



Newsletter

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Federal Government Announces: 100,000 New Apprenticeship Positions

On 5th October Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash, Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business announced that as part of the Morrison Government's COVID-19 economic recovery plan an investment of an additional \$1.2 billion to support Australian businesses to employ 100,000 new apprentices or trainees.

Starting today, businesses who take on a new Australian apprentice will be eligible for a 50 per cent wage subsidy, regardless of geographic location, occupation, industry or business size. Apprenticeships are an important pathway to get young people into jobs and to ensure there is a skills pipeline to meet the future needs of employers.

The subsidy will be available to employers of any size or industry, Australia-wide who engage an Australian apprentice or trainee until the 100,000 cap is reached. Under the new measure, employers will be eligible for 50 per cent of the wages for a new or recommencing apprentice or trainee for the period up to 30 September 2021, up to \$7,000 per quarter.

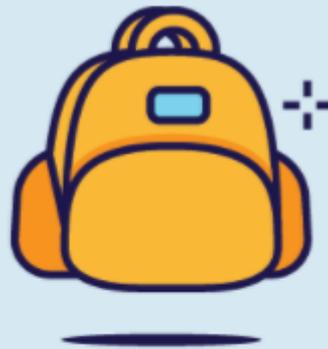
This initiative builds on the existing \$2.8 billion Supporting Apprentices and Trainees wage subsidy that is helping employers to retain their apprentices and trainees.

More information on the measure is available at:

<https://www.employment.gov.au/boosting-apprenticeship-commencements>

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mental health & well-being
education & training providers



TRUSTED

We have been educating the
Canberra community about
mental health since 1993.



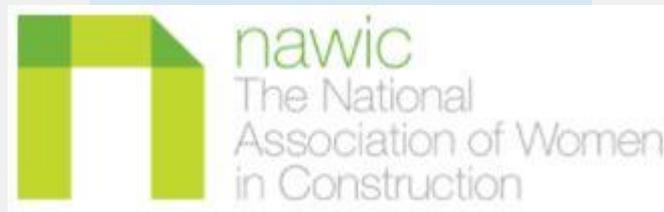
PERSONAL

We provide face-to-face contact
with volunteers who are living
with mental illness.



EFFECTIVE

Our methods are evidence-based
and supported by academic
partners.



NAWIC - Mental Health and Resilience Breakfast

The recent NAWIC Breakfast which focused on mental health awareness and resilience provided informative presentations from three speakers. One speaker was CEO of MIAACT Heidi Prowse.

The MIEACT is the primary local mental health and well-being education provider for workplaces, community groups and secondary schools across the Canberra region and surrounding area.

Since 1993, MIEACT has delivered evidence-informed programs, partnered with lived experience stories that increase mental health literacy, promote early intervention, reduce stigma and emphasises recovery.

