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Awards night celebrates apprentices and trainees

GPC's hardworking apprentices and trainees were awarded for their performance on November 24 at the annual Apprentice and Trainee Awards.

The awards night formally recognises the individual performance of GPC's 57 apprentices and trainees throughout the year.

Apprentices and trainees are selected for an award based on their performance over the previous 12 months, determined through a quarterly performance assessment.

Fourth-year Mechanical Diesel Fitter apprentice Mitchell Elliott received the 4th Year Mechanical/Building & Horticultural award as well as the Overall Winner award.

Training and Development Coordinator Greg Seeds said Mitchell was named the Overall Winner for this exceptional performance throughout his apprenticeship.

"Mitchell has performed exceptionally in all aspects of his apprenticeship, and I believe that he is well placed to be a quality tradesperson," he said.

"He's worked extremely well as an apprentice, developing his skills both on the job and through competitions such as WorldSkills where he recently won gold in the Central Queensland competition."

Second-year Mechanical Diesel Fitter Apprentice Joshua Ahern was announced as the Most Improved award recipient for his commitment and focus on development and learning throughout his apprenticeship.

"Josh has shown a notable increase in his commitment to developing his skills and has been rewarded through several competitions such as WorldSkills where he recently won a bronze medal," Greg said.

"We've seen a noticeable increase in commitment to training from our apprentices and trainees who are pleased to take on the challenges an apprenticeship offers."

More than 170 people attended the annual award ceremony to show their support and celebrate the achievements of GPC's apprentices and trainees.

A record intake of 21 apprentices and trainees will commence their careers with GPC in January 2012.

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