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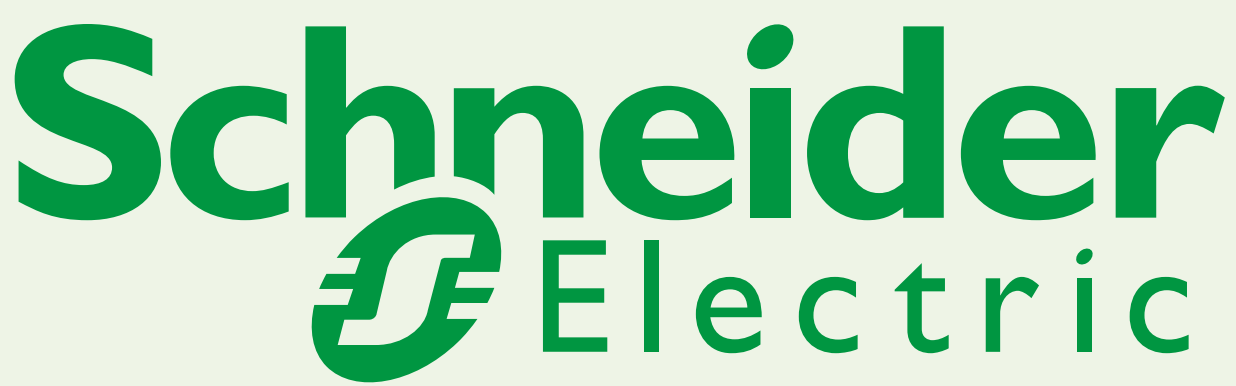
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Message from the President

