



EGT Update April 2009

NEW COURSE PROVIDES NEW APPRENTICESHIPS

Electrical Group Training is pleased to announce its new alliance with the Australian Technical College – Perth. In April, EGT will be signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Australian Technical College – Perth South (ATC – Perth South) for the delivery of school-based apprenticeships.

From June 2009, ATC Perth South and EGT will work together to train school-based apprentices who are enrolled in Certificate III in Electrotechnology (Electrician) whilst also completing year 11 and 12.

ATC - Perth South will manage apprentices' off-the-job training, and EGT will provide work placements and work experience with a range of host employers.

The aim of this alliance is to:

- Help address industry skills shortages;
- Help ATC school-based apprentices to learn their trade through indenturing with EGT;
- Assist school-based apprentices to get a full time apprenticeship once they have completed their studies at ATC-Perth South;
- Increase the number of skilled tradespeople so we can continue to meet industry demands; and

- Ensure school-based apprentices get solid work experience, understand their work environment and learn how to work safely and manage risks.

"This is a first for our industry," noted Stuart Diepeveen, EGT's General Manager. "In the past school-based apprentices could not enrol in Electrotechnology so many students have chosen other trades."

"Now that the course has been approved, we can effectively compete with other trade courses and industry can tap into a whole new set of applicants," Stuart explained. "This will provide a new avenue for recruitment and increase the number of apprentices entering the industry."

ATC Perth-South currently has 30 students enrolled in the course and EGT will conduct its normal screening and recruitment processes to indenture suitable school-based apprentices. The apprentices will be available for 5 week placements at normal first year rates.

For information on employing a school-based apprentice please contact EGT on 9240 4877.

NEW OFFICES

EGT recently purchased and refitted additional office space next to its existing premises.

As well as providing much needed space for EGT, the additional offices will include room for NECAWA and some CET staff.

With the Group's Management Team all in one premises, the Group will be able to consolidate its working arrangements, achieve economies of scale and provide a higher level of service to apprentices, host employers and NECA WA members.

All of EGT's contact details will remain the same.



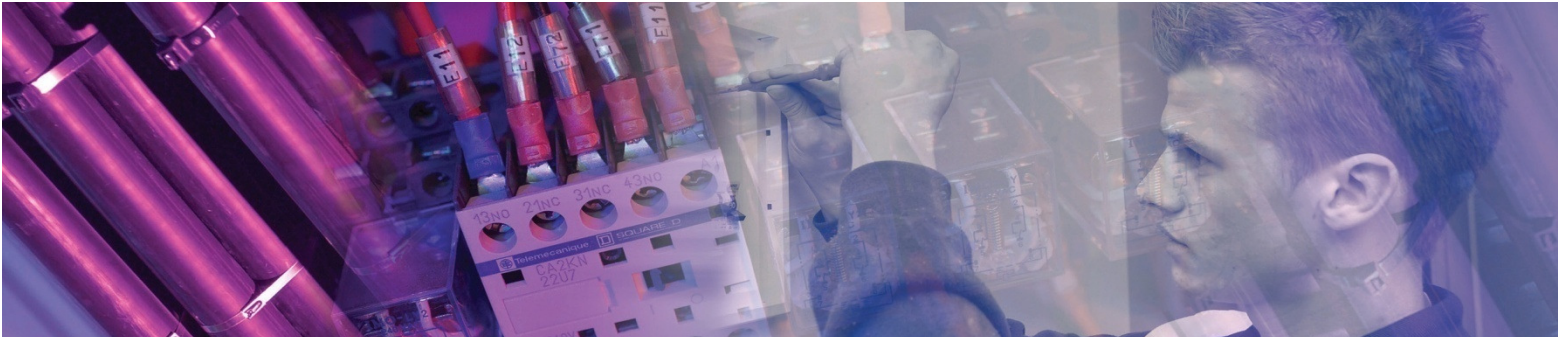
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HELPFUL HINT -

When calling to make sure your time sheet has been received you don't have to wait to be put through to payroll, you can talk to any one of our friendly administration staff.

This will free up payroll staff so they can concentrate on getting your wages into the bank in a timely manner.



..... **NEW OPERATIONS MANAGER**

EGT would like to congratulate Gary Livett on his new role with EGT. Gary was promoted to the position of Operations Manager in January. Formerly a Field Officer and then Field Supervisor, Gary has been working with EGT for over a year and has extensive knowledge and experience of apprentice management and assisting our host employers. Gary is an Electrical Technician by trade and also has qualifications in Pathways Counselling. Gary has worked in a number of management roles over the past 14 years and his understanding of the electrical industry combined with his knowledge of group training will be an asset in his new role. Congratulations Gary!

EGT APPRENTICES MAKE THE MOST OF CET AWARDS

EGT is pleased to congratulate the following apprentices who were awarded prizes in the CET 2008 Apprentice of the Year Awards:

- 1st year (most improved): Matthew Gordon
- 2nd year (most improved): Harley Chirgwin
- 3rd year (first prize): Aaron Borszeky

Before CET chooses an apprentice for one of these awards, they consider a range of criteria including academic performance, attendance, class room behaviour and participation in course activities. Apprentices are nominated by CET's training staff with the final selection being made by staff and CET's Training Manager. With over 1000 apprentices carrying out training at CET, there is strong competition for these awards. Congratulations Matthew, Harley and Aaron.

..... **2009 FOOTY TIPPING A WINNER**

The 2009 footy season kicked off in March with weekly prizes of \$100 being awarded for the winner of each round. Graeme Hills is currently our top tipper with 5 other tippers sharing second place!

Thank you again to sponsors Downer Engineering and MM Electrical for supporting the competition. All footy tippers are in the running to win a fantastic set of prizes including a first prize trip for two to the Grand Final in Melbourne.

SAFE APPRENTICES ARE WINNERS

Congratulations to Andrew Robinson, the March winner for our Risk Assessment Prize. Andrew is a first year apprentice hosted with Formelec Electrical Contractors. All apprentices who have completed risk assessment checklists for all their jobs are eligible to go into the draw, so we encourage everyone to keep completing their checklists. Congratulations Andrew!



..... **2009 APPRENTICE AWARDS OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS**

The 2009 NECA WA and WA Training Awards awards are both currently open for nominations.

The **NECA WA Apprentice Awards** recognise that the training of high quality apprentices is crucial to ensuring our industry's future. The Awards cover the industrial, commercial/domestic and industrial automation/communication categories and are designed to recognise and reward not only outstanding apprentices, but also their employers.

The **WA Training Awards** recognise and reward outstanding achievements of apprentices, trainees and vocational students, and the contribution to training made by trainers, training organisations and employers.

Both sets of awards provide the opportunity to enhance your career within the electrical industry. If you are interested in nominating for either of these awards please contact your Field Officer for more details.

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