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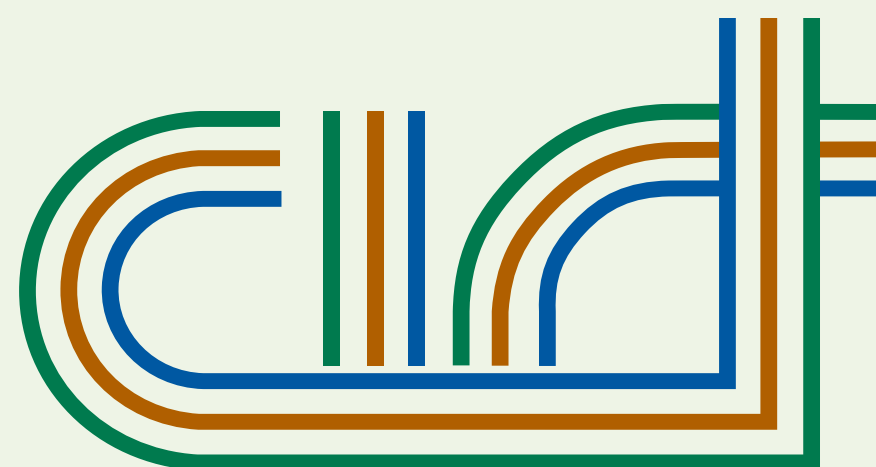
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Message from the President

Welcome to the 2023 Electrical Industry Excellence Awards, an evening designed to celebrate and acknowledge the quality and calibre within our industry.

Tonight's celebration is truly a national event. Whether you are attending the Awards night in New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia or Queensland, we'll soon celebrate our state winners and then connect across Australia via live simulcast for the announcement of the national winners.

To have all of us together tonight, shows the resilience of our industry. It's been a tough 12 months and I don't see the challenges dissipating for the FY 23/24 financial year. However, our strength is our ability to support each other, remain committed to quality, safety, and charge appropriately for the work we do.

I would like to thank our judges for their commitment to our industry, donating their time to ensure all finalists have an opportunity to showcase their project, business acumen or trade skill.

Enjoy the evening, and travel home safely. I hope to see you at the MEA Conference in Queenstown NZ in late September 2023.



Judging Panel

We acknowledge and thank our judges:

Master Electrician of the Year

Bill Bartley – Complex Electrical (CE Group) Pty Ltd
Chris Lehmann – Master Electricians Australia
Peter Matthews – Solar Service Guys

Woman in Contracting

Stacey Watson – Brighter Super
Nadia Pukallus – Add Staff
Janelle Miller – A & J Electrical Services

Project of the Year (Less than \$1 Million)

Leo Ward – Power & Data Support Services
Michael Saunders – NQ Electrical
Owen Blamires – MEAQ Board Member

Project of the Year (More than \$1 Million)

Kevin Veivers – Construction Professional (Project Director)
Michael Heinemann – Electrical Safety Office

Emerging Business of the Year

John Horan – Horan & Bird
Sarah Loveday – Loveday Electrical
James Caldwell – Hembrow's Electrical Service

Service Business Award

Brooke MacGregor – Genergy Australia
Alex Foster – Foster's Services

Clean Energy Project of the Year

David Minchin – Enphase Energy
Nick Syrett – IPD Australia

Apprentice of the Year Award (1st & 2nd Year) | (3rd & 4th Year) Electrician (Tradie) of the Year

Ross Lockhart	Alan McCallum
Mick Dougan	Ian Scott
Matthew Kummerow	Ishrat Hasan
Bill Morrissey	Rob Willson



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Project of the Year (Under \$1 Million) Finalists

SpinFX Electrical

Ingham Tennis Courts



The Ingham Tennis Association engaged SpinFX Electrical to upgrade their lighting system and install new lights that are compliant with Tennis Australia's requirements. This project was the biggest and most complex job SpinFX has undertaken and a significant achievement for the company. Despite facing extreme weather conditions including torrential rain, SpinFX delivered a successful outcome. The new lighting system enhance the playing experience for Ingham Tennis Association's members and provide a modern and safe environment for the players.



Boiso's Electrical Services Pty Ltd

Sentinel Engineering Fabrication Workshop



The massive Sentinel Engineering Fabrication Workshop required 1200 amps of power draw, specialised switchboards, and power distribution across a six-acre block. The facility is the region's largest fabrication workshop and commercial blast and spray booth. It has its own 1 MVA Ergon transformer, designated specifically for this installation. It is expected to drive economic growth and create new opportunities for businesses in the region.



