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Callide Power Station generates opportunities

The careers of seven young Biloelans will get off to a powerful start during February.

By the end of the month, two new apprentices, two school-based apprentices and three trainees employed by Callide Dawson Group Training and hosted by CS Energy, will join the eleven apprentices already hosted at Callide Power Station. Also joining the apprentice ranks are two Adult Apprentices, drawn from the existing non-trade CS Energy employees at Callide.

Energy Minister, John Mickel, welcomed these extra training opportunities.

“This is an investment in the future of regional communities and the electricity industry.

“These young Queenslanders will learn skills which will set them up for life.

“Their chances of obtaining and retaining work will massively increase because they’re learning a trade.

“I am pleased to see so many young people doing their apprenticeships and traineeships in Biloela.

“Being able to undertake training in their own community means they are more likely to stay there once their training is completed.

“Their skills will certainly be in demand with our growing population and economy spurring an increased demand for power and skilled workers right across Queensland,” Mr Mickel said.

Callide Power Station manager, Gary Campbell, said the station was proud to be able to offer these young people a start to their careers.

“The work that we do at Callide Power Station incorporates cutting edge technology and engineering methods. This will provide an interesting learning environment for the apprentices.

The new apprentices include:

Ray Bishop - Electrical / Instrumentation Apprentice, commencing Monday 07/02/2005
Kristy Dennis - Year 11 School Based Electrical / Instrumentation Apprentice, commencing 16/02/2005

Cameron Shaw - Fitter & Turner Apprentice, commencing Monday 07/02/2005

Nick Martin - Year 11 School Based Fitter & Turner Apprentice, commencing 16/02/2005

Sonya Dickenson - Warehouse Trainee, commencing Monday 07/02/2005

Tina Smith - Admin/HR Trainee, commencing Monday 07/02/2005

Alyce Elliott - Workplace Health & Safety/Environment Trainee, commencing Monday 07/02/2005

Ben McAuliffe – Adult Electrical / Instrumentation Apprentice Commencing 17/02/2005

John Ferry – Adult Fitter & Turner Apprentice Commencing 17/02/2005

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