



Chris Evans, Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations presents the award to Stephen Beck, Cairns Branch Manager and Andrew Idle, an apprentice based at Cairns.

## Haden win Ministers Award for Excellence

**Haden has been honoured at the 2010 Ministers Awards for Excellence, winning the Employer of Australian Apprentices Award for the Northern Queensland (Cairns) region, and runner up for Central Queensland (Rockhampton) region at a presentation ceremony held at Parliament House, Canberra.**

The Ministers Award for Excellence recognises local employers who demonstrate outstanding efforts in supporting and employing apprentices. The annual awards are in their 10th year and are presented in regional categories throughout Australia.

Haden were congratulated on their support of local apprentices and the opportunities provided to apprentices to help them to succeed.

Haden values Australian Apprentices and encourages them to achieve the very best. This year, apprentices participated in the new Haden State of Origin Apprentice Challenge. Open to all Haden apprentices nationwide, those chosen for the challenge developed their skills and technical knowledge, both on-the-job and in their TAFE studies.

This is the second major award that Haden has accepted over the past three years, after achieving the COOL World Award for Best Apprentice Programme in 2008.

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