

News Release



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Hands on energy

EnergyAustralia will throw open its doors to people in Sydney considering a career in the electricity industry during an open day at its Silverwater depot on Saturday June 14.

EnergyAustralia is the single largest employer of apprentices in NSW and will again be recruiting more than 160 apprentices in 2009.

Training Manager at EnergyAustralia Tom Emeleus said the open day would provide an insight into the work involved building and maintaining an electricity network covering Sydney, the Central Coast, Newcastle and the Hunter Valley.

"You'll be trained to work on the frontline of Australia's largest electricity network," Mr Emeleus said.

"The open day will provide you with a chance to talk to EnergyAustralia apprentices and other staff.

"We need skilled, ambitious, and motivated employees to help deliver our \$4.8 billion in capital works program over the next five years.

"Our apprenticeship program offers a range of benefits, such as being paid while you learn, flexible working conditions and the chance to set yourself up with a career for life."

The apprenticeships available are listed below.

- **Lineworkers** are taught how to construct and maintain overhead high voltage and low voltage electrical cables, street light connections, customer service lines and communication systems.
- **Cable jointers** are taught cable jointing techniques for low and high voltage underground electrical distribution cables.
- **Electrical mechanics** are taught how to install, maintain, repair and test electrical equipment including transformers, switchgear and control systems.
- **Vehicle body builders** are taught to build, repair and customise motor vehicles from trailers to multi-million dollar mobile generators. They'll learn how to interpret technical drawings, build vehicle bodies from scratch, and gain skills in welding and fabrication. A truck licence is also gained.
- **Motor mechanics** are taught how to work on a range of vehicles and trucks used in the electrical industry, learning how systems and components operate, as well as how to maintain, repair and overhaul them while gaining a truck licence.

Mr Emeleus said the company offered careers for both male and female recruits, and catered for a range of ages, either people straight from school or those looking for a career change.

For a hands-on experience, EnergyAustralia's Silverwater depot is open on Saturday June 14. People interested should register by calling (02) 8719 0228.

Registrations to sit the pre-selection test for a 2008 apprenticeship open in early July and close on July 24, 2008. For more information on an apprenticeship with EnergyAustralia go to www.energy.com.au/apprenticeships

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