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“Champion employers” honoured in national award nomination

“Organisations such as these who work with employment services providers to open up opportunities for disadvantaged job seekers set a positive example,” said NESA CEO Sally Sinclair. “They fully deserve the recognition that our national awards bring.”

The Awards for Excellence are offered each year by the National Employment Services Association (NESA) for outstanding performance and achievement within the employment services sector. The **Champion Employer the Year** Award goes to organisations that give disadvantaged Australians a fair go.

This year’s finalists are:

Bureau Veritas, Mount Hawthorn, nominated by atWork Australia

Bureau Veritas is a global leader in Testing, Inspection and Certification. Since partnering with atWork Australia in late 2016, Bureau Veritas has employed 63 atWork candidates offering them entry-level casual roles as Sample Preparation Assistants in the Mineral Exploration division. This opportunity provides invaluable experience and a great stepping stone for these job seekers.

Latitude, Mount Hawthorn, nominated by atWork Australia

Latitude is an indoor aerial super park, with integrated climbing and trampoline activities. In March 2018, Latitude contacted atWork to advise of employment opportunities for 18-24 year olds, and of 16 candidates sent for interview, 14 were offered employment. Latitude is playing their part to tackle youth unemployment in their region.

James Hardie, Southport, nominated by BUSY At Work

James Hardie is an industrial building materials company which specialises in fibre cement products. Since commencing their relationship with BUSY At Work in September 2017, James Hardie has collaborated in the development of a pre-employment & induction program, and has taken on 25 full time casual employees in the production team, and 2 permanent administration staff.

The winner of the **Champion Employer the Year Award** will be announced at the NESA National Conference, to be held in Brisbane on the 8th-9th of August, 2018.

The National Employment Services Association Champion Employer of the Year Award is sponsored by the Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business.

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