

On Friday 18 November 2022, Regional Anangu Services Aboriginal Corporation (RASAC) was recognised as the Small Employer of the Year at the 2022 Australian Training Awards.

RASAC previously won in the 2022 Small Employer of the Year at the SA Training Awards.

Training for our Anangu workers is a priority across all of our RASAC teams across the APY Lands.

This Award recognises RASAC's commitment to Anangu Workforce Development and Training with our Anangu workers completing in-house training plus accredited training with TAFE SA to achieve nationally recognised qualifications.

Due to the remoteness of our worksites, which are spread over 103,000 sqkms, we have, by necessity, developed strong internal training capacity. Our training is based on culturally appropriate training resources and methods, including resources translated and narrated in local Pitjantjatjara language.

Our workers attend short courses such as first air or white card, and also complete Foundation Skills training at the TAFE SA community campuses and visiting TAFE SA lecturers travell to the APY Lands for higher level accredited training.

In 2021 we celebrated the graduation of our first 10 Anangu workers completing Certificate III in Community Services. Three of our workers were also recognised in the 2021 TAFE SA Honour Awards. Between 2016 and 2021, 56 Anangu workers achieved the Certificate II in Community Services and 3 completed the Certificate I in Access to Vocational Pathways. The achievement of these qualifications by our workers is based on solid and sustainable training practices and an on-going partnership with TAFE SA. This represents a real breakthrough for vocational education on the APY Lands - breaking through barriers of disadvantage faced by workers, to forge new pathways for them to gain skills, build confidence, achieve qualifications, and secure employment and career advancement.

In 2022, we have several of our Municipal Services workers completing Certificate I in Access to Vocational Pathways and up to 25 Community Patrollers are enrolled in Certificate II in Community Services and Certificate III in Community Safety Services.

One of RASAC's Anangu Community Patrols Coordinators, Angelina Dunnett, was also a finalist in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award in the Australian Training Awards. Angie was a very worthy Runner-Up in the Award, against a very strong field of winners from the other states and territories across Australia. https://www.australiantrainingawards.gov.au/finalist/angelina-dunnett

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Congratulations to all the workers, supervisors and managers at RASAC for this achievement.





Below is an extract from the Australian Training Awards Website announcing RASAC as the recipient of the GOLD award. https://www.australiantrainingawards.gov.au/finalist/regional-anangu-services-aboriginal-corporation.



Regional Anangu Services Aboriginal Corporation

Small Employer of the Year Award

2022

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South Australia

Regional Anangu Services Aboriginal Corporation (RASAC) delivers a range of services, including municipal services and community patrols, across the APY lands in the far northwest corner of South Australia, in some of the most remote and disadvantaged Aboriginal communities in Australia. RASAC is the largest employer of local Anangu workers and has a fierce determination to train local workers to fill jobs in their communities and progress to supervisory roles. RASAC collaborates with TAFE SA so that internal training is mapped to accredited training and RASAC supervisors and TAFE lecturers work together to deliver training, and undertake assessments

Small Employer of the Year Award

The Small Employer of the Year Award recognises small businesses that have achieved excellence in the provision of nationally recognised training to their employees.

Nationally recognised training refers to training that is based on a national training package or accredited course which results in a person receiving a formal qualification or Statement of Attainment issued by a Registered Training Organisation. This includes Australian Apprenticeships.

2022 state or territory Award winners of this category are nominated to enter a short-listing process to the Australian Training Awards.