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Callide Power Station announces 2017 apprentice intake

Central Queenslanders looking to get their start in the power generation industry are being encouraged to apply for one of eight apprentice opportunities available at CS Energy's Callide Power Station in 2017.

In partnership with Gladstone Area Group Apprentices (GAGAL), CS Energy is calling for applications for four electrical and four mechanical apprenticeships.

CS Energy has hosted apprentices at Callide Power Station for more than 10 years, with many performing strongly at local training awards, such as Matthew Russell, who won the Fifth Year Apprentice of the Year category at GAGAL's 2015 awards.

Since completing his Electrical and Instrumentation Apprenticeship last year, Matthew is now employed as a Level 1 Technician at the power station, which involves maintaining and calibrating electrical equipment. It's a role where he regularly gets to apply his love of "fixing things".

"I've been lucky to learn on the job from a range of people and made some good friends here over the last few years," Matthew said.

Chris Ross completed his mechanical apprenticeship in 2011 and after a period of overseas travel and contracting work, he returned to Callide this year to work as a mechanical fitter on the Callide C generating units.

Chris said his apprenticeship taught him about how a power station works; mechanical equipment like pumps fans and gearboxes; and how to carry out machining and welding.

"Now I'm putting those skills into practice and five years later I find that I'm still learning new aspects of my trade," Chris said.

"The apprenticeships are a great opportunity to learn from the experienced tradespeople at the station and you are only limited by how eager you are to learn."

For information on how to apply, visit www.gagal.com.au/career-opportunities/apprenticeship-opportunities/. Applications close on **28 October**.

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About CS Energy

CS Energy is a Queensland energy company that has more than 400 employees, operates three power stations and has a trading portfolio of 4,035 megawatts.

CS Energy operates the 1,510 megawatt Callide Power Station near Biloela in Central Queensland, the 750 megawatt coal-fired Kogan Creek Power Station, near Chinchilla in South West Queensland and the 500 megawatt pumped storage hydroelectric Wivenhoe Power Station, near Esk in South East Queensland. CS Energy's coal resources include the Kogan Creek Mine.

The company is also party to the Interconnection and Power Pooling Agreement that entitles the company to trade the output of the Gladstone Power Station in excess of the requirements of the Boyne Aluminium Smelter.