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Queensland Training Awards

Tynnan Byrne, an inspiring trainee was a finalist in the North Coast Region Queensland Training Awards. He went on to win the Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year. Tynnan commenced his traineeship in Civil Construction as he likes working outdoors and wanted a great career. He spent 2010 working two days a week on a large construction development and completing school at the same time. Tynnan also had a part time job and was playing a representative sport.

Tynnan now is working on completing his Certificate III in Civil Construction with Hall Contracting. Tynnan won this award as he shows initiative and strides to do his best; he also has a goal of becoming a site foreman.

Worldskills 2011



WorldSkills Australia was established in 1981 as an independent, not for-profit organisation to raise the status of vocational training and job skills for young people across Australia. WorldSkills Australia competitions operate on a two year cycle - regional, national and international. Acclaim is very proud to say that Corey Broadstock won the Silver Medal in the Regional Finals for Tiling. Corey commenced his Apprenticeship with Suncoast Tiling in 2009 and is now in his 3rd year. Well done Corey and we wish all the best for Corey's future.



Christmas Closure



Acclaim offices will close at midday Thursday 22/12/2011 and re-open on Monday 9/01/2012.

Group Training National Awards

School Based Trainee Sara Dunbar was a nominee at The Group Training National Awards held in Melbourne on Friday 21 October 2011. Sara commenced a Certificate III in Business Administration (Legal) in September 2010 with Garland Waddington Solicitors. Highlights for Sara include: being an Australian Youth Choir Darryl Cotton Scholarship recipient and being selected as the Youth Parliamentary Member Maroochydore to the State Parliament in Qld. Sara's goal is to become a Solicitor and then make the move into Politics.

Employee of the Quarter - March

Jan Marsh was awarded the Employee of the Quarter for March for her efforts in increasing the numbers in the Southern Zone back over 100. Jan and her team were able to improve their numbers by over 15%. While this has been a team effort, Jan has moulded a strong team and needs to be congratulated for her efforts.



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Employee of the Quarter - June

Vaughan has become the go to person around the office. Nothing is too much trouble or an effort for Vaughan. Over the last few months Vaughan has taken on extra duties including fleet management and uniform coordinator. Vaughan has also taken on the responsibility of the First Aid officer. Vaughan is a worthwhile recipient of the Employee of the Quarter for June.



Host & Apprentice/Trainee Survey

Acclaim recently conducted a survey for our Host employers, Apprentices and Trainees. This was done to look at the areas of our business where you are satisfied with and areas where you believe we can improve in. To assist in getting people to participate we offered a prize draw for a Host and an Apprentice/Trainee. Needless to say the responses were overwhelming, so a huge thank you to all those that participated.

Your participation and feedback assist us in understanding areas we are doing well in and those we need to improve in.

The overall response from Hosts, Apprentices and Trainees was fantastic; you offered us a great overview of what you expect and what you need.

We at Acclaim take your feedback and suggestions seriously, we look forward to improving our services to you and continually looking at ways we can meet your business expectations.

Keely Dellit

Keely Dellit had a vision to pursue Nursing so she sought out a traineeship in Aged Care to gain valuable experience working alongside qualified nurses whilst providing patient care. As if a young person seeking employment in such a confronting industry wasn't impressive enough, Keely then dealt with working in palliative care and dementia wards with a maturity beyond her years.

Keely had a goal to complete all of her modules for her traineeship during her first semester, and managed to complete them within three months of commencement, and all of this while completing Year 12.

The entire Acclaim office was amazed to see a school based trainee undertake and complete a Certificate III in Aged Care in less than four months, a remarkable achievement by a very driven young person. She is a great example of someone seeking out opportunities and thinking outside the box to pursue her chosen career path.

Australian Apprenticeship Intervention Project (AIP)

The Trade Apprentice Service has been specifically created by the Qld Government and the aim is to assist Out of Trade Apprentices find new employment in their apprenticeship vocations and to help them towards the completion of their qualifications.

Acclaim has participated in this program by utilising out of work Apprentices at the Buderim War Memorial, the Caloundra Cricket Club, Coolum Meals on Wheels, Mooloolaba Tennis Club, Kawana Junior Australian Rules Football Club, The Sunshine Coast City Council flood cleanup project, Abbey Museum at Caboolture, The Shaftesbury Centre, RAAF Air Cadets – Squadron 227, AAFC 207 Squadron – Air Force Cadets, Caboolture Learning Centre, and the Cooloolabin Hall Project.

