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MEDIA RELEASE

Earlybird gets the worm!

Registrations are now open for the premier resource training symposium, the Resources Training Council's 5th Conference & Exhibition, to be held in Brisbane in May.

The two-day conference, will be held at The Emporium Hotel, South Bank and focuses on driving quality training with the key objective of driving improvement in skilling and training to ensure that all Australian resources industry workers go home safely every shift.

The theme of the conference will be 'driving quality training' and provide training practitioners with an opportunity to hear the latest on the state of the Queensland resource sector, industry leading training practices, and solutions to common training implementation issues. Training streams include knowledge and learning transfer improvement through facilitated training, engaging an RTO effectively, effective storytelling, the power of influence, and managing training across different generations.

The conference and exhibition will bring together industry representatives across resources sector including coal mining, metals mining, drilling, quarrying and civil construction.

This year's conference brings the 2020 Innovative Skilling Awards Dinner, which will be held on the eve of the first day of the conference. These awards recognise creativity and leading practice in driving quality training in the resources industry. Three awards will be presented for outstanding training initiative, outstanding site trainer/assessor and outstanding RTO Trainer/Assessor. For more information or to enter the awards, please visit resourcestraining.org.au/awards.

Expressions of interest for sponsorship are now being received from industry and government to assist us achieve a shared vision - to making the training in the resources sector responsive to current and future needs and ensuring the industry is more sustainable and profitable. For more details, please call our partnership manager, Kerrie Taylor, 0409 611 990.

Earlybird full conference registrations including the Innovative Skilling Awards Dinner are available now at resourcestraining.org.au from \$995 until 27 March.

Talking with Heather Munro, CEO, Resources Training Council

Q. Tell us about the role of the Resources Training Council

A. The Resources Training Council is the national peak and representative body for resources training in Australia. We were founded in 2011 by a group of registered training organisations bound by a commitment to promote leading practices in training. We're a forward-thinking organisation with strong workforce development values. Our members come from all sectors of the resources industry including coal mining, metals mining, drilling, quarrying and civil construction.

Q. What are the Innovative Skilling Awards?

A. The Innovative Skilling Awards recognise creativity and leading practice in driving quality training in the resources industry. Award entries are now open and categories include Outstanding Training Initiative, Outstanding Site Trainer/Assessor and Outstanding RTO Trainer/Assessor.

Q. How do you submit an entry for the Innovative Skilling Awards?

A. The criteria for entries is available on our website along with an online application form. All RTOs delivering within the resources industry and resource industry companies are invited to nominate. RTOs delivering in the resources industry are invited to nominate trainer/assessors. Entries close on 3 April 2020. Applications can be found at resourcestraining.org.au/awards.

Q. When are the Innovative Skilling Awards announced and presented?

A. The Innovative Skilling Awards Dinner and Presentation will be held as part of our 5th Conference and Exhibition at The Emporium Hotel, South Bank on Monday evening 25 May 2020.

Q. The 5th Resources Training Council Conference & Exhibition is on in May, how can industry support this event?

A. Our conference is not only a must attend event for members of the Australian resources training and associated industries, it's a major milestone on our pathway to being recognised by industry, media and government as the national peak and representative body for resources training in Australia.

The conference program and registration details are available on our website. I encourage all organisations within our industry to invest in the conference, which will deliver inspiring keynote addresses and concurrent sessions from industry experts leading the way, the interactive workshops will be engaging, and we have created networking opportunities to meet and greet and connect with industry representatives from Australia and abroad, and sharing leading practice.

Q. Having been involved in the resources industry for many years, what's your favourite part of the industry?

A. I have been involved in the industry for more years than I care to count but it's 30+ years. The people are definitely my favourite part. Over those 30+ years I have worked with some very exceptional people who know how to work hard but are fun to be around.

More about Heather Munro

Heather founded the Resources RTO Association in January 2011 before helping to drive its transition and maturation into the Resources Training Council in February 2017. She is committed to delivering better training and safety outcomes for workforces in resources and associated industries.

Heather is well known in Australian training circles having founded and managed a successful registered training organisation before launching a software company used throughout the resources industry to manage workforce training and compliance.

Our charity partner needs your help

The Resources Training Council are proud to support MATES in Mining charity and the work they do in our industry. MATES in Mining is an initiative of the Australian Mining industry based on the successful MATES in Construction program in the Australian construction industry.

To raise much needed funds for our charity, we will be holding a multi-prize raffle at the Resources Training Council's Conference & Exhibition in May 2020, which will be drawn during the conference dinner. If you would like to donate a prize or gift voucher for the multi-affle, please contact Kerrie Taylor, 0409 611 990.

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About the Resources Training Council

The Resources Training Council is the national peak and representative body for resources training in Australia. Founded in 2011 by a group of registered training organisations bound by a commitment to promote leading practices in training. The Resources Training Council cover all facets of the resources sector which includes those registered training organisations (RTOs) within the industry.

The Resources Training Council vision partners with industry to build workforce capability, support industry to achieve health and safety objectives, delivers a range of leading training products and services, enhances the knowledge of its stakeholders and communicates industry change through a range of media.

The Resources Training Council works closely with government and ASQA to improve the quality of training across the industry.

The Resources Training Council invite you to take advantage of one of the many conference sponsorship packages available or to attend as an exhibitor and get in front of decision makers involved in resources training. For more information, please contact our partnership manager, Kerrie Taylor, 0409 611 990 or kerrie.taylor@resourcestraining.org.au

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