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Minister's Award for Support Services Excellence

Finalist

Maria Todaro

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'Training is a passion for me. Very much so. Twenty-six years or more I was either an apprentice or working with them,' Maria says.

Maria started as an apprentice hairdresser and established successful salons in Melbourne. Later, she ran a combined bookstore and restaurant and she has employed many Australian Apprentices over the years.

'Once I left my restaurant I got a position at a Registered Training Organisation in the hospitality area, because of my experience. Then I was approached by a hairdressing college to help with their recruiting,' Maria explains.

Pivot Point Hair Academy in Melbourne wanted her to develop a pilot program for Australian School-based Apprenticeships in hairdressing, something that did not exist in the industry. The program was a great success.

Maria now works with a lot of non-English speaking communities to promote Australian School-based Apprenticeships. She loves helping young people find their vocation and start an apprenticeship.