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

Venergy Australia

University of Adelaide Sustainable Clean Energy Project

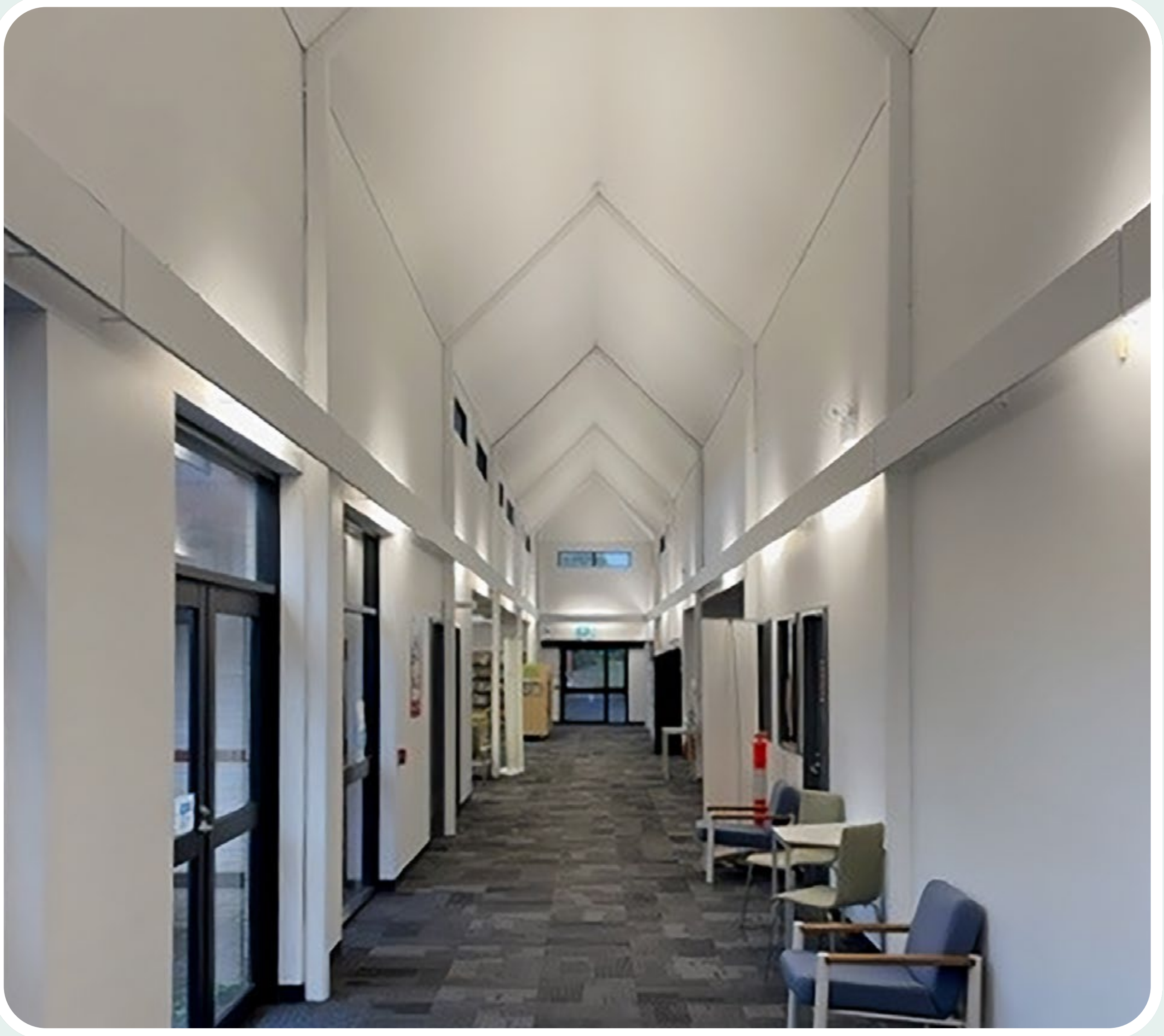


Venergy Australia, an experienced EPC solar provider, was selected to design and install two solar systems at the University of Adelaide Waite Campus. The project aimed to enhance the campus's distributed energy resources while adhering to the University's 2021-2030 Sustainability Plan. Emphasizing the use of top-quality components and minimizing disruptions, Venergy successfully aligned with the project's objectives. With a target of achieving 2 MW of onsite generation, the installation of a 150-kW solar system contributed to a total site generation of 500 kW, representing 25% progress towards the overall goal.



Electric Results

Barossa TAFE Digital Efficiency Upgrade



When Electric Results took the job to upgrade digital efficiency at Barossa TAFE, they expected a smooth project. But challenges emerged quickly. With the project more than 70km away from their workshop stock storage issues were a major logistical hurdle. They worked to ensure that the TAFE had uninterrupted operations by managing circuits while working across multiple classrooms. After a leading hand left the company, newly qualified tradesman Matt stepped up to successfully complete the project. They achieved optimal lux output in every room while providing substantial cost savings through occupancy sensor control. The classroom solution offers 0-10v dimming and multiple switching options for enhanced flexibility. The project involved replacing 432 lights, with 99 integrated sensors.

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Women In Contracting Finalists

Mishi Nau

GESA Electrical Pty Ltd



Mishi is passionate about making a positive impact and helping others in a traditionally male dominated industry. She embraces the continuous learning opportunities and increased responsibilities provided by the electrical contracting industry. Creating a supportive and inclusive working environment is very important to Mishi. Drawing on her leadership and project management skills, she ensures timely, budget-friendly completion to satisfy clients while constantly looking for ways to improve processes for all stakeholders. Mishi's enjoyment stems from identifying areas for process improvement, cost savings, and increased productivity within the business.



Lily Li

Venergy Australia



Lily is a driven Marketing and Communications Manager at Venergy Australia and passionate about the renewable energy sector. With a strong academic background and a continuous learning mindset, she implements her skills to strengthen the Venergy brand identity and actively engage with stakeholders to foster important relationships and create new business opportunities. Lily thrives on devising innovative marketing strategies, fostering a culture that prioritises safety, and enhancing the overall customer experience. Being part of a renowned, award-winning solar company fills her with a sense of pride, as she embraces the challenges and achievements that accompany her work.



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Service Business Award Finalists

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Modern Innovation Electrical



Modern Innovation Electrical brings over 15 years of electrical expertise and a commitment to quality, service, value, integrity, and safety. They prioritise positive client experiences and tailor services to meet specific requirements while offering honest advice and optimal solutions. Since their establishment in May 2016, their success is evident through client testimonials, industry accreditation, and the achievement of 5 state awards and a national award.

