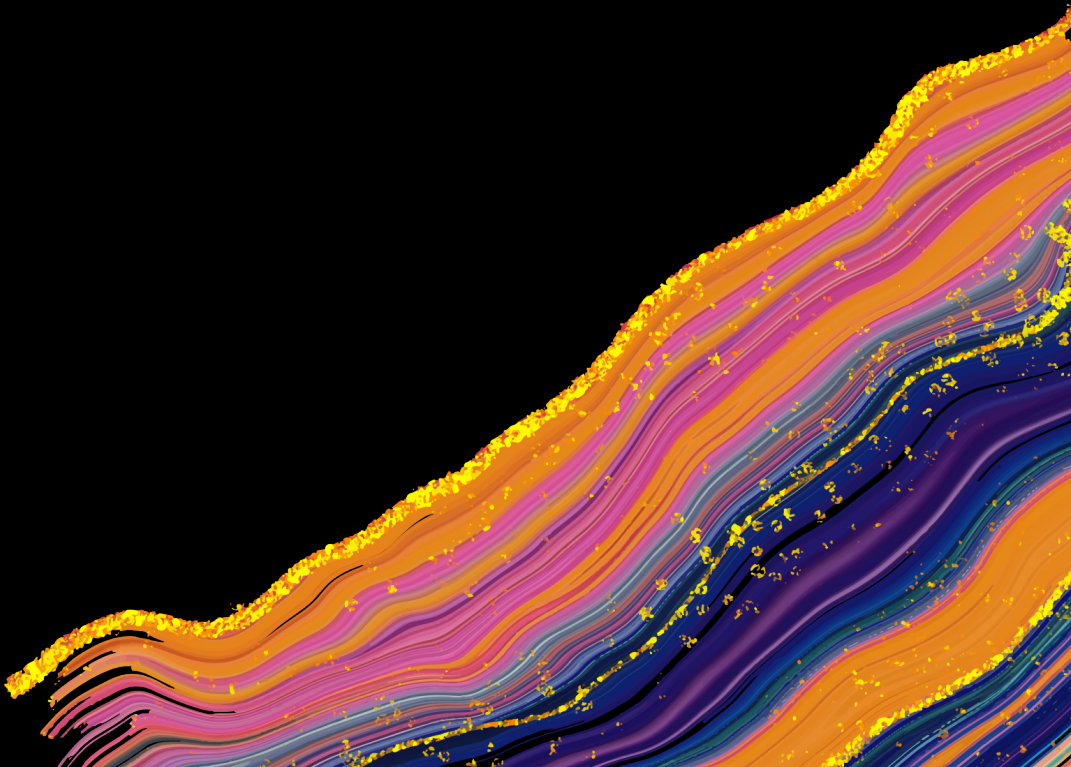
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