



Trades and skills teacher of the year award winners announced

THE Institute for Trade Skills Excellence recently announced the 2008 **Trades and Skills Teacher of the Year Award** winners at Kirribilli in NSW. Each award winner receives a \$5,000 – this is divided into \$3,000 personal spending money, with the remaining \$2,000 to be spent on a professional development project which gives back to both industry and students. The award was established to give deserving teachers in the trades and skills arena the opportunity to

implement professional developmental projects, that otherwise would not have been possible without funding.

Michael Landers from TAFE NSW in South Western Sydney won in the Building & Construction Services category. In consultation with industry, Landers designed and now is in charge of the Certificate 3 in Stonemasonry. This resulted in the Skill Express Stonemasonry assessment program and is recognised by the Department of Fair Trading and by indus-

try. Since his appointment in 2007 he has been active in increasing student numbers and retention. Landers has developed on line systems and a wiki site which makes programs more widely available for students.

Ronald Duffield from Challenger TAFE also won in the Building & Construction Services category. He has 20 years TAFE experience and is an Advanced Skills Lecturer.

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