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Clean Energy Project of the Year Finalists

MyEnergy Engineering

William Creek Power System



Situated nine hours north of Adelaide, William Creek has long been dependent on road deliveries for essential supplies like food, fuel, and beer. In 2022, the town took a significant step forward by partnering with MyEnergy Engineering to provide a solution for a reliable and sustainable power source to reduce environmental impact and reliance on energy from diesel fuel. The project incorporated various technologies including the Victron Cerbo GX energy management system plus a state-of-the-art solar power system with a 200 kW array of 330 solar panels and Pylon Technologies US5000 batteries to provide 280 KWh of storage capacity. This sustainable energy solution has brought a new era of self-sufficiency and renewable power to William Creek with 80% of energy now generated from renewable sources.



Venergy Australia

University of Adelaide Sustainable Clean Energy Project



Venergy Australia was selected to spearhead the design and installation of two solar systems at the University of Adelaide Waite Campus. This initiative aimed to enhance the campus's distributed energy resources, aligning seamlessly with the University's 2021-2030 Sustainability Plan. With a strong emphasis on using top-quality components and minimising disruptions, the project contributed significantly to the University's goal of achieving 2 MW of onsite generation. The addition of a 150 kW solar system elevated the total site generation to 500 kW, representing 25% progress toward the overall target.



Emerging Business of the Year Finalists

Modern Innovation Electrical



Modern Innovation Electrical has been operating since 2016. With a focus on integrity, safety, and customer satisfaction, the business aims to deliver a positive experience starting from the very first point of contact. They offer customised solutions to meet the specific needs of clients and always provide honest advice and the best possible solutions for their electrical needs. Their dedication to excellence is reflected in their numerous state and national awards, industry accreditation, and positive client testimonials. Over the years, Modern Innovation Electrical has built a solid reputation for reliability, professionalism, and exceptional service.

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

State Winner Prize

The **State Winner of Apprentice of the Year (1st and 2nd Year) | (3rd and 4th Year)** will receive Milwaukee Tool **PACKOUT™ COOLER**



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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 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.



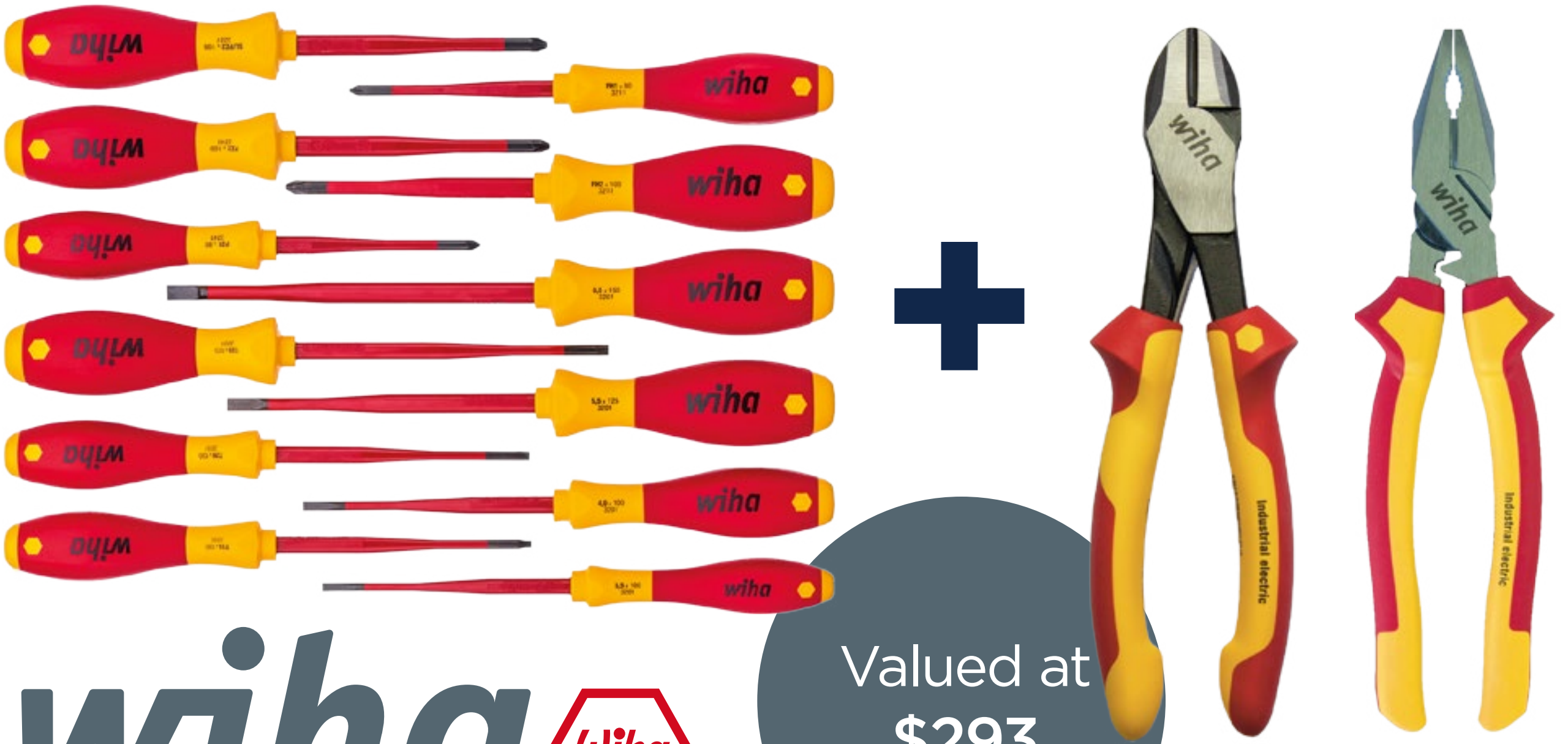
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State Winner Prize