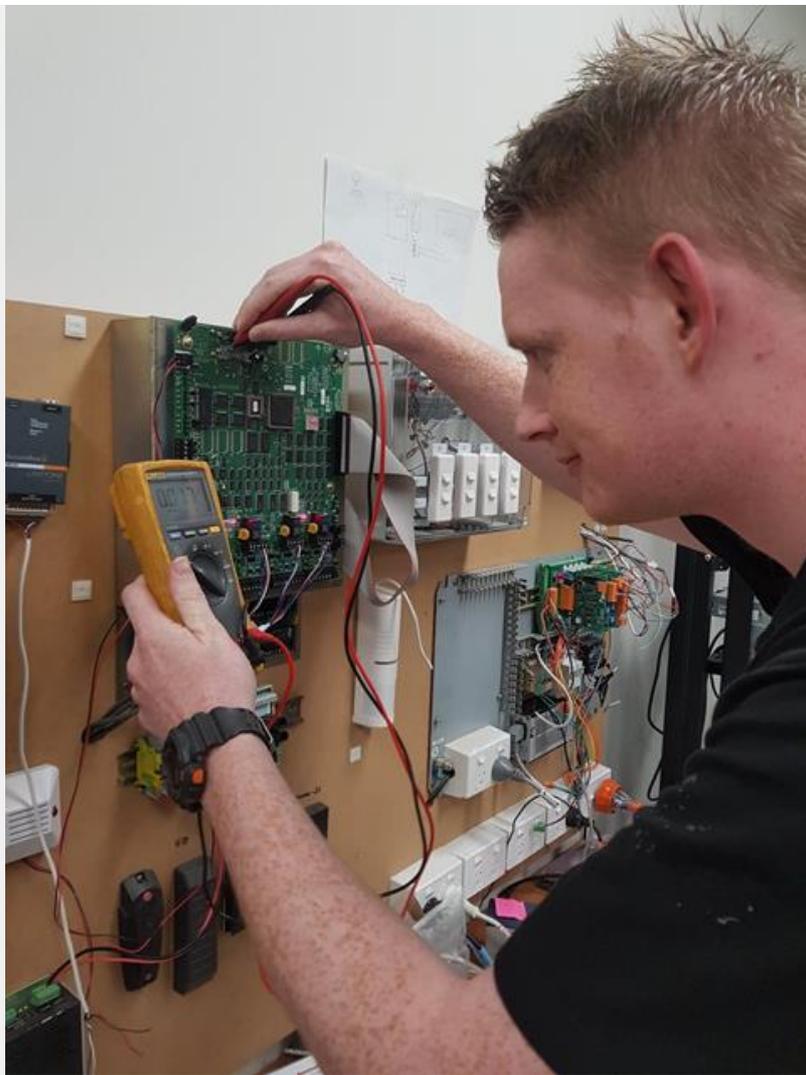
What makes MIEACT unique is that we bring small audiences into direct positive contact with our Volunteer Educators who share their stories of living with a mental illness. Such face-to-face contact is a proven, powerful stigma reduction model, importantly guided by a safe and non-triggering [DoNOHarm framework](#) (c) for both story-teller and viewer. This is further partnered with qualified trainers and educational content mapped to The Australian Curriculum.

In addition to our overarching mental health workshops, our programs cover topics including stress, body image, PTSD, bullying prevention,

communicating and hearing stories safely, and we ensure participants leave not only with an increased knowledge of mental health, but practical tools to manage, support and practice positive help seeking behaviours.

ACT TRAINING AWARDS 2020





Skill Canberra - ACT Training Awards 2020

The ACT Training Awards is an annual opportunity to showcase the commitment, innovation and outstanding achievements of all those involved in the ACT vocational education and training (VET) sector.

The awards encompass recognition and reward of the successful of individuals and organisations in the ACT across 14 categories. Winners in aligned categories will go on to compete for national success at the Australian Training Awards.

The ACT Training Awards were held on 10th September as a virtual event.

The ACT Training Awards celebrate the excellence, innovation and talents of all those in the ACT vocational education and training system. Although we can't celebrate the awards this year as we have in the past, we will still come together virtually to recognise the outstanding achievements of the students, teachers, training providers and employers who have gone above and beyond during the past year.

2020 Awards for Individual categories:

- John Scott Memorial Award winner - Michael Young
- Norm Fisher Award winner - Andrew Foster

ACT Apprentice of the Year Award:

The prestigious ACT Apprentice of the Year Award sponsored by ReadyTech was won by Khye Bolin. Khye completed a Certificate III in Electronics and Communications through the Canberra Institute of Technology. Khye's employer was MEGT Group Training Organisation and he was hosted to Koneywell (Australia) Ltd.

The category was keenly contested with a number of finalists coming from within the Building and construction sector, these included:

Apprentice	Qualification
- Andrew Van Dartel	Cert. III in Carpentry
- Adam Groth	Cert. III in Carpentry
- Louis Russell	Cert. III in Parks & Gdn

UPCOMING EVENTS:

HIA Industry Awards

Date: 31st October

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: virtual event

NAWIC Industry Awards

Date: 20th November

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Arboretum

MBA Apprentice Graduation and Training Awards

Date: Friday 11th December

Time: 4:30pm – 7pm

Location: Master Builders ACT, 1 Iron Knob Street Fyshwick ACT 2609

Newsletter Contributions: The TFA Newsletter aim's is to raise awareness of events and new training initiatives within the Building & Construction sector in the ACT.

Organisations wishing to include articles are requested to [email Mick Doyle on mdoyle@trainingfund.com.au](mailto:mdoyle@trainingfund.com.au)



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