



# Another big award for GGT

GIPPSLAND Group Training, which has a campus in Korumburra, has again been recognised for excellence as a leading Registered Training Organisation with a Three Gold Star Rating for two of its courses: Construction and Plumbing.

The Star Rating Scheme is administered by The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence and recognises excellence in trade skills training among TAFE and Registered Training Organisations.

Phil Backman, training manager of Gippsland

Group Training said that receiving the Three Gold Star Rating was recognition of the high quality of teaching delivered.

"The recognition we have received validates our position as a leading choice in training in the Plumbing and Construction industry."

The Star Rating Scheme identifies the very best training providers across all industries to enable employers, career counsellors, potential students, and parents to distinguish excellence in trade training by evaluating training providers.



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**Melbourne's Pivot Point Academy has every reason to point the finger after receiving a 'three gold star' rating from the Institute for Trade Skills Excellence. Not only this but staff and students have also been awarded for their enviable achievements.**

**T**he star rating scheme set by the ITSE allows the industry to endorse or rate the quality of training, as well as assess various industry-based areas of Registered Training Organisations (RTOs).

The scheme recognises high performing RTOs and helps to support and advance vocational and technical training for trades in Australia. It also allows students, parents, career counselors, employers and industry to identify the training standard offered by an organisation such as Pivot Point.

"The college is delighted to receive the highest rating of three gold stars. The rating recognises the outstanding contribution of Pivot Point in providing leading training programs and materials for TAFE and private hairdressing schools in Australia and New Zealand. It really shows our continuous pursuit of excellence," said Pivot Point Corporate Education Director, Ruth Browne.

Pivot Point now has 14 accredited schools, two international academies and approximately 50 users of the open market training programs. Pivot Point graduates more students than any other program in Australia and New Zealand.

In addition, Sarah Conlon from the Pivot Point International Academy has been named ITSE "Trade Teacher of the Year" in the hospitality and personal services category by the ITSE. Each Trade Teacher of the Year receives \$10,000. Half of the prize money is

given as a cash prize, while the other half of the money is to be put towards a development project to benefit themselves, their profession or their industry.

"The award acknowledges Sarah's high teaching standards and her effort to go beyond the curriculum to ensure her students are up to date with industry principles and demands. Pivot Point aims to provide the best educators in the industry and Sarah's win demonstrates this aim," said Ruth.

WorldSkills Australia has also been rewarding one apprentice hairdresser for their significant achievement. Laura Spinner has won the Gold Medal at the Worldskills Australia regional competition for Victoria in the client and service category. The competitions are held every two years across 30 regions in Australia and are judged by industry experts.

Laura will next represent Victoria at the 2008 Worldskills National Competition - Australia's largest trade and skills showcase - to be held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre between July 11 and 13.

"The national competition gives students the opportunity to travel, network and benchmark their skills against peers from all over Australia in a bid to bring home a medal," said Pivot Point's Ruth Browne. **IN**

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