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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Michael Schrapel

PEER Education Employment & Training Ltd



Michael is a second-year apprentice electrician with a passion for working with his hands and a love for the mathematical elements of the trade. He enjoys being challenged with a variety of different work, both in theory and in the field. His impressive skill set has allowed him to work on some major projects, including the CBUS building and a Defence facility in Adelaide. Currently, he is working on the SAHMRI building, and he relishes the opportunity to learn new skills and take on more challenges.



Jye Weigand

Hoile Electrical



Jye's passion for the electrical trade shone through from the moment he started as a first-year apprentice. His exceptional work during work experience led to him being hired on the spot and he has not disappointed since. In just his second year, Jye has shown tremendous growth in his knowledge and skills, as well as a great deal of daily maturity on the job. His hard work has not gone unnoticed, and he has quickly become a valuable member of his team.



Nicholas Bonanni

PEER Education Employment & Training Ltd



Nicholas has always had a passion for electrical work and enjoys being hands-on in his projects. He is especially proud of his work on the Fire Indication Panel change out at the Commonwealth Law Courts, where he was able to put his skills to the test and solve complex problems. Nicholas is always eager to learn all he can and takes pride in his work and strives to provide his clients with top-quality service.



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

Corey Mahlknecht

PEER Education Employment & Training Ltd



Corey pursued a career in electrical work because he has a passion for finding solutions and enjoys the challenge of tackling complex issues. He values the camaraderie and teamwork involved in completing a job and takes pride in his workmanship. Although he finds fulfilment in all his projects, Corey considers his work on the ZipTrak blinds in Tonsley and at Underdale High School to be particularly rewarding.

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Electrician (Tradie) of the Year Finalists

State Winner Prize

The **State Winner of Electrician (Tradie) of the Year** will receive Milwaukee Tool **PACKOUT™ ROLLING TOOL BOX**



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National Winner Prize

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

- (1 x M18 FUEL™ ONE-KEY™ 13mm Hammer Drill/Driver (Tool Only),
- 1 x M18 FUEL™ ONE-KEY™ 1/4" HEX Impact Driver (Tool Only),
- 1 x M18 FUEL™ ONE-KEY™ 125mm (5") Braking Angle Grinder with Deadman Paddle Switch (Tool Only),
- 1 x M18 FUEL™ ONE-KEY™ SAWZALL™ Reciprocating Saw (Tool Only),
- 1 x M18 FUEL™ 28mm SDS Plus Rotary Hammer w/ ONE-KEY™ (Tool Only),
- 3 x M18™ REDLITHIUM™-ION 5.0Ah Battery & 1 x M12™ & M18™ Rapid Charger) along with Milwaukee's PACKOUT™ Rolling Tool Box.

