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GPC APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES RECOGNISED AT AWARDS NIGHT

Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) recently held the 2009 Apprentice/Trainee Awards to formally acknowledge the hard work of GPC's 47 apprentices and trainees throughout the year.

Held at Rydges, the awards were presented to GPC apprentices and trainees who demonstrated outstanding performance across all disciplines and years.

Mechanical Apprentice Paul Smith received the 4th Year Mechanical, Building and Horticultural Award and was also awarded top honours of the night as the Apprentice/Trainee of the Year Overall Winner.

CEO Leo Zussino said Paul was selected as Overall Winner for his competency and self assurance.

"Paul completed his apprenticeship earlier than scheduled and has had apprentices assigned to him for most of this year, Mr Zussino said.

"He completed external placement work at Komatsu Brisbane with excellent reports and I think he is well placed to be a quality tradesman."

The awards were started three years ago as part of the development of a trained and skilled workforce for the future.

"Our aim is to have GPC apprentices and trainees regarded as highly desirable for future employment in their vocation," Mr Zussino explained.

"The awards are designed to encourage and support individual performance.

"Apprentices are required to rotate every quarter through different jobs so they gain a broad amount of experience in different areas. It also gives them the opportunity to work with different groups and supervisors."

Award recipients are selected based on Performance Appraisals conducted quarterly over the previous 12 months. Recipients are presented with a voucher, individual trophy and their name on a perpetual plaque to mark their achievement.

Other GPC apprentices and trainees to receive awards included Hayden Dahl (Warehouse, Operations and Rigging), Annie La Hogue (Clerical and Horticultural), Ben Hawke (1st Year Mechanical, Building and Horticultural), Brent Jolley (1st Year Electrical and Refrigeration), Mitchell Elliot (2nd Year Mechanical, Building and Horticultural), Thomas Lehmann (2nd Year Electrical and Refrigeration), Brendan Morris (3rd Year Mechanical, Building and Horticultural), James Keen (3rd Year Electrical and Refrigeration) and Shane Henderson (4th Year Electrical and Refrigeration).

The Most Improved Apprentice/Trainee of the Year award is selected from all apprentices and trainees and this year went to first year apprentice Jayden Jensen.

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