Electrotek QLD Pty Ltd

St Patrick's College Townsville Stage 2



The St Patrick's College in Townsville project required Electrotek QLD Pty Ltd to work on the construction of new science and administration buildings. They were also responsible for the installation of lighting, power, communication, and security systems. This was the second stage of the project, after Electrotek completed stage one. The project was completed on time and within budget.



TW Electrical and HV Services Pty Ltd

Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services Facility



TW Electrical and HV Services worked on the eight month long, Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services Facility in Yarrabah. The centre was redesigned to acknowledge, respect, and complement the cultural and social environment. Meaning “Good Healing Water” in the language of the Gunggandji people, Gurriny Yealamucka was designed with traditional owners. The project employed local trainees, Indigenous suppliers, and sub-contractors.



Project of the Year (Over \$1 Million) Finalists

Minelec Pty Ltd

Ravenswood Gold Expansion



Because of this expansion Ravenswood Gold Mine is now Queensland's largest gold mine. The project involved the installation of over 200kms of cables, five switch rooms, 600 lights, and 350 instruments. Nearly 150,000 man-hours of labour were required to create a new, highly automated conveying, crushing, screening, and milling circuit. Minelec's expertise and experience in providing innovative electrical solutions for the mining industry have enabled them to deliver high-quality workmanship and excellent results, contributing to the growth and development of the mining sector in the region.



GB Industries Electrical Contractors Pty Ltd

VSI Lighting / Electrical / ICT Network Installation at BPV/DSPV/MSPV



The BMA Village Security Improvement Project's main aim was to improve safety and security for village residents across three BHP mining camps in the Bowen Basin. GB Industries installed updated CCTV systems, safe path lighting, and swipe access for door control systems. This large project worked concurrently with other project sites and required 95,700 man-hours. They pride themselves on delivering projects on time, according to budget, and exceeding client expectations.

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Women In Contracting Finalists

