



Judy Constantine

Kangan Batman
Lifelong Learner

Awarded at the 2008 Community Services & Health Industry Training Awards recognising her dedication to training and determination to set off on a new career path. Pic by Happy Medium



Jamie Morrison

VU

Skills medal

Bronze in signwriting during the WorldSkills Australia competition.

Leigh O'Hara

Box Hill

Andrew Letten Gold Medal
Awarded by the Master Plumbers' and Mechanical Services Association of Australia in recognition of the highest marks in all external exams necessary to become a registered plumber.

Sashi Balaraman, Victor Finkel and Kiran Iyer

Monash

Debating
Contested the 2008 Australasian Debating Championships in Manila, narrowly losing the Grand Final in a split decision.

Patrick Taylor

NMIT

Skills medal
Silver in the WorldSkills jewellery competition.

Nicole Polentas

RMIT

Postgrad award
Won the RMIT \$2,500 Gold and Silversmithing Postgraduate and Alumni Award.

David Jackson

VU

Skills medal
Silver in fitting during the WorldSkills Australia competition.



Printing skills win gold

RMIT design student, Melissa Guiney, has won the gold medal in the Graphic Prepress section at the National WorldSkills Finals.

"For the World Skills competition I had to complete four briefs over 16 hours, including logos for a cat food and a pizzeria, a poster and photo retouching," she said.

"It was both demanding and rewarding to complete the competition and then win gold."

Guiney will represent Australia in the world finals in Calgary, Canada, next year.

She started at Port Melbourne company TAP

Printing as a Year 10 work experience student in its design studio, Bouquet Productions, where she now works.

Tap Printing managing director, Robert Bouquet, congratulated Guiney on her gold medal win.

"Melissa showed great initiative and courage in simply asking to be part of our team and we were so impressed with her 'can do' attitude, knowledge and attention to detail that we took her on as a print industry apprentice," he said.

"Since she started with us in 2005, she has helped train up a new team member and streamlined our administration and accounts systems."



Christopher Dimitriou

NMIT

Skills medal

Silver in the Landscape Construction section at the WorldSkills Australia National Competition, gaining eligibility for the WorldSkills Championships in Canada next May.



Linda Bamblett

Swinburne

Training award

Won the 2008 Victorian Government Koorie Student of the Year Training Award for her work in the Indigenous community.

Drew McMahon, Sam Mair and Yunus Ozmen

VU

Creative

Finalists for the Australian Teachers of Media awards. Winners announced next month.



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