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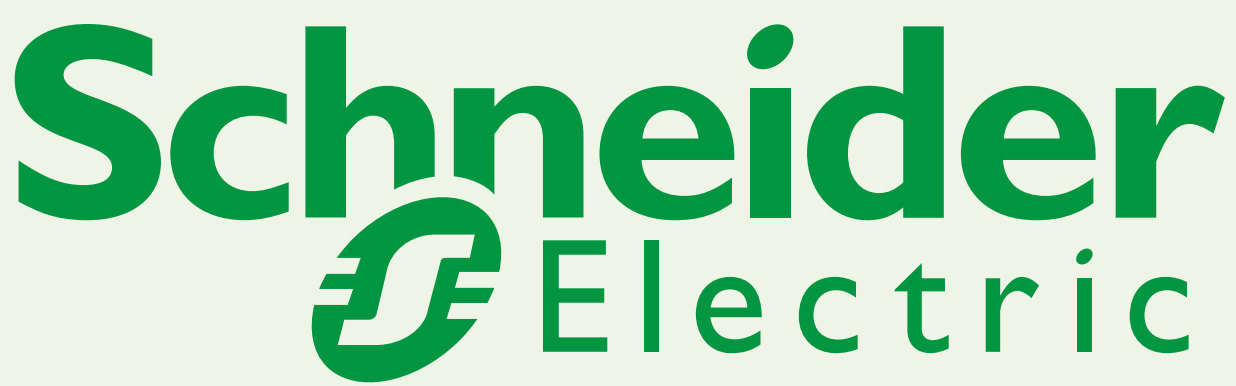


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Message from the President

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

CM & SM Gee Electrical

Optimal Gaming



Optimal Gaming is Launceston's exclusive gaming centre, providing an immersive SimWorks Simulated Racing and Flying experience. When relocating to Launceston CBD, CM & SM Gee Electrical undertook a challenging task. The 150-year-old split tenancy building required a complete electrical demolition, rewiring, and fit-off. This intricate and hazardous work had to be completed to a strict deadline while ensuring uninterrupted power to the other businesses and tenants. Despite the complexities, CM & SM Gee Electrical successfully completed the project, enabling Optimal Gaming to establish its unique gaming hub in the heart of Launceston.



Scott Steel Electrician

122B Warehouses Morning Rd



This project required providing electrical, ventilation, data, and air conditioning for a warehouse and combined office space. The project was managed in stages, ensuring optimal results. S.Select Pty Ltd is located in the Huon Valley, Tasmania, a small business comprising three full-time tradesmen and one apprentice. The business engages subcontractors when needed and joint ventures for larger projects.



Wattson Electrical Pty Ltd

DeBruyn's Transport Wesley Vale



This project involved the installation of electronic access control systems with integrated security features for a state-of-the-art transport hub for DeBruyn's Transport's Wesley Vale. The Greenfield site has access control functionality for 300+ users and high-speed recognition of RFID windscreen antennas on all vehicles. This optimising vehicle flow and management. Wattson Electrical provide electronic security, access control, and diverse electrical contracting services. With a dedicated team of two, they serve Tasmania, primarily focusing on Northern Tasmania.

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Women In Contracting Finalists

Leandra Baulch

Buzzed Electrical Pty Ltd



Leandra is a seasoned administrative professional with eight years of experience in the electrical industry, spanning residential, commercial, and industrial sectors. With over 30 years of administration expertise, she possesses exceptional management skills. Upon joining the company, Leandra encountered chaotic administrative processes resulting from rapid business growth. She swiftly brought structure by implementing a systematic approach, including the restructuring of accounting software and the introduction of policies and procedures. Her efforts ensured that all administrative tasks were up-to-date, organised, efficient, and easily accessible. Leandra's passion for the industry has grown over time, and she thrives on embracing and conquering the challenges it presents.