Sinead Hunt

LSEA Electrical Group

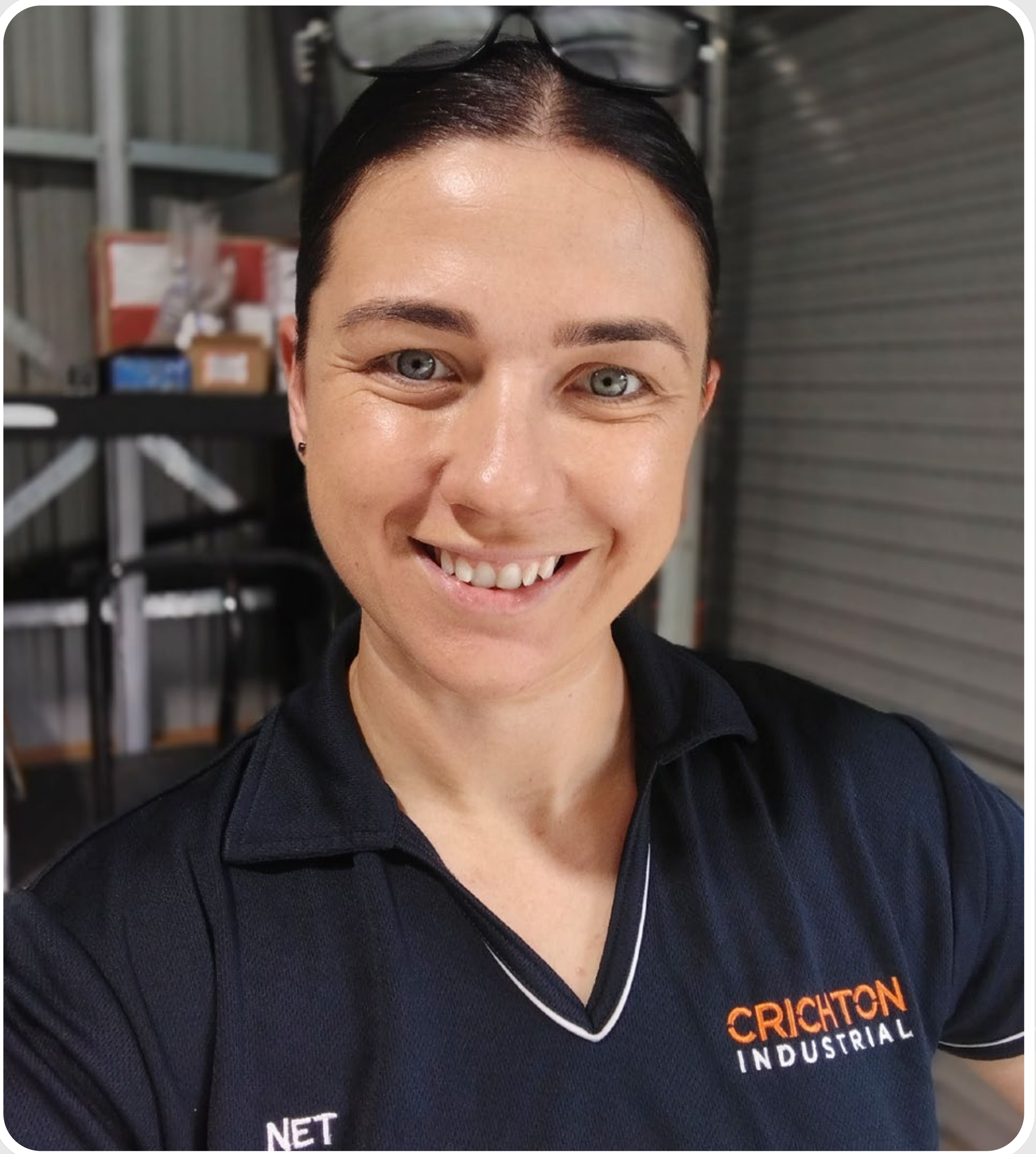


Sinead has an exceptional talent for leading her team at LSEA Group. She has impeccable organisation, scheduling, and resource management skills, which allows the business to consistently achieve its goals. With 20 years of experience in the field, she has led the company from a two-person team to a staff of 18. Despite her substantial workload, she remains committed to her team and the success of the business.



Jenette Crichton

CEI Electrical & Instrumentation



Jenette and her husband Mick founded their electrical business in 2021, with Jenette serving as one of the directors. Her background in emergency nursing has equipped her with strong communication skills and a passion for safe work practices. Despite challenges, such as working in a highly stressful environment and starting a business during a pandemic, Jenette enjoys growing with the business and hopes to make it her full-time job in the future.



Tracey Cox

Horan & Bird



Tracey has been working as a residential operations coordinator for Horan & Bird for five years. She loves working in the electrical industry, especially in the renewable energy sector. Her role at Horan & Bird is particularly challenging as it requires forward-thinking. She is excited to build relationships across all levels of the business while sharing her knowledge. This helped improve the internal processes to enable the team to easily play their parts in the business.



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Service Business Award Finalists

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Smart elec supplies high-quality electrical services across the Atherton Tablelands. They offer full electrical services to the domestic and commercial markets. With a team of four electricians, two apprentices, and two office staff, the company prides itself on its excellent workmanship, top-of-the-line products, and uncompromising commitment to customer satisfaction. The company is deeply committed to positively impacting the community and sponsors various local events.

Electrotek QLD Pty Ltd



Electrotek Qld Pty Ltd is a thriving electrical company with branches in Townsville and Brisbane. Established in 2009, the company has built a solid reputation for its top-notch electrical services, providing reliable and efficient solutions for its clients' diverse needs. With a team of highly skilled electricians and state-of-the-art equipment, Electrotek Qld Pty Ltd has achieved significant success in the industry and continues to expand its operations to meet the growing demand for quality electrical services in the region.

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Clean Energy Project of the Year Finalists

Green Energy Technologies

T1 Apartments, Townsville City



Green Energy has installed a 40kw solar for the T1 Apartments Townsville body corporate. This 20-storey building project required a crane lift, road planning, concrete fixing, and working at heights. The project took approximately three weeks to complete. The project complied with best practice and adhered to safe delivery planning.



Horan & Bird

Mackay Christian College 810 KW of Renewables



Horan & Bird installed an 810kw solar and energy storage facility at Mackay Christian College. The school aims to be a leader in sustainability in their community. The project allowed the school to significantly reduce electricity costs and its carbon footprint. The project took about 10 weeks to complete.



