

Two finalists will represent the Gold Coast at the Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ) Excellence Awards

Gold Coast TAFE and Carpentry Apprentice, Steven Betland will vie for the honour of Public Registered Training Provider of the Year and Apprentice of the Year at the CSQ Excellence Awards on 11 November 2011.

GCIT Chief Executive Officer, Aaron Devine said he was delighted that the Institute and an outstanding apprentice have been named as finalists at the prestigious awards.

“We have been selected for our leading practices in education and training and our client, industry and community focus.

“GCIT has developed a range of trade programs supported by online courses including plumbing, carpentry, cabinetmaking and white card which are interactive and engaging for the student.

“Our interface with industry representatives, both individually and in group forums helps us to understand and respond to very specific training requirements across our full scope of delivery.

“The Institute engages closely with the community to identify and meet local skill and training needs.

“We have proven to be a leader in innovation and strive to continue to meet industry demand. Our trainers have been delivering onsite at some of Australia’s major mining sites to assist with meeting skills shortages.

“We are also developing a new range of ‘wet’ trades including tiling, bricklaying, rendering, painting to name a few to meet industry demand,” he said.

GCIT Carpentry Apprentice Steven Betland from Benowa has been acknowledged for his excellence twice in the last month.

Steven was named the winner of the Brisbane WorldSkills Carpentry competition which was held at GCIT on 26 August 2011 and will progress to the National titles in 2012.

Steven said he was honoured to be representing his trade at two prestigious industry events.

“I attribute my success to the opportunities which have been provided by my employer ADCO and to the skills I have acquired at TAFE.

“I am fortunate to be an apprentice with ADCO as I gain valuable experience on a range of large developments and across a range of trade areas.

“We have worked on the Bond University Library and the Pindara Hospital renovations.

“This experience combined with my TAFE training has assisted me to take out the WorldSkills competition and to be named a finalist in the CSQ Excellence Awards.

“I look forward to joining my industry peers at the Awards night next month.

“Even to be named as a finalist is a huge honour,” he said.