While studying Certificate III in Retail Baking (Combined) at Holmesglen, Scott was selected to represent Victoria in the LA Judge Award, Australasia’s most prestigious award for apprentices.

The award evaluates apprentices on their skills in practical baking, technical knowledge and communication abilities over three days of fierce rivalry. The competition concludes with a Gala Awards Dinner that encourages networking between apprentices and industry representatives.

Working at Innocent Bystander, Scott makes all the cakes, pastries and breads for the kitchen and Cellar Door, by hand.

“Everything’s hand shaped and moulded. It’s a lot more about the feel.”

Scott gave up a degree in building and construction at RMIT for a career change.

“I was bored and needed to challenge myself. I was always into cooking but never wanted to be a chef. Baking was a better fit.”

“The bread’s been fantastic to learn about. I’ve got great support down at Moorabbin, they all know their stuff and [we have] nice new kitchens!”

Scott’s experience with Holmesglen highlights the importance of having industry leaders in teaching positions.

“You have people who’ve been there, done that.”

Enrolments are ongoing for the Certificate III in Retail Baking (combined) with intakes in February, April and July each year.

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Holmesglen third year, Landscape Apprentice, Mathew James, has very recently won Landscaping Victoria’s Victorian Landscape Awards 2012 Apprentice of the Year.

Mathew was given top scores in each of the competency areas of the nomination. The judges commented, “Mathew James from Southern Earth Landscapes is our very deserving winner of the 2012 Apprentice of the Year. He was determined at a young age to forge a career in the landscape industry, but not content with that alone he also involved himself in voluntary community projects working to improve the local parklands.

“Mathew has the respect and support of his work colleagues, and has demonstrated a commitment to his trade training, with comment on his passion for the landscape industry. He possesses drive and an enthusiasm towards all things landscaping”.

Mathew also won the award for second year Outstanding Landscape Apprentice in the 2012 Holmesglen Awards.