Tegan Clarke

Jaylan Electrical



Tegan joined Jaylan Electrical, bringing with her 10 years of administration and customer service expertise, aiming to broaden her knowledge and skills and enhance her business acumen. Although not directly involved in the field, she has acquired substantial knowledge about the electrical industry and relishes customer interactions. Tegan excels in managing staff schedules and exhibits exceptional time management skills to optimise business profitability. Furthermore, she ensures that the team consistently delivers work of outstanding quality. Tegan's commitment to maximizing efficiency and maintaining high standards contributes to the success of Jaylan Electrical.



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Service Business Award Finalists

RCBO Electrical



RCBO Electrical is a trusted small family-run business in Hobart, providing service and maintenance assistance to multiple real estate agencies. Company Director, Colin, works on the tools. RCBO service approximately 220 smoke alarms and manage heat pump servicing for their clients. Colin has built solid relationships with property managers and is known for his reliability and trustworthy opinions. RCBO's commitment to delivering exceptional service and providing timely quotes for ongoing work has earned them a positive reputation throughout Tasmania, making RCBO Electrical a go-to choice in the region.

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Clean Energy Project of the Year Finalists

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Wicked Cheese Commercial Solar Installation



In early 2019, the Wicked Cheese Factory assessed its energy requirements and determined that a 40-kW solar system was needed. However, due to the uncertainty caused by the Covid pandemic and the business's direction, the investment was postponed. As the company had diversified during the pandemic, the installation of a 61-kW solar system in September 2022 proceeded, utilising two 30 kW 3-phase inverters. The Wicked Cheese Factory operations include - a 24-hour cheese factory, a 7-day retail outlet, and a café. Given its location on a major tourist route, maintaining aesthetic appeal was a crucial consideration for the owners.



DMS Energy

Wandering Trout



The off-grid brewery project posed significant challenges for DMS Energy, as there was no grid power available at the site. DMS Energy required innovative solutions to provide ample hot water for the brewing process and enough electricity for all production stages, including chilling and canning. DMS Energy successfully implemented a co-generation system that combined thermal and photovoltaic energy systems. This pioneering approach addressed the unique energy needs of the brewery by overcoming the complex site environment.



Emerging Business of the Year Finalists

Buzzed Electrical Pty Ltd



Buzzed Electrical is a dedicated team of electricians committed to providing top-quality workmanship and service. The business prioritises meeting Australian Standards and delivering competitive pricing for practical solutions. With a lifetime workmanship guarantee, they use high-quality products backed by genuine warranties. Service vehicles are fully stocked to ensure efficient job completion. They offer fast turnaround on quotes and scheduled appointments and deliver prompt service.

Power Solutions Tasmania



Power Solutions Tasmania (PST) is a thriving electrical contracting business in Southern Tasmania. Since its establishment 6yrs ago, PST has experienced exponential growth, now employing 11 professionals. With a strong focus on teamwork and client satisfaction, PST delivers electrical services in residential, commercial, and industrial sectors. The success of PST is attributed to its dedicated team, committed to surpassing customer expectations. From small projects to multimillion-dollar contracts, PST continues to expand and is recognised as a success story in the electrical industry, with a promising future ahead.

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

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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.



