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Attention: News Editor / Chief of Staff

Cannington organisation in contention for WA Training Award 2009

Silver Trowel Trade Training has been named as a finalist in the prestigious WA Training Awards 2009.

The Cannington training provider is one of three organisations in the WA Small Training Provider of the Year 2009 category sponsored by the Australian Council for Private Education and Training.

Judges praised the organisation, which provides training for the building and construction industry, for encouraging and supporting its apprentices and trainees broaden their education.

General manager Lisa Legena said it was important to involve apprentices and trainees in community projects to help enrich their skills.

“Apprentices and trainees tend to work on practice projects which are destroyed once completed,” Ms Legena said.

“The benefit of working on community projects is that they get an opportunity to show off their work and give something back to the community.

“We focus on developing individuals from before they start their traineeship or apprenticeship to long after they’ve finished.”

Department of Education and Training Director General Sharyn O’Neill said the WA Training Awards recognised the very high quality and standards of the training system in Western Australia.

“A highly skilled workforce is essential for our economic and social prosperity,” she said.

“The high calibre of the finalists across all the award categories shows how flexible and innovative training delivers results for industries, employers, communities and training providers.”

Winners of the WA Training Awards 2009 will be announced on Friday 4 September.

The winner of the WA Small Training Provider of the Year will have the chance to compete against the best in Australia at the Australian Training Awards in Canberra in November.

The WA Training Awards 2009 are a joint initiative of the Department of Education and Training and the State Training Board.

For more information visit: trainingawards.det.wa.edu.au.

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