Linked Group Services Pty Ltd

Canberra Zoo Solar Carport (EcoPort)



With rooftops and the available ground already used for solar systems, Canberra's National Zoo and Aquarium tasked Linked Group Services with designing and installing a solar carport at the zoo's entrance. Linked designed a system that would not only meet the additional demand and fit in the space allocated, but also look aesthetically pleasing in relation to the existing infrastructure. The original design was for a 250kW system that needed to be able to curve around an existing carpark at the entrance of the zoo. Due to capital constraints following the pandemic it was decided to proceed with a 125kW carport that still had one bend in the middle, the first of its kind in Australia. The carport is connected to 50KW Sungrow Inverters and feeds an underground supply to the main MSB, it also incorporates 6 Tesla Destination Chargers.

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Emerging Business of the Year Finalists

EDC Electrical & Refrigeration



In just six years EDC Electrical & Refrigeration has grown to employ 14 experienced professionals. Founded in 2017 to offer electrical, refrigeration and labour hire services to the remote Cape York community of Weipa, EDC has a focus on quality, safety, and personalised service. The company is committed to training the next generation of trade professionals and expanding its workforce with qualified professionals and apprentices.

Boiso's Electrical Services Pty Ltd



**BOISO'S ELECTRICAL SERVICES
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Boiso's Electrical Services Pty Ltd have over 100 years of combined experience on their team. They offer a range of services including residential, commercial, industrial electrical installations, maintenance, repairs, air conditioning, and solar services to the Emerald region. The team are committed to delivering tailored solutions that are practical and cost-effective and building long-lasting relationships with clients. They aim to ensure ongoing training and development on new and emerging technologies are available to staff.



SpinFX Electrical



For a business to thrive in a small town, trust and a reliable reputation is of the utmost importance. Based in the small township of Ingham, SpinFX Electrical consists of electricians whose mission is to go above and beyond for their customers. They aim to provide the best, safest and most visually appealing options that best suit their clients. SpinFX prides themselves for being trustworthy, reliable, and timely when carrying out work.

All Whitsunday Electrical Pty Ltd



Following the devastation of Tropical Cyclone Debbie, All Whitsunday Electrical's co-founders Chris and Brent decided to start a company aimed at serving their community. They wanted to grow their expertise and knowledge and become a leading electrical contractor in the area. They started with high-end construction and small renovations before the pandemic forced them to pause, restructure and re-strategise. They have grown year on year and have become the biggest contractor in the region. They have built a culture that encourages employees to grow and work towards personal and business goals.



CEI Electrical & Instrumentation



**CRICHTON ELECTRICAL
& INSTRUMENTATION**

Despite being founded in the middle of the pandemic, CEI Electrical and Instrumentation has grown from owner operators to a staff with combined more than 50 years' experience. Based out Cairns they specialise in industrial and commercial areas with a focus on fault finding, repairs, and maintenance. They now employ six staff with a team of highly skilled technicians with backgrounds in farming, mining, and commercial work.

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Apprentice of the Year Award (1st and 2nd Year) Finalists

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The **National Winner of Apprentice of the Year (1st and 2nd Year) | (3rd and 4th Year)** will receive the **M18 FUEL™ ONE-KEY™ 3 Piece Power Pack:**

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- 1 x M18 FUEL™ ONE-KEY™ 1/4" Hex Impact Driver (Tool Only),
- 1 x M18 FUEL™ ONE-KEY™ 125mm (5") Breaking Angel Grinder with deadman paddle switch (Tool Only),
- 2 x M18™ REDLITHIUM™-ION 5.0AH Battery & 1 x M12™ & M18™ Rapid Charger) along with 1 x PACKOUT™ Cooler.