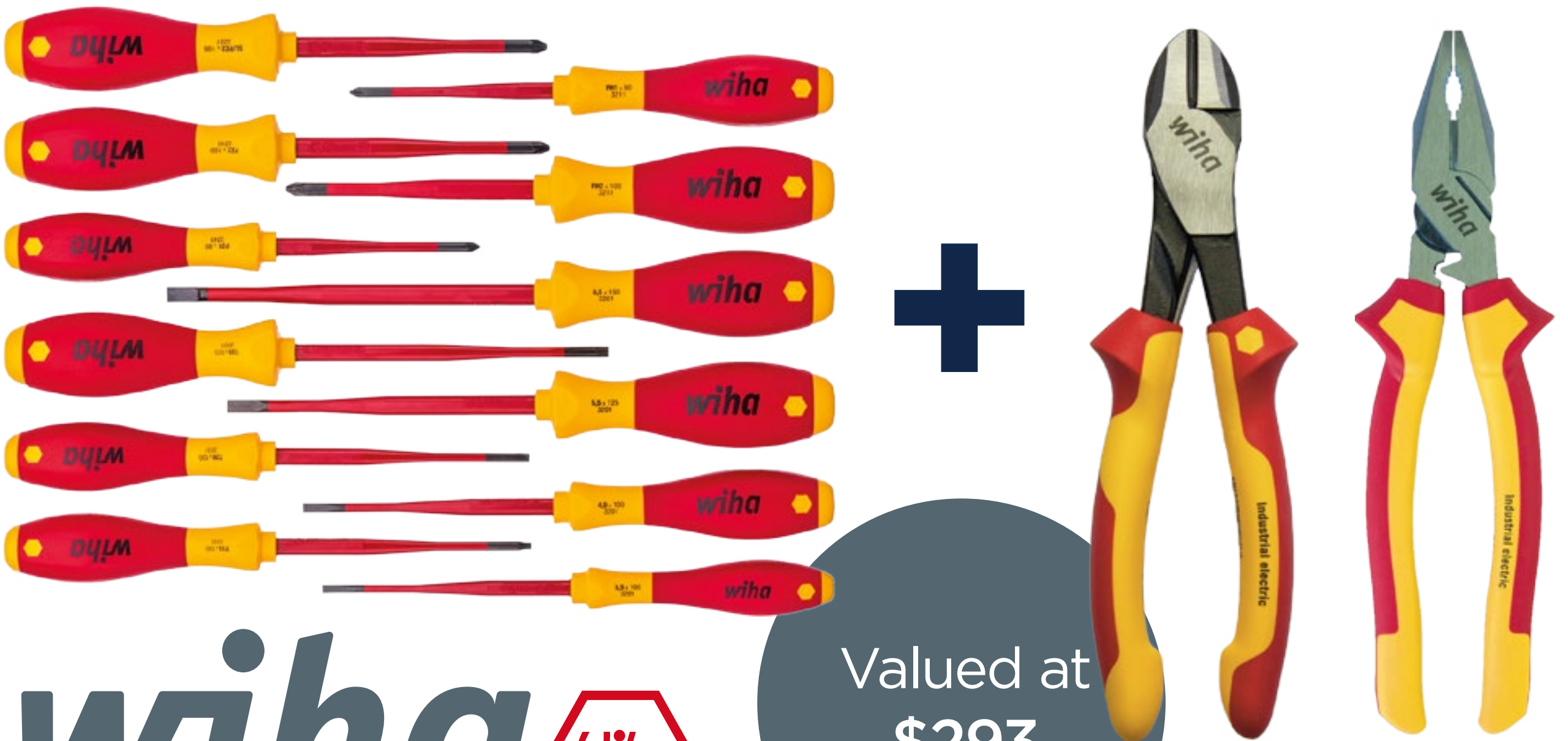
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State Winner Prize

