



## Riverina TAFE recognised as leader

**TAFE NSW Riverina Institute has been recognised by industry as a leading provider of training in the areas of automotive, construction, metals and engineering.**

The Institute received a gold star rating from the Institute of Trade Skills Excellence in recognition of outstanding trade skills training. The Star Rating Scheme identifies the very best training providers in each industry, enabling employers, career counsellors, potential students, and parents to distinguish excellence in trade training.

Riverina Institute's Director of Educational Delivery Graeme Stuchbery said the gold star rating was recognition of the high quality of teaching delivered.

"This excellent rating validates our commitment to being the first choice in training," he

said.

Brian Wexham, Chief Executive Officer of The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence said the Star Rating Scheme gives students comfort that they are choosing the most appropriate course.

"The Scheme aims to recognise high performing registered training providers such as Riverina Institute and help individual schools and faculties understand exactly what their clients want from their training.

"The Star Rating Scheme is an industry driven initiative and has been developed by The Institute and industry to provide a platform that will deliver the vocational training outcomes required to meet industry needs," said Mr Wexham.

Riverina Institute works closely with industry to ensure training programs are in line with industry requirements.

Mr Stuchbery said this

was evidenced by the high calibre of graduates that enjoys success in their professions as a result of their training with the Institute.

"We have first class graduates working at the top of their fields both nationally and internationally," said Mr Stuchbery.

Examples include Sam Shipard and Matthew Cotton (of Narrandera) who topped the state and were awarded at the 25th Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Authority awards respectively in the Motor Mechanic (heavy vehicle) and the Panel Beating categories.

"Our graduates are constantly topping the state in these areas and achieving great success in their industries. We are immensely proud of their achievement, and of our teachers and support staff who contribute to this success."