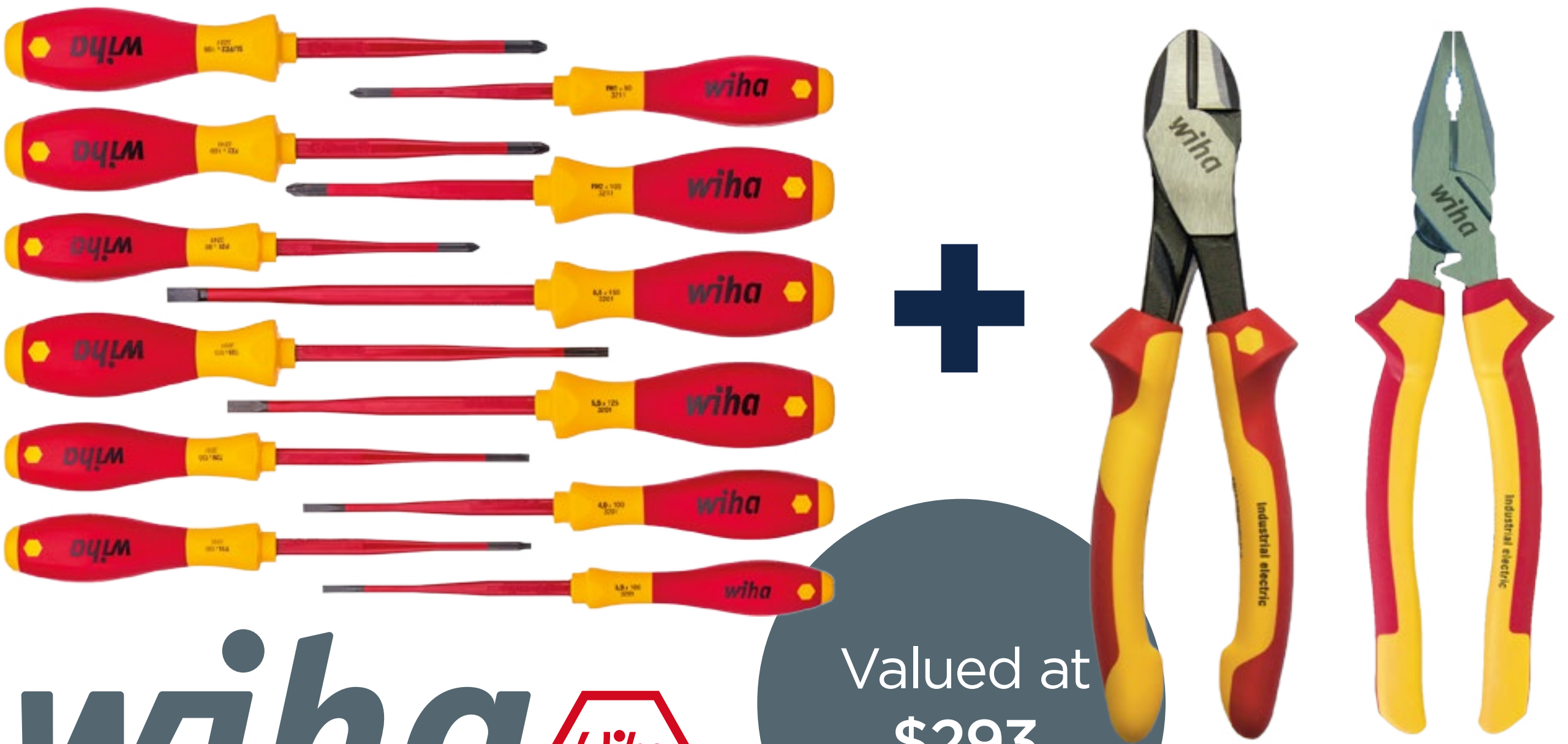
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State Winner Prize

The **State Winner of Apprentice of the Year (1st and 2nd Year) | (3rd and 4th Year)** will receive **Wiha Tools: 1 x 12pc Slimfix Screwdriver Set + 2pk Plier Set**



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National Winner Prize

The **National Winner of Apprentice of the Year (1st and 2nd Year) | (3rd and 4th Year)** will receive a **Wiha 26pc Toolkit in Backpack**

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Samantha Wright

Smart elec



After Samantha carried out work experience, Smart elec knew they needed to hire her. She has a brilliant mind and the tenacity to tackle any task given to her. She is a fast learner, humble and willing to help other students.



Kieran Burns

NSEW Electrical Pty Ltd



The constant challenges that electrical work offers and the opportunity to build strong customer relationships were why Kieran got into the trade. He believes he has the necessary discipline, desire, and drive to become an exceptional tradesman. Kieran appreciates the diverse range of work that NSEW Electrical provides, enabling him to learn across multiple fields.



James Anderson

LSEA Electrical Group



James is a knowledgeable second year apprentice who never shies away from the difficult challenges that require hard work. He was nominated due to his commitment to learning the trade, and his independence in navigating all the programs to assist his team members in the office. Despite being so early in his career he is the first team member to arrive at the office in the morning and one of the last to leave.



Kodain Douglas

SpinFX Electrical



When Kodain was a child, he would raid gardens for solar lights that he could wire onto his Tonka truck. This passion for electrical work from an early age has led to a dedicated apprentice who takes immense pride in his work and has skills above his year level. Kodain is already receiving positive feedback from many of SpinFX's customers.



