

WEST COAST TAFE ANNUAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Statement by Member for Joondalup

MR A.P. O'GORMAN (Joondalup) [12.58 pm]: Last night I attended the West Coast TAFE annual awards evening to celebrate students and lecturers achieving excellence. It was attended by over 140 people, including the Minister for Training, Hon Peter Collier, sponsors and award nominees. The event's theme was "stand out from the crowd" and took the format of a grand gala dinner, cooked and served by lecturers and students of the West Coast Academy of Hospitality and Tourism.

Under the training excellence awards for students, the winners were: VET in Schools Student of the Year, Kate Johnson; Trainee of the Year, Louise Bythway; Apprentice of the Year, Che Tam Nguyen; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year, Kristy Lee Brittain; and Vocational Student of the Year, Sandra Mountford.

West Coast Way Award winners for lecturers: West Coast Way Community Award, Jean Kerr; West Coast Way Innovation Award, Emma Margetts; and West Coast Way Leadership Award, Shaun Holland and Amanda Smith.

The West Coast Academy of Hospitality and Tourism has also won a number of awards; the most recent being at the WA Oceanafest where it won a silver in the Restaurant of Champions and the Most Outstanding Training Provider award. Individually, it won two gold, two silver and two bronze. In the barista section it won a gold, three silver and one bronze. In the 2008 World Culinary Olympics its junior team won a gold and a silver, and were sixth in the world overall. Five team members were from the West Coast Academy of Hospitality and Tourism. The facilities in the centre are so good that the senior team also took a gold, silver and bronze, and were ninth in the world.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm