



TRAINING AND APPRENTICE EMPLOYMENT

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**HEADLINE:** Three MPA Skills nominees shortlisted for WA Awards of Excellence

MPA Skills is proud to acknowledge its three nominations for the AEN WA 2021 Awards of Excellence which have all been shortlisted as finalists.

Fourth year Plumbing & Gasfitting apprentices, Dylan McKeich and Jacob Hosking and host employer Ryan Lupica from Lupica Plumbing will be representing MPA Skills on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November in the categories of Apprentice of the Year and Host Employer of the Year, respectively.

Plumbing apprentice Dylan McKeich said being a finalist makes him proud to be acknowledged for the work he's put into his apprenticeship over the last four years.

"It means a lot to me personally to finish off my plumbing apprenticeship being a part of the awards, it feels extremely rewarding for the work I've put in," said Dylan.

MPA Skills CEO Mr Ben Dahlstrom congratulated the MPA Skills' finalists and believes the strong field this year shows the strength of the Group Training model.

"The holistic relationships MPA Skills deliver through the training and employment of apprentices creates an environment where a variety of learning takes place which is backed by industry and tailored to the needs of the individual student," he said. "This business model offers security to both host employer and apprentice and is in high demand now more than ever. We are proud of the three finalists and wish them well."

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**Note to editors:**

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