Ashley Erwin

TW Electrical and HV Services Pty Ltd



Ashley has established a strong foundation for his future career as an electrician in only one year. Ashley brings youthful energy and enthusiasm to his work. His warm smile and excellent communication skills make him a valued member of the team. Ashley actively seeks opportunities for professional growth and embraces new challenges, understanding that learning is a continuous process. He engages well with his instructors and teachers, demonstrating his commitment to ongoing development in his field.



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Apprentice of the Year Award (3rd and 4th Year) Finalists

Jonah Dunstan

Smart elec



Jonah is a hard-working and curious apprentice who has picked up the trade quickly. Both his technical teachers and employers rave about his skills and his ability to learn something new. He asks lots of questions to better understand the work and complete his tasks to the highest standards.



Adam Dalman

KDP Electrical Pty Ltd



For Adam becoming a qualified electrician is a step towards setting himself up for success. Having spent time away from the trade, he has come to appreciate how much he enjoys the work and the employment opportunities it offers. Working with his team members to solve new problems is one of the many aspects of the job that Adam finds enjoyable and fulfilling.



Tate Minter

All Whitsunday Electrical Pty Ltd



It was the variety of work, quality of life, and job security that drew Tate to being an electrical apprentice. Previous award winners have motivated Tate to try and become an Apprentice of the Year and live up to their standards. He is grateful to be working with a team of dedicated electricians who share his passion for this trade.



Brenden Wenta

Electrotek QLD Pty Ltd



With a sparky father & grand-father, Brenden has always found the electrical industry fascinating. He enjoys learning about new technology and how it can integrate into people's homes.

Now moving into the later stages of his apprenticeship, Brenden has displayed a vast knowledge in the electrical field, ranging from maintenance, residential installs, and commercial builds. He has developed leadership qualities and takes pride in teaching the new apprentices.

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Electrician (Tradie) of the Year Finalists

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The **National Winner of Electrician (Tradie) of the Year** will receive the **M18 FUEL™ ONE-KEY™ 5 PIECE POWER PACK 5B:**

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- 3 x M18™ REDLITHIUM™-ION 5.0Ah Battery & 1 x M12™ & M18™ Rapid Charger) along with Milwaukee's PACKOUT™ Rolling Tool Box.

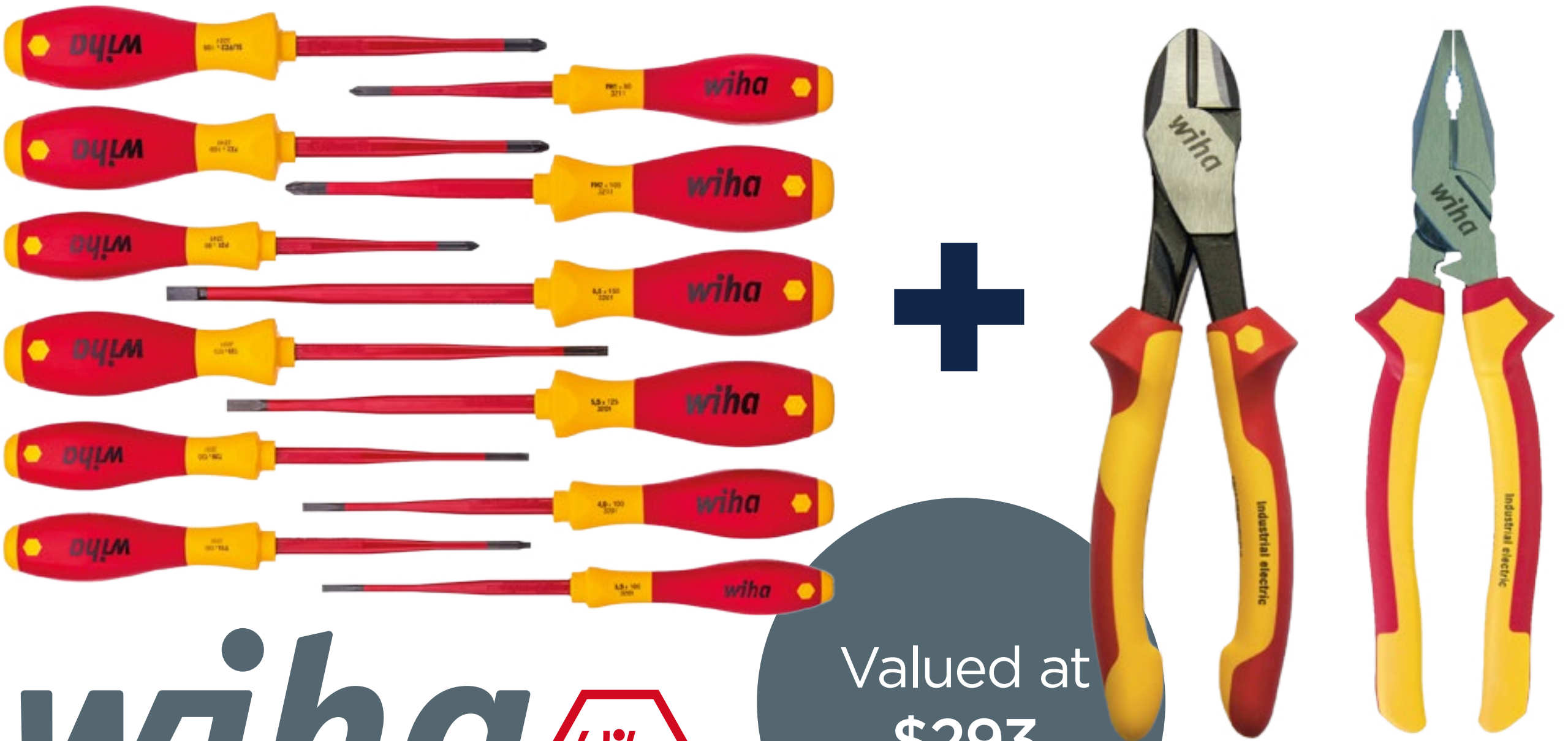
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Phill Bell