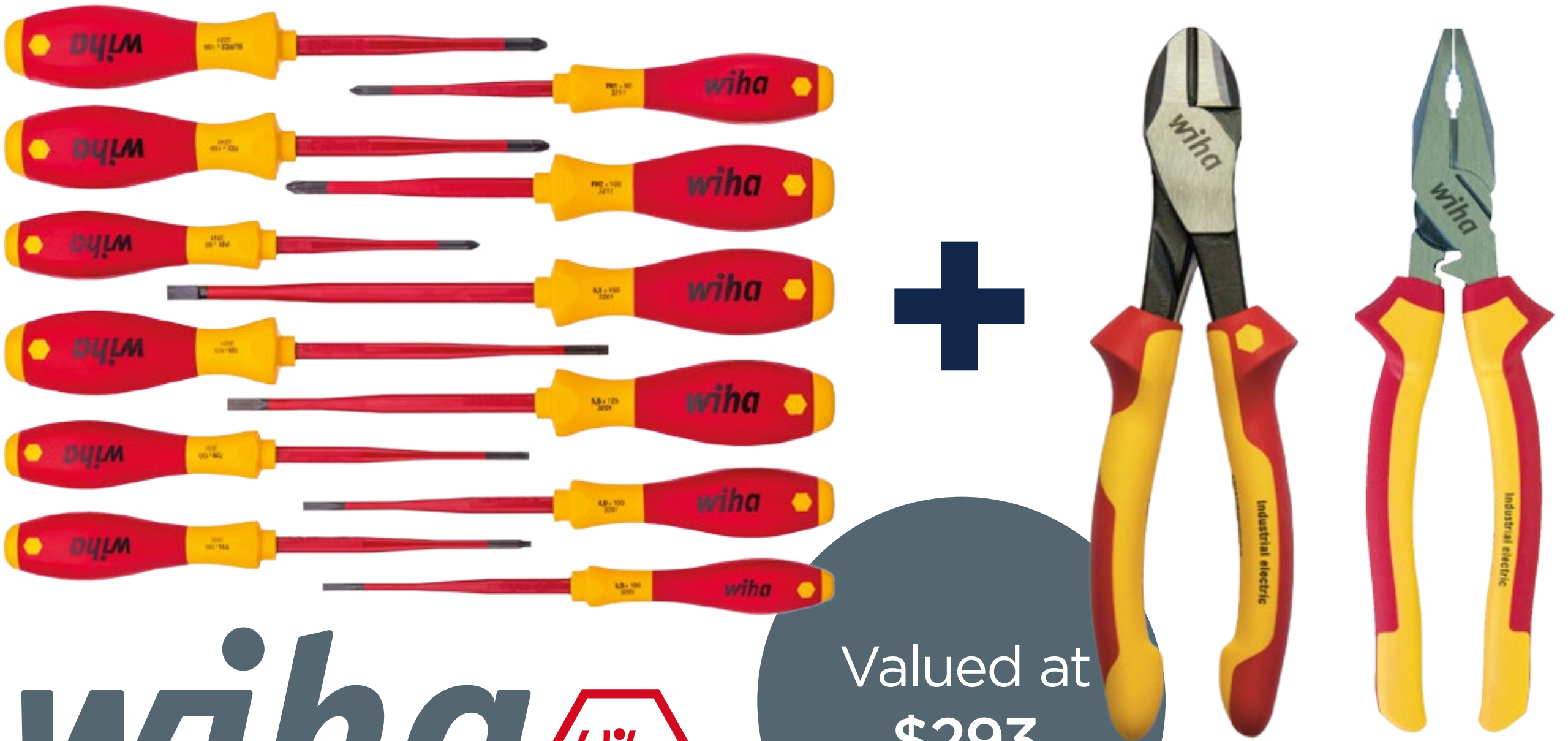
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State Winner Prize

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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James Turner

Anchored Electrical Services



James thrives on the ever-changing nature of the job, embracing each day's challenges and the chance to learn from seasoned professionals. Walking in his father's footsteps, James strives to uphold his legacy of integrity, authenticity, and compassion within the trades community. Above all, what truly ignites his passion is the opportunity to make a positive impact. James finds immense fulfilment in using his skills to help others and light up their world.



Scott McCarthy

Buzzzed Electrical Pty Ltd



Scott's decision to become an electrical apprentice was driven by his optimistic outlook on the industry, recognising its promising, engaging, and secure future. Impressed by his rapid skill development, his boss encouraged him to apply for this award. Scott takes pride in his accomplishments, having successfully wired a complete switchboard independently and receiving commendation upon inspection. What he enjoys most about his work is the sense of teamwork and camaraderie that permeates the job, as well as the opportunity to collaborate with a diverse group of individuals, fostering a dynamic and enriching work environment.



