Rotary District 9675/85 Vocational Excellence Awards 2020

Troy Everett is TAFE NSW Illawarra Institute Head Teacher of Bricklaying.

Troy won the Illawarra and NSW apprentice of the Year over 20 years ago and in 2016 won Illawarra and NSW teacher of the Year. Highly qualified with a Bachelor of Vocational Education and Training (with Distinction) being just one of his many degrees, diplomas and certificates, Troy has dedicated his life to training others in his chosen trade of bricklaying.

Last year Troy won a Premier’s Teaching Scholarship to conduct research in the UK aimed at bringing back to Australia ideas on good practice in student performance enticement in a competency-based training sector.

He has been involved with WorldSkills competitions at local and international levels. He served as International Bricklaying Chief Expert for the past 4 International WorldSkills competitions: Leipzig 2013, Sao Paulo 2015, Abu Dhabi 2017 and Russia 2019.

Through his work Troy has lifted skills in all parts of the globe by providing advice on training techniques and the structure of training within countries that are looking to improve living standards through skill development. Troy has also done work to improve hygiene standards in remote Bangladesh and assisted with reconstruction in regional Nepal after the earthquake, mostly to help rebuild a school that had been severely damaged.

Troy is widely regarded as a highly effective teacher in skills-based tuition and as someone who has been able to impart his methods to others to achieve vocational change both locally and overseas.

Our two Districts are honoured to recognise Troy Everett with a 2020 District Vocational Excellence Award.