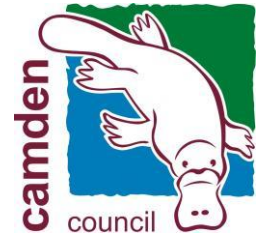


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Camden Council cleans up at apprentice and trainee awards

It was raining awards for Camden Council on Friday (1 November) night, taking out three titles at the My Gateway Apprentice and Trainee Awards 2019.

Council's Parks and Gardens Certificate Three Apprentice, Ashlea Heine, took out the **Female Apprentice of the Year**.

"I had been working in administration for about 15 years across a number of different industries and just wasn't completely happy," Ms Heine said.

"I wanted to get out of the office and get outside, which is what made me give this apprenticeship a go. It's been the best thing I've ever done.

"I've learnt so much on the job and through my studies and, most importantly, I have so much fun with what I do each day."

Council's Business Administration Certificate Three Trainee, Mikayla Gauci, took out two awards – **Certificate Three Trainee of the Year** as well as the **Overall Trainee of the Year**.

"Working in Human Resources, I've found it really interesting to see how a business runs and how it affects others," Ms Gauci said.

"Finishing school last year and jumping straight into the workplace has been fast-paced and exciting. Some of the main things I've learnt are the functions of payroll, training and recruitment and work health and safety."

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said the finalists were not chosen lightly.

"They were selected based on their on-the-job performance, skill development, academic results, attitude and contribution to the organisation by an external panel of judges," Cr Fedeli said.

"At Council, we take pride in training and guiding our apprentices and trainees towards their work and personal goals.

"I am incredibly proud of all our trainees and apprentices for their hard work and dedication each day. Congratulations to our two winners for representing themselves and Council so impressively – it's only upwards from here!"

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