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SP AusNet awards outstanding apprentices and trainees

Victorian energy distributor SP AusNet has recently rewarded its high-achieving apprentices and trainees across their gas and electricity business with the announcement of the 2011 Apprentice and Trainee of the Year Award recipients.

The winners were chosen from a field of 112 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.

SP AusNet's Skilling for the Future Consultant, Kirsty Dougall said the Awards recognise outstanding apprentices and trainees who strive to excel in their chosen field.

"These apprentices and trainees are seen as outstanding all-rounders. The nominees are judged on a combination of academic excellence and references from the nominees' supervisors, while taking into account their positive attitude to their work and career development," Ms Dougall 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 outstanding performance and to encourage its junior employees to embrace the future opportunities and ever-changing technologies of the industry.

"SP AusNet is committed to skilling for the future and since 2000 more than 230 individuals have been recruited as apprentices and trainees for the company," Ms Dougall said.

The winning four apprentices and four trainees were presented with their awards in a ceremony hosted by Managing Director Nino Ficca at the company's headquarters in Melbourne.

The recipients of the 2011 Apprentices and Trainee of the Year Awards were:

Apprentice of the Year (1 st Year)	-	Jason Campbell, Lineworker from Mansfield
Apprentice of the Year (2 nd Year)	-	Matthew Commons, Electrical Fitter from Rowville
Apprentice of the Year (3 rd Year)	-	Katie Felsbourg, Electrical Fitter from Hazelwood
Apprentice of the Year (4 th Year)	-	Jason Cornish, Lineworker from Leongatha
Trainee of the Year (1 st Year)	-	Keang Ung, Controller from Melbourne
Trainee of the Year (2 nd Year)	-	Michael Osborne, Tester from Yarraville
Trainee of the Year (3 rd Year)	-	Josh Sammut, Surveyor from Traralgon
Trainee of the Year (4 th Year)	-	Matthew Levy, Electrical Tester from Benalla