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Nominate for 60th annual Victorian training awards

Bayswater District MP Heidi Victoria is encouraging residents involved in vocational training including apprentices, trainees, industry leaders, training providers and teachers to nominate for the 2014 Victorian Training Awards.

"These awards are a wonderful way to recognise excellence and for people to be able to share their successes with their community," said Ms Victoria.

Now in its 60th year, the awards recognise the amazing achievements of students, teachers, training providers and employers in equipping individuals for the Victorian workforce.

"Each year more and more students are taking part in vocational training in Victoria and the Coalition state government has spent a record \$1.2 billion on the vocation training system," said Ms Victoria.

There are 14 categories to enter, including Victorian Apprentice of the Year, Victorian VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year, Victorian Employer Award for Apprentice Development and Victorian Vocational Student of the Year.

Individuals can nominate for training awards in six categories, with winners awarded a \$10,000 fellowship. Winners may then go on to represent Victoria at the Australian Training Awards.

Nominations close on May 2, 2014 and the finalists for each category will be announced on June 27, 2014. There will be a presentation dinner held on September 26.

For further information, please visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/trainingawards.

Award categories:

Categories for individuals include:

1. Victorian School-based Apprentice of the Year Award;
2. Victorian Apprentice of the Year Award;
3. Victorian Koorie Student of the Year Award;
4. Victorian Trainee of the Year Award;
5. Victorian Vocational Student of the Year Award; and
6. Victorian Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award.

Categories for employers, training providers and schools include:

7. Victorian VET Client Service/Support Excellence Award;
8. Victorian Large Training Provider of the Year Award;
9. Victorian Small Training Provider of the Year Award;
10. Victorian VET in Schools Excellence Award;
11. Victorian Employer of the Year Award;
12. Victorian Small Employer of the Year Award;
13. Victorian Industry Collaboration Award; and
14. Victorian Employer Award for Apprentice Development.

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