



## Media Release

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### TAFE Queensland North wins at training awards

TAFE Queensland North is celebrating after one of its own was named the VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year at the 2016 Queensland Training Awards on Friday 9 September in Brisbane.

TAFE Queensland North Executive Director, Susan Kinobe said Cairns based trainer Judy Hoskins was a deserving winner.

“Ms Hoskins is the Lead Teacher in Indigenous Primary Health Care, she is also a registered nurse and uses real-life examples from her career to teach students.

“TAFE Queensland North is incredibly proud of Ms Hoskins, who is a tireless advocate for closing the gap and educating people about how to provide remote communities with quality health care,” Ms Kinobe said.

TAFE Queensland CEO, Jodi Schmidt has also congratulated Ms Hoskins.

“Judy is an absolute professional in her field and sets the benchmark of excellence and innovation in the VET sector’s teaching and learning practices,” Ms Schmidt said.

TAFE Queensland North Head of Nursing, Ms Hoskins is still pinching herself after her win.

“I was honoured to be there on the night with so many talented teachers around me.

“When they announced that I had won, I thought did I really just hear them say my name and the person next to me tapped me on the shoulder and told me to go collect my award,” Ms Hoskins said.

Ms Hoskins will now go on to represent TAFE Queensland North at the Australian Training Awards in Darwin in November.

“I’m excited and really quite honoured to be representing TAFE Queensland North and all VET teachers of Queensland at the national awards ceremony,” Ms Hoskins said.

TAFE Queensland is the largest and most experienced provider of VET in Queensland and also claimed a major award on the night, named the Large Training Provider of the Year.

Ms Schmidt accepted the award on behalf of the organisation for the second year in a row.

“The Queensland Training Awards are the State’s highest recognition of their kind and an initiative of the Department of Education and Training.

“TAFE Queensland has a significant role to play in providing skills to ensure that Australia and Queensland sustain and build a competitive workforce in a growing economy.

“Our core purpose is to deliver quality training that changes people’s lives and this commitment is recognised through our acceptance of the 2016 Large Training Provider of the Year award,” Ms Schmidt said.

Ms Kinobe said TAFE Queensland North was well represented at the 2016 Queensland Training Awards, with a total of seven staff and students attending the event as finalists.

“It was particularly great to have two TAFE Queensland North teachers in the running for the VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year award with Whitsundays Hospitality Trainer, Nadia Knight also nominated.

“It just goes to show the high quality teaching and training that is on offer at TAFE Queensland,” Ms Kinobe said.

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