

CIT Board Communique – September 2024

It is an exciting time to be at CIT! CIT and our staff and students were nominated for 18 awards in the ACT Training Awards. CIT won Large Training Provider of the Year, and CIT educators and students took out the below awards:

- Winner VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year - **Nadine Morton**
- Winner Apprentice of the Year - **Leanne Kell (Cert III Electrotechnology Electrician)**
- Winner Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year - **Rebecca Grace Martin**
- Winner Australian School-based Apprentice of the Year - **Lawson Connor**
- Runner-up Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year - **Poppy Chalmers**
- Runner-up Apprentice of the Year - **Matthew Hunter**
- Runner-up ACT Trainee of the Year - **Philippa Northam**

The Board commends all of the nominees and award winners.

These nominations and awards wouldn't be possible without the great work from our staff including educators and support staff. The Board recognises the great work of our staff in engaging with our students and setting them on the path to lifelong learning.

CIT Woden

On 2 July CIT Woden met a significant milestone with its new building meeting its full height. A topping out ceremony was held with a wooden tree made from timber frame offcuts placed atop the building. The building is now having internal fit out ahead of students commencing at the new campus in mid-2025.

CIT Open day

The CIT Open Day is being held on Friday 13 September. In 2023, the event attracted over 2,000 visitors to CIT campuses.

This year Open Day activities are being held across all CIT campuses to offer future students the opportunity to experience the diversity of what CIT has to offer. Open day will include information booths, presentations, demonstrations, tours and workshops.

WorldSkills

CIT will host WorldSkills region competitions in late 2024. Some of the competitions will coincide with Open Day. WorldSkills is an exciting opportunity for our students to test their skills locally and then if successful to test their skills nationally and even internationally. CIT students have had great success at WorldSkills in previous years. The national championships will be held in Brisbane next year and we wish all of our students the best of luck.

MOU with the University of Canberra

On 27 August CIT and the University of Canberra (UC) signed an MOU to strengthen educational opportunities between the two organisations. This marks the beginning of an exciting partnership between CIT and UC which will benefit students and the ACT community now and into the future.

Recent Activities

The Board is looking forward to finalisation of the new CIT strategic plan which is in the final stages of development. The Board thanks all staff and stakeholders for their time and contribution to the development of the plan. The plan sets out a 10-year vision for the CIT which is inspired by renewed focus on the relevance and status of vocational education and training in Australia. CIT is an engine

for our local community and economy, and this has been reinforced in conversations with stakeholders as we have built the new plan.

The Board recently approved the draft Reconciliation Action Plan. This plan will now be finalised with artwork and final approvals before being released later in the year. The draft plan aims to improve the experience and outcomes of our education and training services in a way that is culturally safe and ensures equitable outcomes for all First Nations peoples, their families, and communities. The plan also commits CIT to ensuring that all CIT staff and students are empowered to engage with, learn, and develop cultural competency, in their workplaces and in the wider community. I look forward to release of the final plan and reporting on completion of actions under the plan.

Feedback

The Board welcomes constructive feedback from our staff, students or the broader community. The Board can be contacted by emailing: CITBoard@cit.edu.au

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