Seth Bramich

DMS Energy



Seth, a skilled problem-solver with a passion for hands-on work, made the pivotal decision to pursue an electrical apprenticeship at the age of 22, opting out of a teaching career he had been studying at university. His rapid advancement within the electrical trade reflects his dedication and potential to excel in his chosen field. With a mature and focused work approach, Seth is poised to make valuable contributions to the industry, leveraging his expertise and drive to make a lasting impact.

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

Thomas Luke

DMS Energy



Thomas chose to embark on an electrical apprenticeship as he is fascinated by electricity, is passionate about renewables and can see the big picture; the skills of an electrician will always be in demand. Thomas enjoys problem solving, with a mature and determined work ethic, Thomas is well-positioned to make significant contributions to the field, utilising his expertise, drive, and unwavering determination to leave a lasting impression.



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Electrician (Tradie) of the Year Finalists

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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.

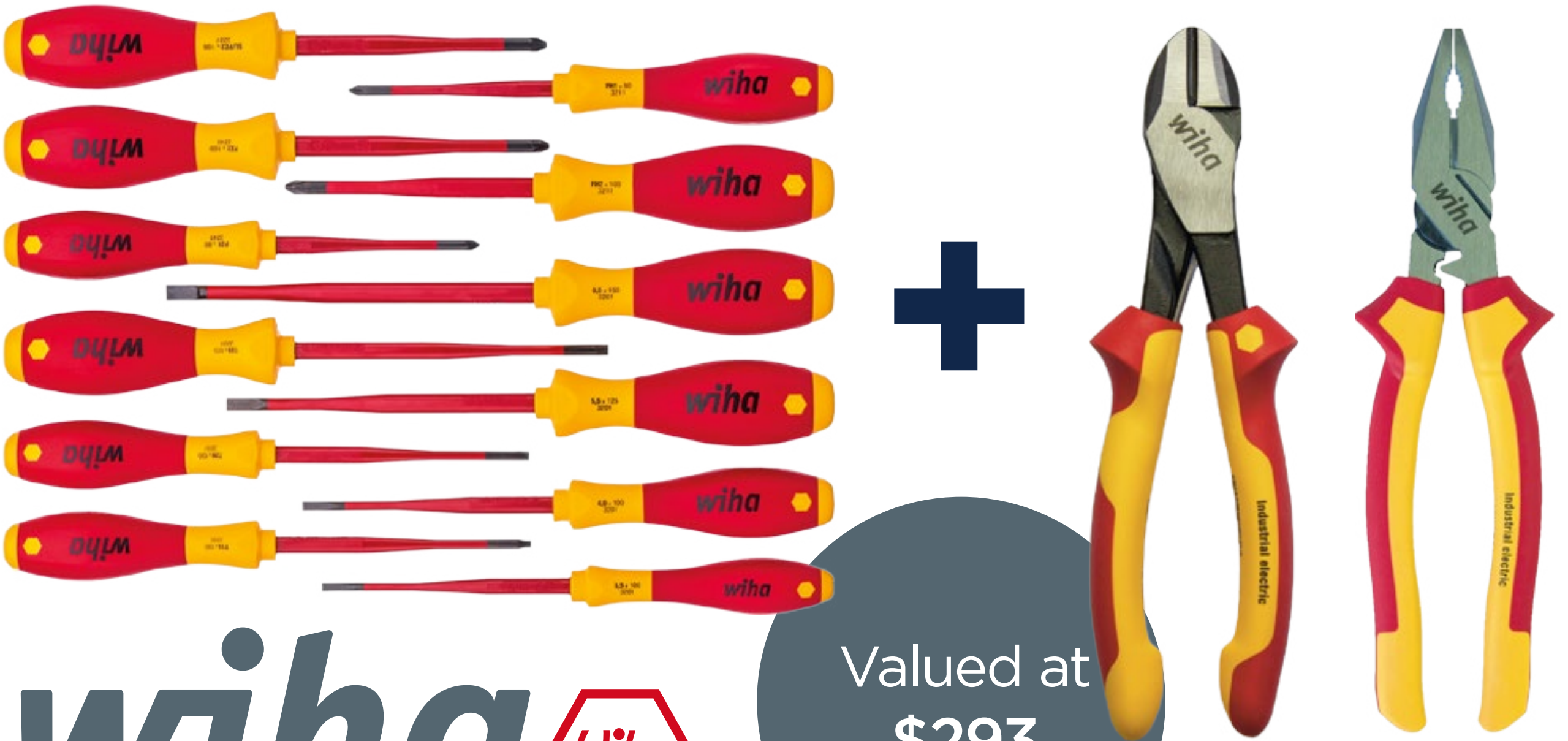
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State Winner Prize

