

# BUILDING ON BRIGHT FUTURE

**C**ARPENTER Anthony Pietrobon has set his sights on climbing a ladder of another sort.

The TAFE SA carpentry graduate, who is rising up the ranks in building and construction management, has been named the HomeStart Finance Most Outstanding Student of the Year at the 2018 TAFE SA Building and Construction Awards.

He was selected from gold medal winners in 30 building and construction qualifications for displaying exemplary work in all aspects of his trade, including outstanding communication, team and leadership skills.

Anthony, 23, completed a Certificate III in Carpentry at TAFE SA Tonsley in 2017 before starting his own business ADP Building & Carpentry.

At the start of this year, he was hired by Bianco Construction and Industrial Supplies as a truss plant manager, where he is responsible for managing eight staff, implements strategies to improve profitability and works closely with builders and carpenters to solve complex truss jobs.

"It has been a big change and challenge to adapt to a manager's role in a large company from working as a subcontractor," he says.

"An important part of my role is constant monitoring of KPIs. These performance measures drive me to find creative solutions and implement strategies to improve production efficiencies and ultimately reduce cost while maintaining input."

"This position has significantly helped me expand my insight into management and business, which has been very rewarding."



SUCCESS: Winning student Anthony Pietrobon (centre) with TAFE SA's Brian Rungie and Deb Dickson of HomeStart Finance. Picture: JENNIE GROOM

While Pietrobon is no longer doing carpentry work full time, he keeps up with his craft by doing small, specialty jobs on weekends.

He credits his early success in the building and construction industry to his training at TAFE SA and hopes he can continue to build on his management skills into the future.

"I was fortunate enough to develop great relationships with my lecturers at TAFE SA that resulted in me enjoying my time there," he says.

"I was able to learn theoretical

knowledge that I wouldn't have been exposed to on-site and engage in discussions with lecturers about practical and real aspects of carpentry.

"In the near-medium future, I want to continue to develop and refine my management skills to further improve the truss plant at Bianco and consolidate my position within the company."

"My long-term aspirations are to progress in management and grow through the company ranks."

TAFE SA Building and Construc-

tion acting director Greg Bassani says the panel faced a tough decision because of the high calibre of the four finalists but ultimately Pietrobon was selected as most outstanding.

"Anthony is an exceptional student who will be an excellent ambassador for TAFE SA's Building and Construction program," Bassani says.

"Not only has Anthony achieved excellence in his studies but, in addition, he is already a high achiever in the workplace where his insight and skills in his trade have helped

him to build credibility with those he manages, both in the factory as well as on-site.

"His emotional intelligence has helped make him an excellent manager of people and he is constantly thinking about how to evolve his skills and his future – an approach which will serve him well throughout his career."

"I would like to commend the efforts of all of the winners and finalists ... and wish them all the best as they pursue successful careers."

## THE WINNERS

Certificate III in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration - **Nathan Budarick**  
 Certificate III in Plumbing - **Daniel Hodgkin**  
 Certificate III in Roof Plumbing - **Dale Parker**  
 Certificate III in Water Operations - **Michael Smith**

Certificate III in Cabinet Making - **Joshua Mancini**  
 Certificate III in Carpentry - **Anthony Pietrobon**  
 Certificate III in Carpentry and Joinery - **Benjamin Richardson**  
 Certificate III in Joinery - **James Vincent**  
 Certificate III in Shopfitting - **Zacharie Bidmade**  
 Certificate III in Flooring Technology - **John Geronazzo**

Certificate IV in Building and Construction (Estimating) - **Leone Millado**  
 Certificate IV in Building Design Drafting - **Myles Farrow**  
 Certificate IV in Interior Decoration - **Tymika Johns**  
 Diploma of Building Design - **Tom Walker**  
 Diploma of Building and Construction (Building) - **Andrea Viola**  
 Diploma of Interior Design

and Decoration - **Rebekah O'Callaghan**  
 Advanced Diploma of Interior Design - **Anna Plekarz**  
 Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician (1st Stage) - **Marie Samarelli**  
 Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician (2nd Stage) - **Stefan Kokot**  
 Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician (3rd Stage) - **Braydan Allen**

Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician (4th Stage) - **Dirk Gardener**  
 Certificate IV in Electrical (Instrumentation) - **Peter Said**  
 Diploma of Electrical Engineering - **Ryan Skene**  
 Advanced Diploma of Electrical (Engineering) - **Timothy Caddy**  
 Certificate III in Bricklaying/Blocklaying - **Casey McFarlane**  
 Certificate III in Civil

Construction Plant Operations - **Harrison Collins**  
 Certificate III in Glass and Glazing - **Jayden Trezise**  
 Certificate III in Painting and Decorating - **William Bowman and Damen Brown** (joint winners)  
 Certificate III in Signs and Graphics - **Samuel Rochester**  
 Certificate III in Wall and Floor Tiling - **Marcus Forbes**



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