

## Hon David Pisoni MP Minister for Industry and Skills

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### Apprentice electrician takes out top training award

An 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 won Training Provider of the Year – and is now employed as an electrician.

Jarrold said, "I applied for the SA Training Awards because I want to encourage others to do what I've been doing.

"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."

Minister for Industry and Skills David Pisoni congratulated all the winners and said the awards were a celebration of the positive impact of undertaking vocational education and training and showed 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," said Minister for Industry and Skills David Pisoni.

"As we announced yesterday, we are investing over \$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."

The 2018 South Australian Training Awards winners are:

*Individuals:*

- *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year:* **Lachlan Stone**, North Beach Wallaroo
- *Apprentice of the Year:* **Jarrold Morton**, Greenwith
- *School-based Apprentice of the Year:* **Shanna-Lee Locker**, Mount Gambier
- *Trainee of the Year:* **Kirsty Potter**, Kilburn

- *Vocational Student of the Year:* **Sarah Twyford**, Kingswood
- *VET Teacher or Trainer of the Year:* **Darren Quinn**, Campbelltown
- *Voters' Choice:* **Jaydon Kovarik**, Kersbrook

*Organisations:*

- *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**, Waterloo Corner
- *Medium Employer of the Year:* **Wickham Flower**, Bordertown
- *Small Employer of the Year:* **SMS Geotechnical**, Para Hills West
- *Training Provider of the Year:* **PEER**, Albert Park

Chair of the state's Training and Skills Commission Michael Boyce said 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.

"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 15 November in Sydney."

In addition to last night's awards, three South Australian finalists have been named as direct entry into the Australian Training Awards:

- School Pathways to VET Award: **Edward John Eyre High School**, Whyalla Norrie
- 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

For more information about the South Australian Training Awards finalists and winners:  
[www.tasc.sa.gov.au/SA-Training-Awards/2018-Finalists](http://www.tasc.sa.gov.au/SA-Training-Awards/2018-Finalists)