

## Media Release

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### **JUNEE STAFF TRAINING RECOGNISED**

Two staff members of the GEO-operated Junee Correctional Centre have been recognised for their achievements at the 2015 NSW Training Awards.

The NSW Training Awards are conducted annually by the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) to recognise outstanding achievement in the vocational education and training sector. The Awards honour and reward the achievements of students, trainers/teachers, training organisations, large and small employers.

At the Riverina Training Awards presentation, which represents the Riverina region for the NSW Training Awards, the achievements of Junee's Karen Clemson and Craig McCormack were recognised.

Craig reached the final of the region's VET Trainer/Teacher of the Year category, whilst Karen was named Riverina's Trainee of the Year.

Junee's Acting General Manager, Richard Laws paid tribute to the winners, "Karen, like many of our team, came into corrections after a career in another industry, and has proven to be a highly effective officer with great further potential. All the team at Junee are thrilled at her success, which is well-deserved.

Craig is an exceptional trainer who is passionate in his approach to staff training. Junee benefits hugely from his expertise and innovation, and the outstanding results Junee achieves in managing inmates is due – in no small part – to our staff being well trained by Craig and his colleagues".

Pieter Bezuidenhout, GEO's Managing Director added "I congratulate Karen and Craig on their achievements. Correctional work can be demanding, and we rely on great training as the foundation that equips our staff to meet these challenges.

Following on from GEO's success in being named 2011 Employer of the Year at our Fulham Correctional Centre in Victoria, I am heartened to see our NSW team further confirming GEO's reputation as a leader in correctional training."

As a regional winner, Karen will now go forward and compete with for the national Australian Training Awards..

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