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## **Excellence and innovation recognised at National Training Awards**

The contribution of private training providers to Australia's vocational education and training sector was recognised at the recent National Training Awards.

Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) CEO Rod Camm said it was very important to recognise the student excellence, dedicated teachers and trainers, and professional high quality providers that comprised Australia's vocational education and training sector.

"A strong and diverse VET sector is absolutely vital for Australia. Private providers have proven, time and time again, that they are leading the way in terms of delivering high quality education and training that meets the needs of students, industry and employers," he said.

Mr Camm congratulated the Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE), a private provider and ACPET member, who was named Small Provider of the Year.

"The Canberra-based AIE was established to grow the creative digital sector, and pioneered the development of specialist game qualifications, and provides a learning environment that inspires and supports entrepreneurship, creativity, employment and further study pathways," he said.

"They are an excellent example of the innovation, flexibility and relevance that characterise private training providers in this country and are delivering the skills required by our future workforce."

Mr Camm also congratulated ACPET members Avidity Training and Development and Master Builders Association of Victoria who, along with AIE, comprised the entire field for the Small Provider category.

"Avidity Training and Development provides a wide range of training services throughout Tasmania aimed at helping individuals, communities and organisations grow and reach their potential. Its work, particularly in equity, is contributing to improved employment outcomes and increased personal, social and economic capital for their students," he said.

"The Master Builders Association of Victoria offers highly relevant and valued training solutions that improve business productivity, site safety, project quality and employee engagement.

"These three providers couldn't be more different in terms of what they deliver, but they share a commitment to excellence, providing the tailored skills that their industry or community needs."

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