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SP AusNet awards top performing apprentices and trainees

Victorian energy distributor SP AusNet has honoured its brightest apprentices and trainees across their gas and electricity business with the announcement of the 2010 Apprentice and Trainee of the Year Award recipients.

The winners were chosen from a field of 109 apprentices and trainees currently working with SP AusNet towards qualifications in a range of energy-related fields including electrical lineworking, electrical fitting, technical testing, and electrical network design.

Apprentice and Trainee Manager, Gerard Cooke said the Awards, now in their fourth year, recognise outstanding apprentices and trainees who strive to excel in their chosen field.

"The Awards are judged on a combination of academic excellence and references from their supervisors and colleagues. They also take into account whether the nominees showed a positive attitude to their work," Mr Cooke said.

"All of our winners demonstrated excellence in their chosen fields as well as a keen interest in their own training and development. SP AusNet offers the Awards as a reward for these outstanding performances and to encourage its junior employees in an industry that is recognised as having an ageing workforce."

The winning four apprentices and two trainees were presented with their awards in a ceremony hosted by Managing Director Nino Ficca at the company's headquarters in Melbourne. The winners were also presented with a new laptop computer to assist in their ongoing training.

In 2010, SP AusNet recruited 31 new apprentices and trainees across its energy transmission and distribution businesses. Since 2000 more than 200 individuals have been recruited as apprentices and trainees by the company.

If you're interested in a career with SP AusNet then keep an eye out for the 2011 Apprentice and Trainee recruitment drive.

The recipients of the 2010 Apprentices and Trainee of the Year Awards were:

Apprentice of the Year (1 st Year)	-	Matthew Commons, Electrical Fitter from Rowville
Apprentice of the Year (2 nd Year)	-	Mark Slate, Lineworker from Warragul
Apprentice of the Year (3 rd Year)	-	Nathan Smith, Lineworker from Bairnsdale
Apprentice of the Year (4 th Year)	-	Ross Kelly, Lineworker from Hazelwood
Trainee of the Year (Years 1 and 2)	-	John Read, Electrical Tester from Hazelwood
Trainee of the Year (Years 3 and 4)	-	Aaron Mericka, Surveyor from Lilydale

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