

# JARROD SPARKS SUCCESS

THE 2018 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS WINNERS

**A**N APPRENTICE electrician has won the state's most prestigious vocational training and training award at last night's South Australian Training Awards, hosted by the Training and Skills Commission.

Jarrold Morton, 21, of Greenwith, has recently completed his apprenticeship with PEER – which also was named Training Provider of the Year at the awards – and is now employed as an electrician.

"I applied for the SA Training Awards because I want to encourage others to do what I've been doing," he says. "Through my apprenticeship I've grown not only as an electrician, but as a person as well. My confidence is higher, and I'm now responsible for running my own jobs from start to finish.

"I aspire to be where my boss is now, running his own company, and plan to go on to study electrical engineering as well."

Industry and Skills Minister David Pisoni says the awards are a celebration of the positive effect of undertaking vocational education and training, and shows the excellence and depth of training providers and employers. "Congratulations to all the finalists and winners, whose achievements show how important vocational education and training is in ensuring we have a skilled workforce for the future," he says.

"We are investing more than \$200 million over the next four years to deliver an additional



20,000 apprenticeships and traineeships through the Skilling South Australia strategy and the Federal Government's Skilling Australians Fund.

"The high calibre of the award winners shows the strength of vocational education and training in South Australia as we embark on a new strategy to build our skilled workforce to prepare for the massive economic opportunity heading our way from defence projects and the growth of digital technology." Training and Skills

Commission chair Michael Boyce says the awards acknowledge and reward both individuals and organisations that have demonstrated exceptional results and achievements.

"The rewards for individuals are the recognition of outstanding potential which gives people a competitive edge in their careers, while for organisations their quality and innovative approaches to training are widely promoted," he says.

"The Training and Skills Commission has an important role in ensuring that clear training priorities deliver strong outcomes aligned with skills demands across industry.

"Last night's winners now have the opportunity to represent South Australia at the Australian Training Awards on November 15 in Sydney."

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS FINALISTS AND WINNERS, VISIT [TASC.SA.GOV.AU/SA-TRAINING-AWARDS/2018-FINALISTS](http://TASC.SA.GOV.AU/SA-TRAINING-AWARDS/2018-FINALISTS)**

**WINNER:** Electrician Jarrold Morton has been named Apprentice of the Year.



**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year:** Lachlan Stone

**Apprentice of the Year:**

Jarrold Morton

**School-based Apprentice of the Year:** Shanna-Lee Locker

**Trainee of the Year:** Kirsty Potter

**Vocational Student of the Year:**

Sarah Twyford

**VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year:**

Darren Quinn

**Voters' Choice:** Jaydon Kovarik

**Industry Collaboration:**

The U-Turn Construction Pathways Program – Mossop Construction and Interiors, South Australian Department for Correctional Services, Totalspace Design, TAFE SA

**Large Employer of the Year:**

Lendlease Engineering Pty Limited

**Medium Employer of the Year:**

Wickham Flower

**Small Employer of the Year:**

SMS Geotechnical

**Training Provider of the Year:** PEER

Three finalists receive direct entry into the Australian Training Awards:

**School Pathways to VET Award:**

Edward John Eyre High School

**Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award:** Kathryn von Bergen, Thebarton Senior College

**Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award:** Lidia Lipkiewicz, TAFE SA Salisbury Campus

Congratulations to the winners of the **2018 SA Training Awards**

<b>ORGANISATION AWARDS</b>	SMALL EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR <b>SMS Geotechnical</b>	MEDIUM EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR <b>Wickham Flower</b>	LARGE EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR <b>Lendlease Engineering Pty Ltd</b>	TRAINING PROVIDER OF THE YEAR <b>PEER</b>	INDUSTRY COLLABORATION <b>The U-Turn Construction Pathways Program</b>	
	<b>INDIVIDUAL AWARDS</b>	VET TEACHER OR TRAINER OF THE YEAR <b>Darren Quinn</b>	ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENT OF THE YEAR <b>Lachlan Stone</b>	SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR <b>Shanna-Lee Locker</b>	TRAINEE OF THE YEAR <b>Kirsty Potter</b>	VOCATIONAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR <b>Sarah Twyford</b>

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