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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 Apprenticeship 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 Apprenticeship 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/E employer	State	Host Business or Direct Employer
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

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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

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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