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Investing in apprentices to power Tasmania's energy future

TasNetworks is investing in the next generation of skilled workers as Tasmania moves towards a significant period of electricity network renewal and infrastructure investment in decades.

As electricity network assets reach end of operational life and need upgrading, TasNetworks is preparing for the future by growing one of Tasmania's largest statewide apprenticeship programs.

Applications are now open for TasNetworks' 2027 apprenticeship intake, with opportunities available across Tasmania in a range of electrical and trade disciplines.

TasNetworks apprentices complete nationally recognised qualifications and gain practical experience working alongside experienced tradespeople on some of Tasmania's most important infrastructure projects. Successful applicants will earn while they learn, enjoying a 9-day fortnight and competitive salaries.

The recruitment drive comes at a pivotal time for Tasmania's energy future. TasNetworks is accelerating investment across the state to replace ageing infrastructure and improve resilience against increasing severe weather events to safely and sustainably deliver essential services for Tasmanians now and into the future.

Much of Tasmania's network was built between the 1950s and 1980s and is now approaching the end of its service life.

TasNetworks Acting Executive People & Stakeholder, Jo Turfrey, said investing in infrastructure also meant investing in the people who would deliver it.

"The electricity network is evolving, and so are the skills needed to build and maintain it," Ms Turfrey said.

"Across Tasmania we're strategically investing in the network. Whether we are replacing ageing assets and strengthening infrastructure against extreme weather, to delivering major projects that will support the state's future energy needs. None of that happens without a skilled workforce."

"These apprentices won't simply be learning a trade. They'll be helping build the network that Tasmanians will rely on for decades to come."

"We're looking for people who are motivated and enjoy working as part of a team. If you're looking for a career where you can continue learning, work outdoors, solve problems and help shape Tasmania's future, there's never been a better time to join us."

Tasmania's unique landscape presents its own challenges. A network spanning rugged mountains, remote communities, agricultural regions and coastal environments must withstand severe weather including bushfires, storms and flooding.

It requires the next generation of skilled workers who can safely maintain and upgrade the network in communities across Tasmania.

TasNetworks has been developing Tasmania's electrical workforce for decades and is one of the state's leading apprenticeship employers. The TasNetworks Registered Training Organisation (RTO) delivers specialist training that supports not only its own apprentices but also apprentices and trainees from organisations across Tasmania.

This commitment to training was recognised nationally when TasNetworks was named Australia's Large Employer of the Year at the 2025 Australian Training Awards, reflecting its long-standing investment in developing skilled tradespeople and creating meaningful career pathways across the state.

Ethan Jackson, Distribution Lineworker apprentice, said no two days are the same, whether delivering planned upgrades or responding to severe weather events.

"It's a new, fresh start to new worksite every day... You work as a team. We work in paddocks, we work beside beaches, rivers, lakes and mountains."

"In 2024 when the big storms hit in the North West... there were trees on the lines all over, and you're in tricky situations."

"You're up ladders, changing pole tops, and there's a lot of customers out of power. To get them back on, it's a good feeling lot of reward for effort there."

As Tasmania's energy system continues to evolve, today's apprentices will play an important role in delivering the safe and sustainable electricity network that will power the state for generations to come.

Applications are open for one month from Saturday 1 August until Monday 31 August.

For more information or to apply, visit www.tasnetworks.com.au/apprenticeships.

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