KDP Electrical Pty Ltd

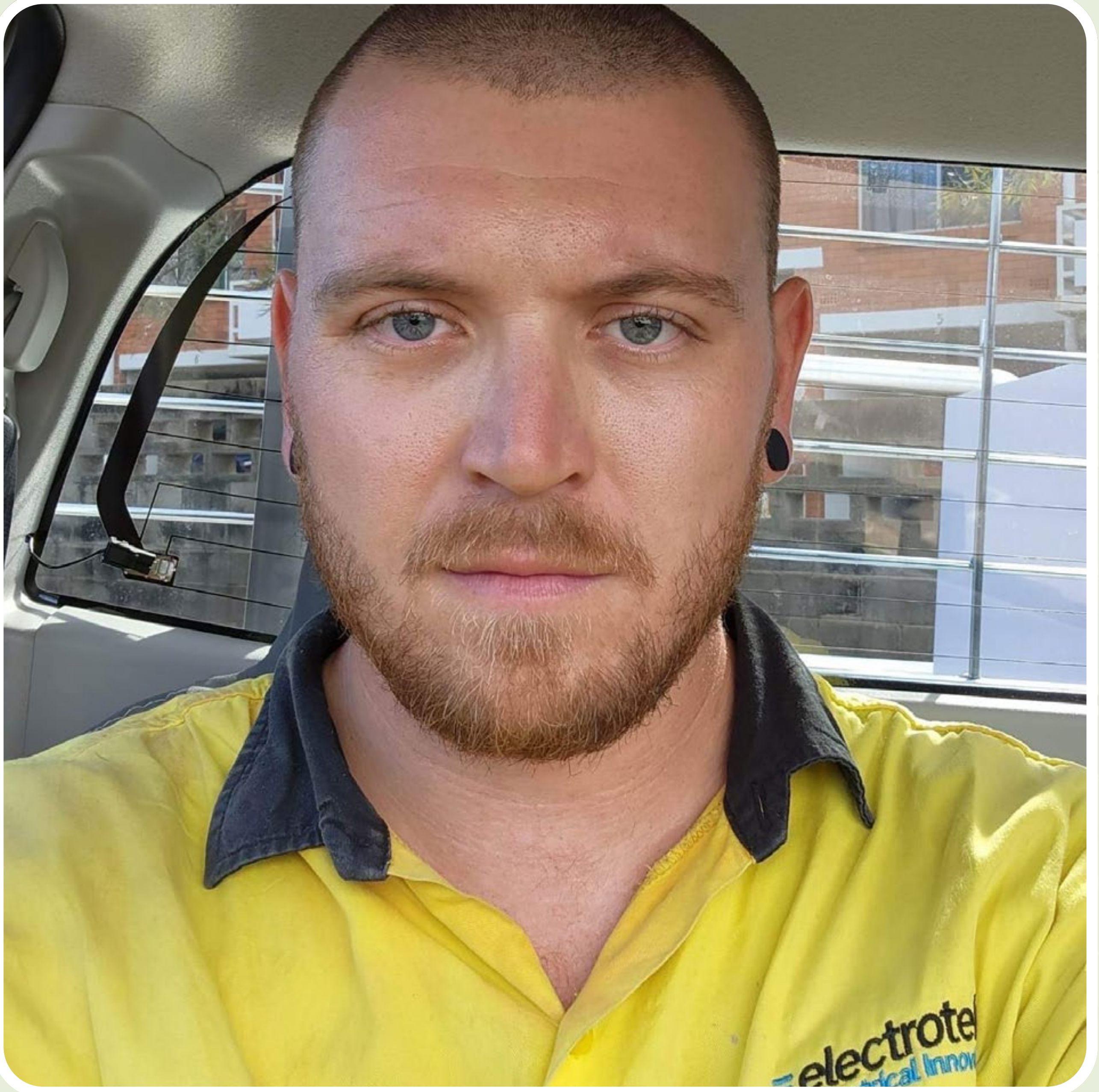


For Phill the work he carried out helping install panels and batteries is a chance to help build a better future not just for customers, but the planet. Phill has worked in domestic, commercial, industrial, solar, as well as the fiber, data, and instrumentation fields. He enjoys collaborating with colleagues and takes pride in his solar accreditation and experience overseeing multiple solar crews. He is passionate about contributing to the industry's transition to renewable energy.



Thomas Hewett

Electrotek QLD Pty Ltd



Thomas is a skilled and experienced electrical tradesman with a broad expertise in industrial, commercial, and domestic electrical work. He is a third-generation electrician and a dual trade as a boilermaker. He has worked on a variety of electrical projects, ranging from small residential installations to large commercial projects, mining, and large region solar farms in both ELV, LV & HV works. He displays exceptional leadership qualities in his role at Electrotek QLD and displays passion for passing on his knowledge and skills to the next generation of electricians and boilermakers.



Chalmers Underwood

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Chalmers' expertise in control systems and mechanical electrical installations has made him an invaluable asset at ACES QLD, where he manages projects and embraces new technologies. Chalmers demonstrates exemplary performance as a construction project manager while seamlessly supporting the service crew. His commitment to safety, utilising SWMS and JSAs, showcases his dedication to efficient risk management.

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SpinFX Electrical



Running a successful business in small communities is all about creating a trusted reputation. The team at SpinFX provide services to Ingham and the surrounding communities. Consisting of dedicated individuals to the electrical trade, they offer a wide range of electrical work for domestic and commercial residents and that includes, residential and commercial fit-out and maintenance, air-conditioning installation, smoke alarm installation, and switchboard upgrades.

Boiso's Electrical Services Pty Ltd