The State Winner of Electrician (Tradie) of the Year will receive **Wiha Tools: 1 x 12pc Slimfix Screwdriver Set + 2pk Plier Set**



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Garry Nau

GESA Electrical Pty Ltd



Garry has been in the electrical industry since 1987, gaining experience as a domestic electrician, leading hand on commercial projects, and in counter sales and project quoting. After coming to Australia he transitioned from commercial sites to domestic electrical work and eventually built substations with SAPN before founding GESA Electrical in 2005. Garry is passionate about problem-solving, finding the right solutions for clients, training apprentices, and continually learning in the field. His achievements include learning and adapting his skills from Germany to South Australia and his goal is to support other business owners in their journey from trades person to business owner.



Angus West

Modern Innovation Electrical

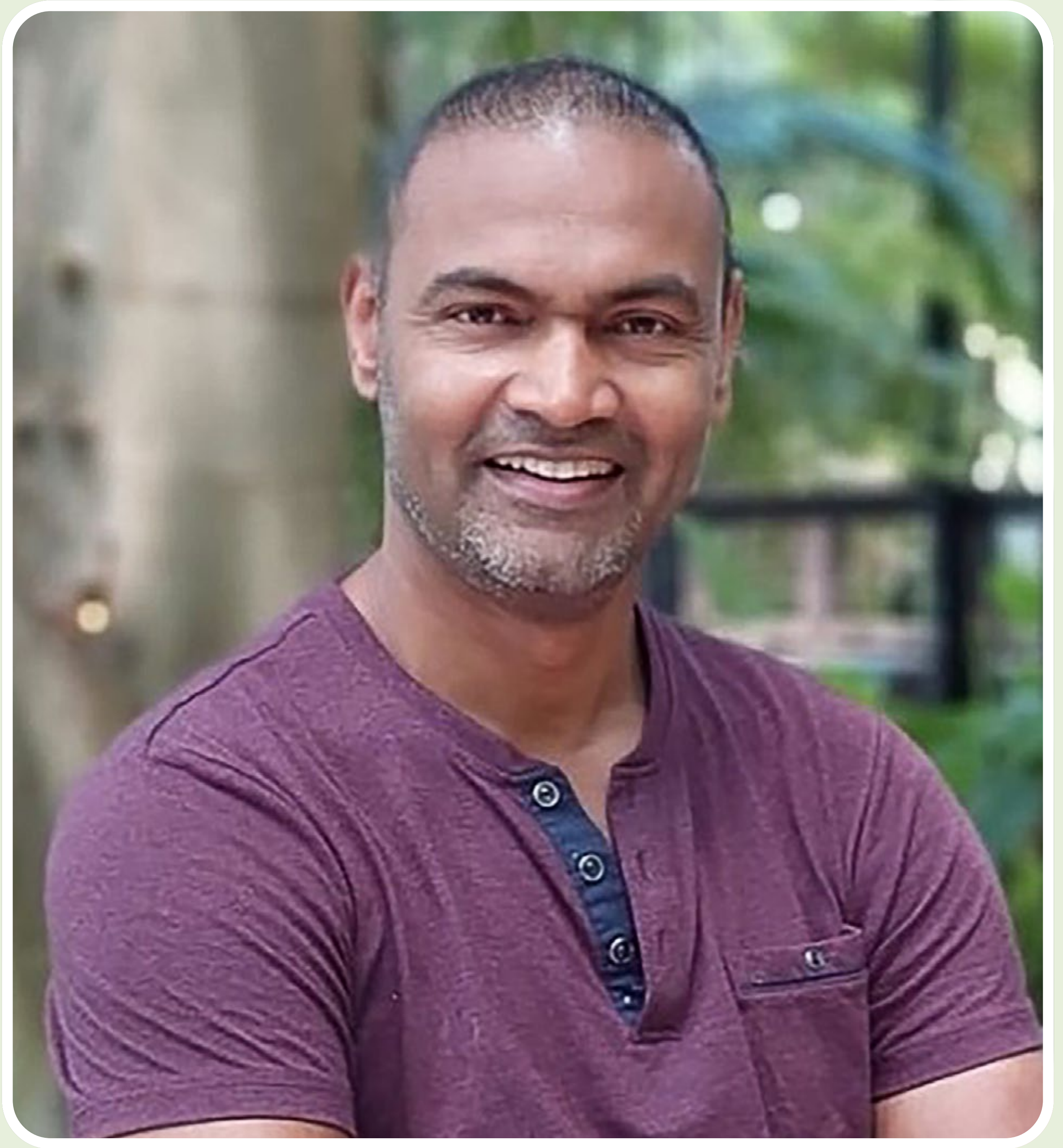


Angus developed a fascination with electricity at a young age, sparking his interest in the industry. As a sole trader, Angus's core focus is on quality, service, value, integrity, and safety. He enjoys being the only point of contact and worker within his business, which enables him to build personal relationships with over 1000 clients. Angus has received five state awards and one national award since starting his business in 2016, which motivates him to continually improve himself and his business.



Kevin Gawada

ABI Electric



Kevin, the founder of ABI Electric, has been delivering residential, commercial, and industrial electrical services since 2008. With a reputation for integrity and competence, he also serves as a trainer at AUSINET, nurturing curiosity and career development. Despite the challenges of balancing both roles, his passion for teaching drives him forward. Kevin aims to set a positive example for the younger generation, elevating the electrical industry and tackling new challenges head-on.

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Master Electrician of the Year Finalists

GESA Electrical Pty Ltd



GESA Electrical, a family-owned business in Adelaide, South Australia, has been delivering top-quality electrical services since 2005. Founded by an experienced husband-and-wife team, GESA Electrical specialises in residential and commercial installations, repairs, and maintenance. With a focus on efficiency, safety, and affordability, they provide reliable solutions to their clients. Despite facing financial challenges in 2018, the business has made a strong comeback and now specialises in CCTV Cameras, EV chargers and DATA networks for the residential and light commercial market. Holding relevant licenses and registrations, they are a versatile and dependable choice for clients, offering excellent technical expertise, customer service, and organisation.



