

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**HEADLINE:** Record number of MPA Skills' representatives shortlisted for awards

MPA Skills is proud to acknowledge the six representatives it has shortlisted at the 2022 AEN WA Awards for Excellence – a record for MPA Skills.

Plumbing & Gasfitting apprentices, Sultan Hassani, Tyson Yarran, and Zavier Dickson are finalists in the Apprentice of the Year category, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Apprentice / Trainee of the Year, and School Based Apprentice / Trainee of the Year respectively. Apprentices Courtney Vierra (plumbing) and Lauren Harding (painting) were both named as finalists in the Woman in Building and Construction Industry Apprentice/Trainee of the Year.

MPA Skills host employer Platinum Finishes Painting & Decorating was named as finalist in the Host Employer category.

MPA Skills CEO Ben Dahlstrom congratulated all finalists and said the high number of people recognised showcases his company's position as a leading industry-based organisation.

"With six finalists in five categories, MPA Skills continues to go from strength to strength," he said. "This outcome is a clear validation of our business model and commitment to continuous improvement in the areas of training and apprentice employment.

"We are extremely proud of all of our finalists, their commitment to training and the industry, and wish them all success for the awards."

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### **Note to editors:**

MPA Skills is WA's biggest employer of plumbing and painting apprentices. MPA Skills is also renowned in the sector for its industry-leading apprentice and advanced training solutions. Visit [www.mpaskills.com.au](http://www.mpaskills.com.au) to learn more.

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