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Training success

James Lewry wins top Trade Skills award



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Lewry

HIA Group Apprenticeship Scheme Apprentice of the Year for 1998, James Lewry, has added the Labor Council of NSW Excellence in Trade Skills Award to his list of achievements.

The Minister for Education and Training, John Aquilina, presented the award at the 1998 NSW Training Awards presentation dinner held at the ANA Hotel in September.

After being named Apprentice of the Year, James went on to win the Western Sydney Industrial and Commercial Training Committee Apprentice of the Year Award, which automatically made him eligible for the state awards.

James attended a number of interviews and finally progressed to be one of five finalists for the top state award.

His apprenticeship achievements reflect his perseverance and the support he has received from his family, friends, and the various host trainers with whom he has worked.

At the awards presentation, James said he intended to finish his building supervisor's course this year before going on to complete a building degree.

His ambition is to become a TAFE teacher and pass on the skills gained throughout his career.

Congratulations James – you are a credit to yourself, an asset to the industry and a role model for your peers!