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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Resources Training Council announces new conference date**

The Resources Training Council has postponed its upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Conference & Exhibition, scheduled for 25-26 May 2020, in accordance with Government mandated restrictions announced last month involving the COVID-19 Corona Virus.

Chief Executive Officer of the Resources Training Council, Heather Munro said, "we have taken the very difficult decision to postpone RTCCE 2020 in light of the global impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, and the conference will now be held in May 2021 in Brisbane.

"Whilst we are very disappointed that we find ourselves in this situation and regret the inconvenience that has been caused by the extraordinary circumstances confronting everybody world-wide, we are pleased to announce the new dates", she explained.

Known as the premier resource training symposium, the Resources Training Council's 5<sup>th</sup> Conference & Exhibition, will now be held on Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 May 2021 in Brisbane.

"Only the dates have changed, we will be delivering the same conference in 2021, said Heather Munro.

The Resources Training Council's executive agreed that the conference could stand as a beacon of hope to our industry during these troubled times.

"It is clear that Corona Virus is going to have a significant impact on members' businesses. It is at times of crisis such as this that we need to work together as an association to ensure the survival of industry in general and our own businesses in particular, Mrs Munro said.

"These are indeed challenging times for the resources sector and, on a personal note, I would like to extend my thanks for your understanding and support of this decision to postpone RTCCE to 2021," she continued.

The two-day conference, will continue to be held at The Emporium Hotel, South Bank focusing 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 remains 'driving quality training' and will 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.

'In light of the world crisis happening to all of us right now, we will also be adding another topic to the conference program around adversity', said Heather Munro.

The conference and exhibition will be more important than ever for industry representatives across the resources sector including coal mining, metals mining, drilling, quarrying and civil construction to come together.

The conference will bring the now renamed 2021 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.

'Now is the time to focus on recognising quality training in the resources sector and enter the Innovative Skills Awards', she said. For more information or to enter the awards, please visit [resourcestraining.org.au/awards](http://resourcestraining.org.au/awards).

We want to thank all of our speakers and registered delegates to date for their support and working with us so we can bring you our conference in 2021.

Thank you for the enormous support from our platinum sponsor, Queensland Future Skills Partnership (a joint venture between BMA BHP Mitsubishi Alliance, TAFE Queensland and CQ University) and all of our sponsors to date who continue to fully support the event including:

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Expressions of interest for sponsorship are 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.

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 conference, which will be drawn during the awards dinner. If you would like to donate a prize or gift voucher for the multi-affle, please contact Kerrie Taylor, 0409 611 990.

Earlybird full conference registrations including the Innovative Skilling Awards Dinner are available now at [resourcestraining.org.au](http://resourcestraining.org.au) from \$995 and will remain open until late in 2020.

To stay up to date, you can subscribe to our eNews by emailing [conference@resourcestraining.org.au](mailto:conference@resourcestraining.org.au) or follow the Resources Training Council on LinkedIn, Twitter or Facebook.

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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](mailto:kerrie.taylor@resourcestraining.org.au)

For more information on the Resources Training Council - [www.resourcestraining.org.au](http://www.resourcestraining.org.au)

For more information on the conference including delegate attendance, sponsorship or exhibition at the Resources Training Council 2020 conference, - <https://resourcestraining.org.au/annual-conference/>

