



Media Release

## Ryan WINS! – Wurreker Award

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CVGT STEP ERS participant Ryan Hearps has won the **Private Sector Employee Award** at the recent VAEAI Wurreker Awards...

Under the Wurreker Strategy the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAEAI) Wurreker Awards are held annually recognising individuals and organisations for achieving outstanding results in their chosen areas of expertise. The Wurreker Strategy aims to encourage Koories into higher education.

Held at the Aborigines Advancement League in Thornbury Melbourne on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, Ryan was accompanied by his mother Robyn, CVGT's Suzi Zivec, Indigenous Programs Manager, and Rhonda Penney, Indigenous Programs Consultant.

Ryan, who currently works at the Bendigo Schweppes Centre as a Gaming & Bar Attendant, received an impressive trophy as well as a cash prize; Ryan was very excited to receive his award.

On a personal level, Ryan plans to undertake a food handler's course and food safety supervisor's course with aspirations of opening his own café in 2010. He is a very motivated and enthusiastic young man.

Over the past year, Ryan has contributed to his professional development with a strong desire to achieve, completing his Responsible Service of Alcohol, Responsible Service of Gambling, Attend Gaming Machines, and Food Hygiene Certificates.

CVGT Structured Training and Employment Projects and Employment Related Services (STEP ERS) is a program to support Indigenous jobseekers into training, employment. Mentoring is offered to both the employer and employee.

CVGT was also a finalist in the Private Sector Employer Award.

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