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## **TAFE's most talented staff recognised in national awards**

Some of the most talented and inspiring staff from TAFE institutes around Australia have been honoured in TAFE Directors Australia's inaugural TAFE Staff Recognition Awards.

The awards, across four categories, were announced at the TDA 2022 Convention in Hobart.

The award categories and the recipients are:

### **Great ideas Award: Embedding technology to enhance organisational outcomes**

**Gold:** TAFE NSW's Electric Bus Micro Skills Program: Mika Langdon, Chris Greentree, Jeremy Lutvey, Lisa Rodrigues, Niel Sharma, Phillip Barbieri and Samar Farhat

**Silver:** TAFE Queensland International Education Marketing Team: Marty Lock, Marcelo Zacarias Vieira, Mel Nair, Catherine Carruthers-Qua, Jacqueline McCarthy

**Bronze:** Bernie Slater, Canberra Institute of Technology

### **TAFE Collaboration with other TAFEs Leaders Award**

**Gold:** Garry Hargreaves, TAFE Queensland

**Silver:** Mark Thompson, TAFE South Australia

**Bronze:** Rachel Wassink, RMIT

### **Services or Support Leader Award**

**Gold:** Elana Agnew, South West TAFE, Victoria

**Silver:** Libby Bailey, Canberra Institute of Technology

**Bronze:** Zac Ekandi, TAFE NSW

### **Educational Leader Award**

**Gold:** Holly Gudsell, North Metropolitan TAFE, WA

**Silver:** Peter Heilbuth, Central Queensland University

**Bronze:** Amy Nussio, Canberra Institute of Technology

TDA Chief Executive Officer Jenny Dodd said there were more than a hundred nominations for the awards, with the finalists selected by TDA Board members.

“The awards demonstrate the extraordinary depth of talent and the commitment by so many people across our TAFEs,” Ms Dodd said.

“Many of these are individuals who go about their work diligently, with little fuss, but who are making extraordinary achievements, and transforming the way that TAFE delivers skills to thousands of students.

“It was a great honour to see the amazing nominations, and to recognise the outstanding individuals and teams that have enabled TAFEs to excel”.

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TAFE Directors Australia is the peak national body representing 29 TAFE institutes, including six dual sector universities with TAFE divisions and nine TAFEs that are also non-university higher education providers.