Hoile Electrical



Hoile Electrical, located in Adelaide's Western suburbs, is a highly regarded electrical team with an outstanding reputation. With an impressive 187 positive Google reviews and an average rating of 4.9, their commitment to exceptional customer service is evident. Known for their reliable workmanship and exceeding client expectations, their team of five professionals consistently delivers top-quality service. Specialising in domestic electrical solutions, including solar and air conditioning services, Hoile Electrical is trusted for their expertise and customer satisfaction. Homeowners can rely on them for tailored solutions, whether it's a solar installation or air conditioning repair, ensuring their unique needs are met.



Modern Innovation Electrical



Modern Innovation Electrical serves the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula, and surrounding areas. With more than 15 years of experience in the electrical industry, they prioritise quality, service, value, integrity, and safety. Their focus is on providing clients with a positive experience from the initial contact through to the completion of the work, with tailored services offered to meet clients' unique needs.



ABI Electric



ABI Electric has been delivering a wide range of residential, commercial, and industrial electrical services since 2008. Their business has built a strong professional reputation based on integrity and competence. Business owner Kevin is passionate about nurturing curiosity, guiding individuals in developing their careers safely, and enabling them to experience a sense of accomplishment. ABI Electric strives to create a supportive and safe environment for personal and professional growth.



Power Concepts Pty Ltd



Power Concepts has provided high-quality services throughout the Northern Territory for 15 years. Despite challenges like COVID lockdowns and staff shortages they prioritise customer satisfaction, working with residential, commercial, and industrial clients in Darwin and beyond. Their commitment to up-to-date training positions them as industry leaders. Delivering traditional values and modern solutions, they offer prompt responses and exceptional electrical services in maintenance, construction, and compliance across the Northern Territory. With 16 experienced employees and over 20 years of trusted expertise, Power Concepts has earned a respected name in the industry.



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