



News release

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Mount Isa Mines talent shines at Queensland Training Awards

Two of Mount Isa Mines talented employees were announced as finalists for prestigious honours at the Queensland Training Awards north Queensland regional final held in Townsville on Saturday 26 July.

Electrician Taelah Nardoo was one of three finalists selected for the Apprentice of the Year and Indigenous Student or Trainee of the Year titles, while first-year Auto-Electrical Apprentice Stephanie King was a finalist for the School-based Apprentice of the Year.

The awards, presented by the Queensland Government, recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals and organisations within the vocational education and training sector and highlight the significant contribution they make to the wider community and economy.

Born-and-bred in Mount Isa, Ms Nardoo commenced her career journey with Mount Isa Mines as a 15-year-old school student after being awarded a Mount Isa Mines Academic Bursary to assist with her Year 11 studies. The Bursary included four weeks' of work experience in the mining environment, where Ms Nardoo discovered her knack for the electrical trade.

After completing Mount Isa Mines' School-Based apprenticeship program in her final year of high school, Ms Nardoo was accepted into the company's full-time Apprenticeship Program in 2010. The 21-year-old received her trade qualification earlier this year and now works as an Electrician in Mount Isa Mines' X41 and Enterprise underground copper mines.

Ms King is also a product of Mount Isa Mines' School-Based Apprenticeship Program, where she spent a year honing the skills she had developed tinkering with cars alongside her father and brother in their home workshop.

After graduating from high school, Ms King was accepted into Mount Isa Mines' full-time Apprenticeship Program in 2014, and is currently learning her trade working on Mount Isa Copper Operations' underground vehicle fleet as a first-year Auto-Electrical Apprentice.

Mike Westerman, Chief Operating Officer Copper Assets Australia said it was important to encourage and celebrate the achievements of the tradespeople of the future.

"These awards are an opportunity to highlight the hard work and dedication of organisations, businesses and individuals championing positive outcomes for the next generation of skilled

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workers, who play such a vital role in sustaining the industries that drive our local, state and national economies,” Mr Westerman said.

“For us, the awards are our chance to thank our apprentices, tradespeople and training support personnel for the valuable contributions they make to our business.

“On behalf of Mount Isa Mines, I would like to congratulate Ms Nardoo and Ms King on their success.”

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The site includes two copper underground mines, one zinc underground mine and two zinc open cut mines; the copper concentrator and smelter, as well as the zinc-lead concentrator, lead smelter and zinc filter plant. Together, these represent Australia's largest industrial complex.

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