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## MEDIA RELEASE

**Australia’s most promising apprentices and trainees get the chance to hone their leadership skills**

Australia’s top apprentices and trainees are about to embark on an intensive career and professional development program that will help equip them as future leaders.

The National Apprentice Employment Network’s ‘Today’s Skills: Tomorrow’s Leaders’ (TSTL) program brings together 25 outstanding apprentices and trainees, selected from across Australia.

It comprises 20 apprentices and trainees selected by group training organisations, and five finalists from the 2022 Australian Training Awards.

All the participants are regarded as emerging leaders in their fields. They are engaged in sectors including, electrical, civil engineering, community services, events, automotive, education, government, mining, conservation, business, construction and IT.

The week-long intensive residential program will run from 3-8 September in Canberra and will be officially launched by National Apprentice Employment Network (NAEN) Patron, the Governor-General, His Excellency, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd).

The TSTL program commenced in 2004 and has seen more than 250 apprentices and trainees participate.

NAEN Chief Executive Officer Dianne Dayhew said the program provides a unique opportunity to help identify emerging leaders and help them to develop additional skills and prepare for future leadership roles.

“The group has been selected from across Australia for their exceptional talent and dedication, and they now have the chance to take these abilities to the next level.

“I would like to congratulate all those who have been selected for this program because I am very confident that we will be hearing much more about their success in years to come.”

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The National Apprentice Employment Network is the national peak body representing a network of approximately 130 Group Training Organisations (GTOs) employing some 20,000 apprentices and trainees across Australia. [www.naen.com.au](http://www.naen.com.au)

**Today’s Skills: Tomorrow’s Leaders 2023 participants**

| **Name** | **Sector** | **Qualification** | **Group Training organisation/Employer** | **State** | **Host Business or Direct Employer** |
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| Corey Hackett | Electrotechnology | Certificate III in Electrotechnology | NECA Training and Apprenticeships | NSW | PM Electric |
| Lucy Hegarty | Group Training | Certificate IV in Business | Work and Training | TAS | Work and Training |
| Cyrus Wren | Government | Diploma in Project Management | Australian Training Company | ACT | Education Directorate |
| Phoebe Lawrie | Electrotechnology | Certificate III in Electrotechnology | My Gateway | NSW | Stowe Australia |
| Levi Green | Electrotechnology | Certificate III in Electrotechnology | Novaskill | NSW | Novocastrian Electrical |
| Ahanu Dewhirst | Information Technology | Certificate III in Information Technology | Community Solutions Group | QLD | Endeavour Foundation |
| Henry Baker | Construction | Certificate III Plumbing | Trainee & Apprentice Placement Service | SA | Urban Plumbing & Gas |
| Emma Buttigieg | Group Training | Certificate IV in Business | My Gateway | NSW | My Gateway |
| Jan Kubecka | Power Generation | Certificate IV Engineering Fluid Power | HVTC | NSW | Origin Energy Eraring Power Station |
| Amelia Dixon | Government | Certificate III in Events | Maxima Group Training | SA | SA Secondary Principals Association |
| Shane Greening | Automotive | Certificate III in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology | GTNT Group | NT | RK Diesel Services |
| Joshua Parkins | Civil Construction | Certificate III in Civil Construction | Central Coast Group Training | NSW | Bolte Civil |
| Crystal Romeo | Electrotechnology | Certificate III in Electrotechnology | Electrical Group training | WA | Peak Commercial Electrical |
| Christie Lagos | Conservation | Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management | NextGen Jobs | VIC | Maroondah City Council |
| Natasha Atkins | Automotive | Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology | WPC Group | VIC | Burwood Nissan |
| Alexander Harris-White | Automotive | Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology | WPC Group | WA | Morley City Nissan |
| John Moss | Construction | Certificate III in Carpentry | Australian Training Company | ACT | Multiplex |
| Christopher Carter | Mining | Certificate III in Electrotechnology | HVTC | NSW | South32 |
| Hannah Lo | Vocational Education | Certificate III in Business | GTNT Group | NT | GTNT Group |
| Al Gonzalex | Automotive | Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology | NextGen Jobs | VIC | Berwick BMW |
| Jack Wilson | Construction | Certificate III in Carpentry and Joinery | Australian Training Awards | SA | Self-employed |
| Sarah Gritt | Vocational Education | Certificate IV in Training and Assessment | Australian Training Awards | SA | Xeppo |
| Justin Drew | Government | Diploma of Government | Australian Training Awards | ACT | Services Australia |
| Lachlan Butler | Engineering | Certificate III in Engineering - Fabrication Trade | Australian Training Awards | QLD | Gimbal Training |
| Megan Hazelden | Engineering | Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade | Australian Training Awards | WA | Alcoa |