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TOP GONG FOR TAFE QUEENSLAND AT THE 2016 QUEENSLAND TRAINING AWARDS

TAFE Queensland took out the top gong at the 55th Queensland Training Awards – the Vocational Education and Training sector’s night of nights – on Friday 9 September at the RNA Showgrounds.

The Queensland Training Awards are the state's highest recognition of excellence in vocational education and training (VET) and recognise the importance of VET to the economy.

CEO TAFE Queensland, Ms Jodi Schmidt accepted the 2016 Large Training Provider of the Year award on behalf of the organisation for the second year in a row.

“The Queensland Training Awards are the State’s highest recognition of their kind and an initiative of the Department of Education and Training.

“TAFE Queensland has a significant role to play in providing skills to ensure that Australia and Queensland sustain and build a competitive workforce in a growing economy.

“Our core purpose is to deliver quality training that changes people’s lives and this commitment is recognised through our acceptance of the 2016 Large Training Provider of the Year award.

Judy Hoskins, an Indigenous Primary Health Care teacher from TAFE Queensland North was named as the 2016 Teacher or Trainer of the Year.

Ms Schmidt said the honour of Teacher or Trainer of the Year was well-deserved by Judy.

“Judy’s commitment to building the skills of Indigenous health workers to help provide better treatment for people living in remote communities is inspirational.

“Judy is an absolute professional in her field and sets the benchmark of excellence and innovation in the VET sector’s teaching and learning practices.



The applause continued for Ben Nedwich, a Certificate III in Business Administration student from TAFE Queensland East Coast who took home the Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year award.

Ms Schmidt said TAFE Queensland was proud to be the training provider for such incredible students.

“Ben has done an incredible job in his industry and the award reflects the high standards set by TAFE Queensland,” she said.

Ms Schmidt congratulated all winners and finalists of this year’s awards.

Winners of the Queensland Training Awards will compete at the peak national awards for vocational education and training, the Australian Training Awards in Darwin on Thursday 17 November 2016.

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