

## 2017 ALEX NORTHOVER AWARD

The Alex Northover Award is a grant of \$2500 provided by the Australian Institute of Quarrying Education Foundation (AIQEF) to recognise the best prepared Portfolio of Evidence submitted to a Registered Training Organisation in support of an applicant seeking accreditation for either a Cert IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma against the Extractive Industries Training Package.

The AIQEF also provides a grant of up to \$2,000 for the top nominee of each category to assist with their expenses in attending the IQA conference, (in this case CMIC 2017 - Toowoomba).

RTO's are invited to nominate candidates from the successful graduates in the previous 12 months to 30 June (in this case 30 June 2017).

The judging panel have reviewed the portfolios that were submitted for this year's award and have selected the top nominees who will be given the opportunity to attend the IQA Conference with the assistance of the \$2000 AIQEF grant.

The top three (3) portfolios presented are

- ASHMAN, Simon            Holcim Townsville NSW, nominated by Mine Resilience (RTO) – Advanced Diploma
- COOKE, Christopher    Hansen Molong NSW    nominated by Mine Resilience (RTO) - Diploma
- EVANS, Jolin             Boral Queensland nominated by Boral Construction Materials RTO Certificate IV

All three finalists for this year's Alex Northover Award submitted comprehensive and detailed portfolios of evidence at their respective qualification levels, and all showed a strong evidence of their own work in their presentations.

After due consideration the panel has resolved that this year's winner has differentiated himself from the other top nominees by

- The inclusion of plentiful and relevant evidence, including evidence of ongoing daily engagement with and commitment to the relevant aspects of the qualification to his work over an extended period of time
- The overwhelming quality of his support material that highlighted his direct involvement in the preparation, implementation and application of the knowledge and skills required in each competency unit.
- The outstanding commitment to detail in the preparation and clear organisation of his portfolio that demonstrated a disciplined approach to the application of the course content.

**It is with great pleasure that I am proud to announce that the winner of this year's Alex Northover award is**

**Christopher COOKE from Hanson, Molong NSW nominated by Mine Resilience RTO.**