



**Apprentice  
Employment Network**  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2020/21

MEMBERSHIP PROSPECTUS

FOR NEW AND  
RENEWING MEMBERS

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER, CONTACT

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## WELCOME TO THE APPRENTICE EMPLOYMENT NETWORK WA

I am very pleased to introduce your Group Training Organisation (GTO) to the benefits that State membership of the Apprentice Employment Network WA (AEN WA) will bring to your operation. All aspects of your business will greatly benefit from being involved in a connected State network with common goals.

Each of our GTO members operating across our vast State, share the same objectives, commitments and focus as you do – to employ apprentices and trainees in a supported employment model. All our members are committed to providing pastoral care that affords each starter the best opportunity to complete their training and to become highly skilled and work-ready for jobs in their local community or anywhere in Australia with national qualifications.

The AEN WA network comprises GTOs operating in metropolitan, regional and remote areas of this state. Collectively our members employ over 2,000 apprentices and trainees and we are linked to a National network that employs some 25,000 apprentices and trainees Australia wide.

When your GTO joins AEN WA, your whole operation benefits from the State network.

AEN WA's mission is to support our members as they contribute to skilling a strong trade and non-trade workforce that supports employers' needs and builds a skilled workforce for Western Australia. As an AEN WA member you also contribute to that and become part of a vibrant network of apprentice employment providers that are trusted and supported by industry, the community and government.

Our State network operates to ensure our members' interests are prioritised and protected through our work.

AEN WA will support our members through the provision of advocacy and services:

- Provide effective representation for members
- engage its members and consider and value their opinions
- promote member's businesses and the achievements of group training
- provide value for money membership

As the recognised State's peak body representing GTOs, AEN WA will:

- build its profile, increasing stakeholder's awareness of its role
- be respected as an effective member-based advocacy association
- have influence with key decision makers
- develop research-based measured and realistic policy positions
- proactively engage stakeholders to form mutually beneficial partnerships

We will also ensure our ongoing sustainability through the maintenance of quality financial, governance and management systems.

Please contact AEN WA if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming your GTO as a new or returning member.

## ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION

Since 1993, the Apprentice Employment Network WA (AEN WA) and its Committee of Management, have demonstrated a long history of regular engagement with senior levels of Government, industry organisations and associations, employers, schools and registered training organisations, with responsibility for skills training, development and employment through apprenticeships and traineeships.

AEN WA meets regularly with:

- Australian Ministers and Assistant Ministers residing in WA (related to small business, apprenticeships and traineeships)
- State Ministers
- Shadow State Ministers
- Ministerial Advisors and Chiefs of Staff

With direct links to Australian government policy and decision makers, we ensure that timely and relevant information received through the AEN WA office is promptly relayed to your GTO. These government links bring benefits to your GTO staff, your apprentices and trainees and to your host businesses. AEN WA pursues close and productive working relations with both the elected Government and opposition party to ensure a bipartisan relationship.

In addition, we meet with our national network, state boards, senior staff from state government departments, industry organisations and associations responsible for policy and program development, incentives, training delivery and employment policies related to apprentices and trainees, the broader job market programs and the Indigenous Advancement Strategy.

These include but are not limited to:

- National Apprentice Employment Network
- State Training Board
- Department of Training and Workforce Development
- Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation
- Department of Education, Skills and Employment
- WA Construction Training Fund
- Housing Industry Association
- Catholic Education Western Australia
- Australian Apprenticeship Support Network
- TAFE WA
- Industry Training Councils

## AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

This is AEN WA's showcase event of the year. It presents an exciting platform to network with other GTO members while having exclusive access to Ministers, apprentices, trainees, parents, trainers, host employers, senior representatives from industry, schools and staff members from government departments and Parliament.

The Awards of Excellence event recognises and promotes the outstanding commitment and dedication of apprentices and trainees employed by our member GTOs in Western Australia. It also presents an opportunity to acknowledge the important role that host employers play in supporting this training and their contribution to the community.

The event is held annually in October, with awards presented for the following categories:

- Apprentice of the Year
- Trainee of the Year
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Apprentice or Trainee of the Year
- School-Based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year
- Host Employer of the Year

## KEEPING OUR MEMBERS UP TO DATE

### Member Website

AEN WA provides information through its website [www.AENWA.com.au](http://www.AENWA.com.au) where we advertise the apprenticeships and traineeships offered by our members with direct links to their websites.