The AIP initiative has given Acclaim the opportunity to give back to the local community that have supported us for the past 27 years.

The AIP has been invaluable in assisting our local community and our local community groups that would otherwise be struggling.

A function was held on 13 October 2011 by Group Training Australia (QLDNT) to say thank you to the participants for supporting the AIP Projects.



(Jarrah Ackland, Minster Hinchliffe, Tom Sansome, Shane Wornall and Craig McLean)

Free WH&S Workshops

From 1 January 2012 all businesses are required to have a SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT to comply with the new WH&S Act. Acclaim will be holding **FREE** workshops for businesses from 28th November 2011 to 8th December 2011 to assist in meeting the new legislative requirements. Visit our website: www.acclaim.com.au to download an expression of interest form or speak to your Field Representative at Acclaim.

Places are limited so be sure to RSVP to Deanne at deanner@acclaim.com.au; by 21 November 2011.

2011 Acclaim Awards Night

The Acclaim Awards Night was held on Friday 28 October 2011 at the Caloundra RSL Function Centre. This annual event celebrated 27 years of champions of trade, and recognised outstanding Apprentices, Trainees and Host Employers.

This year was an Oriental theme and guests were treated to Chinese Lion Dancers and a Martial Arts Display by some amazing children.

A fantastic night was enjoyed by all and the winners included:

School Based Apprentice/Trainee Outstanding Achievement:

- *Mollie Maher*
- *Ashley Mitchell*
- *Kasey Radatti*
- *Sara Dunbar*
- *Ben Woodrow*
- *Jack Connew*

Trainee Outstanding Achievement:

- *Torie Harrison*
- *Jennifer Campbell*
- *Emmie Forrester*
- *Miyanna Gomez*

Apprentice Outstanding Achievement:

- *Charmaine Tye*
- *Nicholas Woods*
- *Clem O'Mara*
- *Shane Wornall*
- *Matthew Hartmann*
- *Chris Johnston*

Host Employer Outstanding Achievement:

- *Oakwood Dairy*
Small Business Southern Zone
- *Ark Projects*
Small Business Northern Zone
- *Piling Contractors*
Medium Business Southern Zone
- *Buderim Pharmacy*
Medium Business Northern Zone
- *Caboolture Sports Club*
Large Business Southern Zone
- *Bushtracker Manufacturing*
Large Business Northern Zone

The Seven Major Award Winners are:

- **Drew Downes**
Sunshine Coast TAFE Advanced Training Award
Drew is a School Based Trainee currently completing a Cert IV in Information Technology (Networking) at Mountain Creek State High School.
- **Kilcoy Pastoral Company**
Host Employer of the Year
KPC is a Meat Processing business and has been a host employer with Acclaim since 1999. They have hosted over 39 apprentices with 10 of those currently completing apprenticeships.

- **Keely Dellit**

School Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year

Keely recently completed a Cert III in Aged Care Work with Amarina Aged Care in just three months whilst in Year 12 at Peregian Beach Community College.

- **Isabella Dunn**

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Apprentice/Trainee of the Year

Isabella is a School Based Trainee in the process of completing a Cert III in Hospitality and is hosted by Kilcoy Exchange Hotel.

- **Tynnan Byrne**

Trainee of the Year

Tynnan recently completed a Cert II in Civil Construction hosted by Hall Contracting. Tynnan is now completing a Cert III in Civil Construction (Plant Operator). Tynnan recently won the 2011 Qld Training Awards North Coast Region Trainee of the Year and was a finalist in the State Qld Training Awards.

- **Kimberley Jacobi**

Master Builders Sunshine Coast Construction Apprentice of the Year

Kimberley is the first female to win this Award. Kimberley recently completed a Cert III in Painting and Decorating, hosted by Riley Shelly Services and they have said she is the best apprentice they have ever had!

- **Nicholas Grant**

Apprentice of the Year

Nick has completed a Cert III in Automotive Mechanical Technology (Light Vehicle with Garry Cricks. Nick is still employed with Garry Cricks and is a highly regarded part of their Volkswagon team.



(Robert Dunbar, Dean Paterson, Nicholas Grant, Peter McNeale)



(Craig Hegarty, Drew Downes & Bede O'Brien)



(Glenn Meers – KPC, Cathy Powell)



(Tank MacPherson, Keely Dellit, Chris Shirley)



(David Cairns, Isabella Dunn, Barrie Greenbury)



(Ben Ingram, Tynnan Byrne, Mitch Ryder)



(Tony Lynch, Kimberley Jacobi, Steve Robinson)