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Broome lecturer in contention for WA Training Awards 2009

Kimberley TAFE lecturer Bel Skinner has been named a finalist in the prestigious WA Training Awards 2009.

Ms Skinner, a music lecturer from Broome, is one of four finalists in the WA Trainer of the Year category sponsored by the Training Accreditation Council.

Ms Skinner said working with students in remote locations helped her develop innovative teaching practices.

"I work hard to give my students as much workplace training as possible, building relationships with pubs and event organisers to get opportunities for my students to showcase their skills," Ms Skinner said.

"Developing the musical talents of students and sharing those talents with the community is important.

"Helping students form a band, The Walkabout Boys, has been a career highlight.

"They have performed at various events, won numerous awards and are about to record their debut album with Australia's premier Indigenous music label Skinny Fish."

Department of Education and Training Director General Sharyn O'Neill said the WA Training Awards recognised the very high quality and standards of the training system in Western Australia.

"A highly skilled workforce is essential for our economic and social prosperity," she said.

"The high calibre of the finalists across all the award categories shows how flexible and innovative training delivers results for industries, employers, communities and training providers."

Winners of the WA Training Awards 2009 will be announced on Friday 4 September.

The WA Training Awards 2009 are a joint initiative of the Department of Education and Training and the State Training Board.

For more information visit: trainingawards.det.wa.edu.au.

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