



# MELBOURNE AIRPORT

## Developing Tourism Leaders Awards

### 2009 Melbourne Airport Developing Tourism Leaders (DTL) Awards

The 2009 Melbourne Airport Developing Tourism Leaders (DTL) Awards were held at the Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VECCI) in East Melbourne on Tuesday 10th November 2009.

Ian Nicolson, Service Skills Victoria's CEO, welcomed the 80 guests, and introduced Damian Tkalec, Executive General Manager Corporate Development at Melbourne Airport, the DTL Awards Principal Sponsor. Guest Speaker Lizzie Corke, Proprietor of the Cape Otway Centre for Conservation Ecology, also provided an inspirational speech to guests showcasing her journey in establishing her business with her husband, Shayne Neal. Lizzie stayed on to congratulate and present the awards to the winning students.

Almila Erturk from William Angliss Institute was announced the overall winner of the 2009 DTL Awards. She receives a \$2000 Flight Centre Travel voucher for her efforts, as well as tickets to the Apollo Bay Music Festival and Young Tourism Network membership for winning the Events category. Her winning submission focused on an eco-friendly fashion event called *Eco-Fashionista* and was designed to be 100% carbon offset. The event will be held at the Royal Botanical Gardens and incorporates sustainable practices including reducing waste and employing eco-friendly organisations for products and services.



2009 DTL Awards Winner Almila Erturk with Ian Nicolson (Service Skills Victoria), Lizzie Corke (Cape Otway Centre for Conservation Ecology) and Damian Tkalec (Melbourne Airport).

Sixty-eight submissions were received from six training institutes and congratulations to all students who have participated and worked hard on their innovative submissions.

The following students received awards:

#### EVENTS CATEGORY

**Finalist & Overall Winner:** Almila Erturk, William Angliss Institute

**Highly Commended:** Huong Nguyen, William Angliss Institute

#### TOURISM CATEGORY

**Finalist:** Arzu Oyola, Kangan Batman TAFE

**Highly Commended:** Marwah Mounajed, Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE

#### HOSPITALITY CATEGORY

**Finalist:** Sherry Perryman, Kangan Batman TAFE

**Highly Commended:** Isuru Hewage Gunathilake, Kangan Batman TAFE

#### MERIT WINNERS

Anton Fernando, Kangan Batman TAFE

Anucia de Boer, William Angliss Institute

Feride Osman, Kangan Batman TAFE

Huyen Ly, Kangan Batman TAFE

Janelle French, William Angliss Institute

Rosie Heaton-Harris, Gordon Institute of TAFE

Samantha Richards, William Angliss Institute

Yangchen Dolma Wangyal, Kangan Batman TAFE

#### JUDGES AWARD

**Tourism:** Megan Chappel, William Angliss Institute

**Events:** Jane Hollier, Chisholm Institute

**Hospitality:** Nurzura Che Man, Kangan Batman TAFE