Prospective apprentices, trainees, host employers, parents or school careers' councillors seeking apprenticeship and traineeship information are able to send us online enquiries through the website that are distributed to all members.

The website also contains events, media and relevant articles of interest to our members.

### Member Newsletters /Emails

AEN WA provides our members with regular newsletters and emails to keep our members up to date of new developments and changes related to apprentice and trainee employment, programs and policy.

### Attendance at Conferences, Webinars, Meetings etc.

We also attend regular conferences, webinars and other networking events, meetings and information sessions to gather valuable market intelligence for our members.

### Social Media

AEN WA communicates as relevant through its Facebook page located at [Group Training Australia WA](#) and through our Twitter account [@gtawa2013](#). Please follow us on both of these social media platforms.

## AEN WA MEMBERSHIP

### Applying for AEN WA Membership

Applicants and renewing members need to complete a new interactive Membership Application form. Please complete this form and forward via email to the Executive Officer [eo@aenwa.com.au](mailto:eo@aenwa.com.au).

All new applications require approval by the AEN WA Committee of Management.

### 2020/21 Membership Contribution

AEN WA full membership contribution, for GTOs with 26 or more apprentices/trainees in WA for the 2019/20 financial year was \$3,348.02 plus GST. This contribution was due to increase for the 2020/21 financial period by the 2020 March quarter consumer price index of 2.1%. **(Due to the Pandemic, the committee of management has maintained the 2020/21 membership contributions at 2019/20 prices.**

AEN WA also offers a very generous associate membership for GTOs with 25 or less apprentices/trainees in WA. The membership contribution for the 2019/20 financial year was \$500 plus GST. This contribution was due to increase for the 2020/21 financial period by the 2020 March quarter consumer price index of 2.1%. **Due to the Pandemic, the committee of management has maintained the 2020/21 membership contributions at 2019/20 prices.**

### Membership Branding

AEN WA offers your GTO the opportunity to affiliate your operation with the AEN WA logo. Displaying this to your customers and stakeholders highlights that your organisation belongs to a State network of quality GTOs pursuing professional standards of operation under a value-based charter.

## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

NAME	POSITION	GTO	CONTACT
Stuart Diepeveen	Chairman	Electrical Group Training	08 6241 6106
Iain McDougall	Vice Chairman	Hospitality Group Training WA Inc	08 9481 1602
Amanda Kyras	Treasurer	MPA Skills	08 9471 6600
Stephen Spini	Committee Member	MTAWA/Automotive Institute of WA	08 9233 9805
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**AEN WA is committed to ensure members' views are represented and to influence policy/training development on issues affecting our members**

# AEN WA MEMBERSHIP

## FULL - BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

- Advocacy on behalf of AEN WA members to WA and Australian Governments/Agencies.
- Consultations with Department of Training and Workforce Development on behalf of members
- Inclusion in AEN WA representations with various other government departments/agencies, in particular those affecting GTO operations
- Networking opportunities with other AEN WA members at regular meetings
- Opportunity to nominate apprentices and trainees to AEN WA annual Awards of Excellence event
- Opportunities to be represented at relevant forums and conferences through AEN WA
- Opportunity to participate in professional development activities
- GTO logo advertised on AEN WA website with direct link to your website
- Relevant enquiries from AEN WA website forwarded to GTOs
- Access to membership benefits with participating companies
- Newsletters and Emails to keep you up to date
- Promotion via Facebook and Twitter



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## ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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**The Network conducts a number of activities to enhance the effectiveness of member Group Training Organisations in WA.**

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- Consultations with Department of Training and Workforce Development on behalf of members
- Inclusion in AEN WA representations with various other government departments /agencies, particularly those affecting GTO operations
- Networking opportunities with other AEN WA members at regular meetings\*
- Opportunities to be represented at relevant forums and conferences through AEN WA
- GTO logo advertised on AEN WA website with direct link to member's website
- Relevant enquiries from AEN WA website forwarded to GTOs
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\* Associate Members may attend meetings but are not entitled to vote.

**To find out more about becoming an AEN WA member contact:**

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