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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National Winner Prize

The National Winner of Electrician (Tradie) of the Year will receive a **Wiha 26pc Toolkit in Backpack**

Valued at
\$999



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Sam Huizing

Buzzed Electrical Pty Ltd



With over 12 years of experience in the electrical trade, Sam is a seasoned professional who exudes a genuine passion for the industry. Seeking to specialise in niche markets, Sam thrives on the constant flow of new and exciting challenges that each day brings. Among the various aspects of the trade, control wiring holds a special place for Sam, as it demands problem-solving skills and critical thinking, providing a continuously engaging and stimulating experience. Motivated by a strong drive for continuous learning and growth, Sam has earned respect and recognition as a valued member of the electrical profession.



Greg Hancock

Wattson Electrical Pty Ltd



Greg embarked on his electrical career after enrolling in pro-vocational training at TAFE. The technical nature of trade captivated him, with its problem-solving and troubleshooting aspects. Currently, he thrives in a role that emphasises exceptional workmanship and safety. Inspired by others, Greg entered the awards to demonstrate the potential for a rewarding and fulfilling trade career spanning decades. His expertise encompasses diverse areas such as fire protection, security, maintenance, and new builds. Notably, at 48 years old, he undertook a second apprenticeship as a refrigeration technician, showcasing his continuous quest for growth and knowledge.



Lee Sweeney

Wattson Electrical Pty Ltd



Lee Sweeney's passion for the electrical industry was sparked during work experience at an MM electrical (B.I.C.C.) cable manufacturing facility in the U.K. The industry's vast scale and diverse career opportunities captivated Lee. With 25 years of experience as an electrician, Lee embarked on the business pathway, establishing Wattson Electrical. Now in its 15th year of operation, the company thrives on Lee's unwavering passion for the industry and commitment to delivering quality electrical services.

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DMS Energy



DMS Energy, a solution-based business, specialises in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and more rudimentary electrical contracting projects. This year, they've expanded their workforce skills and undertaken remarkable projects across Tasmania. Staying ahead of new product developments and applying them effectively is a perpetual challenge. They continuously train and consult with manufacturers, ensuring safe and tailored solutions for their clients. With sixteen years of experience, they employed ten full-time staff, including three apprentices and two part-timers, achieving remarkable results despite their modest size. They are based in Spreyton, near Devonport, Tasmania.



Power Solutions Tasmania



Power Solutions Tasmania (PST) is a thriving electrical contracting business, which has grown exponentially since commencing operation five years ago. Starting with little more than the Director's passion to succeed, Southern Tasmania based PST currently employs 11 people. The success of PST is founded on a commitment to foster a strong, genuine team that works hard, looks after its clients, and values every person. Everyone works with each other, with a shared aim of exceeding customer expectations. Expanding from small projects to multi-million-dollar contracts is one of PST's success stories.



Wattson Electrical Pty Ltd



Wattson Electrical, a prominent electrical contractor in Northern Tasmania, takes pride in its 15 years of operation and diverse clientele. Their successful completion of the electronic security and access control project for DeBruyn's transport, nominated for the 2023 MEA awards, showcases their expertise. Despite facing challenges during the Covid-19 pandemic, including staff management problems and lack of material availability, Wattson Electrical has demonstrated adaptability. It would be a great honour for them to be recognised as a leading business in the region, reflecting their commitment to delivering exceptional electrical services.



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