

Australian Culinary Federation Recognised with International Industry Award

Australian Culinary Federation named *Best Culinary Skills Training & Industry Support Initiative 2026 – Australia*

The Australian Culinary Federation (ACF) is proud to announce that it has been recognised as the recipient of the **Best Culinary Skills Training & Industry Support Initiative 2026 – Australia**, presented by **Acquisition International Magazine** as part of its prestigious **2026 Business Excellence Awards**.

This national recognition celebrates organisations that demonstrate exceptional leadership, innovation and commitment within their industry. For the ACF, the award acknowledges more than five decades of dedication to supporting Australia's culinary profession through education, professional development, mentoring, competitions, advocacy and industry collaboration.

A Milestone for Australia's Culinary Community

The Australian Culinary Federation has long been committed to strengthening the hospitality industry by investing in people. From apprentices taking their first steps in the profession to experienced chefs representing Australia on the international stage, the ACF continues to provide opportunities that inspire excellence and lifelong learning.

The Federation's programmes include:

- National and international culinary competitions
- Professional development workshops and masterclasses
- Mentoring and leadership opportunities
- Advocacy on issues affecting the culinary profession
- Support for apprentices, trainees, young chefs and culinary students
- Representation of Australian chefs through Worldchefs and international competitions
- Industry partnerships that promote education and career pathways

A Shared Achievement

ACF President **Karen Doyle** said the award reflects the collective efforts of the entire ACF community.

"We are incredibly honoured to receive this award. It is recognition of the passion and commitment shown every day by our members, volunteers, judges, educators, Board of Directors, State Branches, industry partners and sponsors. Together, we continue to strengthen Australia's culinary profession and inspire the next generation of chefs."

The Federation's success is built on the dedication of hundreds of volunteers who generously contribute their time and expertise to competitions, educational initiatives, mentoring programmes and member services throughout Australia.

Supporting the Future of Australian Chefs

As Australia's peak professional body for chefs, cooks, apprentices, trainees, young chefs and culinary students, the Australian Culinary Federation remains focused on creating meaningful opportunities for professional growth while promoting the highest standards of culinary excellence.

Through its extensive calendar of competitions, education programmes and industry initiatives, the ACF continues to champion skills development, innovation and career progression across every sector of the hospitality industry.

This latest recognition reinforces the Federation's commitment to ensuring Australian chefs remain respected both nationally and internationally.

Thank You

The Australian Culinary Federation extends its sincere thanks to **Acquisition International Magazine** for this honour and acknowledges the ongoing support of its members, volunteers, sponsors, partners and the wider hospitality industry.

Every achievement of the Federation is made possible by a community committed to advancing the culinary profession.

As we celebrate this milestone, we look forward to continuing our mission of supporting chefs, developing future talent and promoting Australian culinary excellence for generations to come.