**BOISO'S ELECTRICAL SERVICES
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Boiso's Electrical Services provide a huge range of services to the Emerald and the Central Highlands region including residential, commercial, and industrial work. The company's team of skilled electricians provides a comprehensive range of services, including installation, repair, and maintenance work. They pride themselves on keeping up-to-date with industry advancements to ensure quality workmanship and innovative solutions to their customers' problems.



Electrotek QLD Pty Ltd



Electrotek Qld has a focus on delivering high-quality services, the company has successfully completed several high-rise projects, commercial projects, and multi-residential developments. With offices in Townsville and Brisbane, their team of skilled electricians uses the latest technology and equipment to ensure safety, efficiency, and optimal performance of all their projects. Electrotek Qld Pty Ltd has built a reputation for excellence and reliability, making them the go-to company for clients seeking electrical solutions that meet their specific needs.

Linked Group Services Pty Ltd



Linked Group Services operates out of Mackay but carries out work across the country, having completed projects in most States and Territories. Linked Group Services provides trade services, project management, as well as renewable energy products in the mining, construction, electrical, manufacturing and engineering fields. They provide services in design, drafting, fabrication, blasting, painting, construction, electrical commissioning, and long-term maintenance with full in-house products and services. These complementary services, all under one roof, give their clients cost-effective outcomes, continuity and above all, trust that they are dealing with a company that can deliver turn-key solutions from inception to completion.



CEI Electrical & Instrumentation



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CEI Electrical and Instrumentation is a family-run business based out of Cairns, specialising in Industrial and commercial work with a focus on fault finding, repairs, and maintenance. CEI Electrical and Instrumentation strives to provide high quality, safe and efficient services. They are known for being able to find faults in commercial and industrial equipment and repair them with minimal downtime.

TW Electrical and HV Services Pty Ltd



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