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Builders Academy Australia's Win Showcases Quality In The Independent Sector

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The reputation for quality enjoyed by independent vocational education and training providers was highlighted when **Builders Academy Australia** was named **2020 Small Training Provider of the Year** at the National Training Awards presented last Friday.

Builders Academy Australia is a long-time member of the Independent Tertiary Education Council Australia (ITECA), the peak by representing independent providers in the higher education, vocational education, training and skills sectors.

The judging for the Australian Training Awards is extensive and robust, with the finalists narrowed down from those who had won their category in this year's state or territory awards. Pleasingly several categories saw representatives from quality independent training providers.

"Across Australia, independent providers are recognised by students and their employers as delivering quality outcomes. This is certainly the case with Builders Academy Australia as is demonstrated with being named the 2020 Small Training Provider of the year," said Troy Williams, ITECA Chief Executive.

What helped Builders Academy Australia clinch this sought after and prestigious award was not just the great outcomes they helped their students achieve through the year through innovative practice but also their close ties with industry. Consistent with a commitment to quality, the award also recognises their quality assurance measures and their maintained focus on impacting broader industry and social causes such as workplace diversity, disengaged youth, homelessness and men's mental health.

"That Builders Academy Australia was able to maintain their focus on students and other important causes while grappling with the challenges of Covid-19 is a tribute to their entire team," Mr Williams said.

Builders Academy Australia Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Shea, is a non-executive Director with ITECA as well as Chairing the ITECA Victorian and National Committees. Andrew and other senior members from Builders Academy Australia invest significant time to positively impact and represent the tertiary education sector through a number of other committee and steering group positions as well as the social causes they champion.

Builders Academy Australia is one of around 3,800 independent RTOs across Australia that collectively support around 80% of the 4.2 million students enrolled in VET programs across Australia.

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