



Dean Dallinger

University of Ballarat
Victorian Apprentice of the Year

Originally from Stawell, Dallinger recently completed the formal training of his four-year apprenticeship in General Construction and now works for Cooper Group Australia in Melbourne.



Adam Tsen

Kangan Batman
Fashion Designer Award

The first year fashion student has burst onto the fashion scene by winning the highly regarded Australian Masters of Fashion Contemporary Designer Award. He was also a finalist in the Contemporary Bridal Wear and Student Designer of the Year.



Yeon Leslie

Kangan Batman
Victorian Training Award
Won Outstanding Student of the Year (Vocational) in the 2007 Victorian Training Awards last month. Minister for Employment, Jacinta Allan, presented the trophy and a \$10,000 scholarship to the Williamstown-resident at Crown Palladium.



Andrew Walter

La Trobe
Victoria Fellowship
Working with the next wave of electronic technology Walter is one of six winners of the 2007 Victoria Fellowships, worth \$18,000 each. He received the award from the Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser AC at Government House.



Jacqueline Burgess

La Trobe
Fresh Science
Identifying odour molecules to help combat production losses in sheep from parasitic worms won her a government sponsored place as one of 16 young Australian scientists under the banner of Fresh Science.



Christina Markin

VCA
Visual Arts Award (People's Choice)
Markin receives a \$5000 cash management account and investment services from an ANZ adviser. Her work 'Brunswick' will become part of the ANZ collection.



Engineering student wins Victoria Fellowship

Blast-resistant tall buildings, sports stadia, oil platforms and train stations are a brick closer to reality thanks to the work of engineer Hussein Jama.

Jama is investigating how to build more resilient structures made from tubular steel that can withstand accidental explosions caused by gas leaks or dust explosions as well as from terrorist attacks.

His work will also assist in the protection of large oil rigs in remote areas of the ocean that are vulnerable to accidental explosions, which can result in loss of life, reduced oil supplies and massive pollution.

The 35-year-old postgraduate student is one of six people to win a prestigious 2007 Victoria Fellowship. He received the Fellowship last month at a gala function at Government House from the Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser, AC.

The Victoria Fellowships, worth \$18,000 each, were established ten years ago by the Victorian Government to recognise young researchers with leadership potential and to enhance their future careers, while developing new ideas which could offer commercial benefit to Victoria.

He will use the Victoria Fellowship

to further his research into the behaviour of tubular beams and columns under blast load conditions. Tubular structures are increasingly used in structural applications including oil platforms in Victoria.

Jama's research is two-fold: firstly to better understand how tubular beams and columns respond under blast conditions and secondly, to determine how safe tubular steel structures are after a blast.

He will travel to South Africa to carry out blast experiments at the University of Cape Town, at the only facility in the world where explosives can be used in a University setting.



Penelope Davis

VCA
Visual Arts Award
Davis also receives a \$5000 cash management account and investment services from an ANZ adviser. Her work 'Archive' will now become part of the Victorian College of the Arts collection.



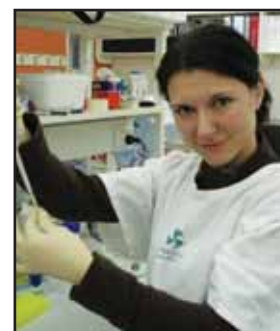
Matthew Jones

Swinburne
Victorian Training Award
Runner up in the Outstanding Student of the Year (Trainee) category



Nicole Waddell

NMIT
Victorian Training Award
Winner of the 2007 Outstanding Student of the Year - Koorie, she studied Business Administration. "NMIT's Koorie Services Centre helped me on the path and brought out my life experiences where I could build on those," she says.



Susan Andric

Swinburne
Victorian Training Award
Runner up in the Outstanding Student of the Year (vocational).



Joelle Gergis

RMIT
Wentworth Group scholarship
One of 19 students nationwide awarded a Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists scholarship "to build capacity by mentoring and supporting young natural scientists and resource economists".

Deanna German

Swinburne
Packaging Design
Her packaging design for milk in a one-litre aluminium can took out the gold in the Southern Cross Packaging Judges Rationale section. A presentation dinner will be at the Grand Hyatt Hotel on October 4.

Linda McRae & Mark Wall

Ballarat
Package Design
They both won one of the 10 national Gold Award categories.