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### AMPCONTROL APPRENTICE HONoured AMONGST BEST AND BRIGHTEST IN NORTH QUEENSLAND

- Mitchell Cain, fourth-year apprentice awarded 'Electrical Apprentice of the Year - Mackay' at 2023 Tec-NQ Apprentice of the Year Awards

Queensland-based Ampcontrol fourth-year apprentice, **Mitchell Cain**, has been awarded 'Electrical Apprentice of the Year - Mackay' at the 10th Annual Tec-NQ Apprentice of the Year Gala.

A highly regarded and hardworking apprentice, Mitchell received the celebrated title in recognition of his strong work ethic, commitment to training and education, and using his natural leadership skills to help and mentor others within his team.

The 10th Annual Tec-NQ Awards were held at The Ville Pavilion, Townsville on Friday 31 March 2023, with 30 finalists across ten categories.

**Todd Bailey, Ampcontrol Workshop Team Leader** said Mitchell was nominated by his supervisors for the award due to his outstanding work as an apprentice and his drive to learn.

"Mitch's well-developed cognitive skills, knowledge, and work ethic as well as his outstanding commitment to training led him to assist, support and lead others to complete jobs safely early on in his apprenticeship. He has been an outstanding apprentice with a very bright future with Ampcontrol," says Todd.

Other managers commented on Mitchell's positive attitude to complete all tasks and more asked of him. **Stephen Dodd, Service Operations Manager** said Mitchell is always on task and has plenty of drive to succeed in his career.

"Mitchell's 'what can I do or how can I help someone else' attitude has always impressed me, whether it's going to do a site job or something around the workshop, he has always completed tasks without hesitation," says Stephen.

Organised by Tec-NQ, a nationally accredited training program based in Townsville, Mackay and Cairns, the apprentices honoured at the Awards are at the top of their class in electrical, engineering, carpentry and plumbing.

Ampcontrol has worked with Tec-NQ over the past four years, with Mitchell Cain commencing his apprenticeship in 2019. The working relationship between Ampcontrol and Tec-NQ has given many employees of Ampcontrol the opportunity to receive world class training while receiving vital job skills from working on site.

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### About Ampcontrol

- Ampcontrol is Australia's largest privately-owned electrical engineering company leading advanced global manufacturing of award-winning innovations, products, solutions and service to the resources, infrastructure and energy sectors.
- From humble beginnings founded by four friends in a small shed in Newcastle in 1968, Ampcontrol has grown to over 950 employees across 30 operations worldwide.
- Ampcontrol co-founder, Peter Cockbain AM, is named by Engineers Australia as one of Australia's top 100 influential engineers and in 2015 he became a Member of the Order for Australia for his significant services to engineering.
- Locations include New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory, ACT, Asia, India, Mongolia, UK, and France.
- The largest operation is located in the Hunter, NSW, with a combined manufacturing space totalling over 21,000sqm spread over 10 different sites.
- Designed and built lifesaving emergency ventilator prototypes for the NSW Government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Developed the world's first IECEx certification for an explosion protected, hermetically sealed, nitrogen filled and pressurised mining transformer.
- Developed the industry's first 132kV emergency response mobile substation that has received RTA approval as a new special class type of vehicle due to its innovative design and ability to meet all road safety requirements.
- Developed Australia's first variable speed drive (VSD) installed on a longwall armored face conveyor in Moranbah North Longwall.
- Designed and developed a breakthrough remote water treatment system that transforms undrinkable water into pure water. Pilot project currently installed in a remote indigenous community in Gillen Bore, Northern Territory.

## MULTI-AWARD WINNING ENGINEERING, DESIGN, AND INNOVATION

- 2021 Good Design Award for Excellence In Engineering Design (Solar Qube)
- 2021 Hunter Manufacturing Award for 'Excellence In Product 'Design' (Solar Qube)
- 2021 Hunter Manufacturing Award for 'Collaboration 'Partnership' (Hybrid Diesel Electric Boat)
- 2020 Hunter Business Award for Excellence In Innovation & Adaptability for 'Emergency Ventilator Project'
- 2020 Hunter Manufacturing Award for Collaboration Partnership for 'Emergency Ventilator Project'
- 2020 Hunter Manufacturing Award for Manufacturing Pivot for 'Emergency Ventilator Project'
- 2020 Lake Macquarie Business Excellence In Innovation for 'Emergency Ventilator Project'
- 2020 Consult Australia Awards for Excellence for Technological Innovation for 'Gilghi'
- 2020 [Institution of Civil Engineers](#) Chris Binnie Award for Sustainable Water Management for 'Gilghi'
- 2020 Engineering Excellence Award Newcastle Division for 'Gilghi'
- 2020 Good Design Award winner for Social Impact for 'Gilghi'
- 2020 NSW Mining Supplier of the Year
- 2020 Australian Water Association NSW Water Infrastructure Project Innovation Award for 'Gilghi'
- 2019 Hunter Business Excellence Award for Innovation' Gilghi'
- 2019 Good Design Award winner for Product Design – Commercial and Industrial for 'Rockstarter'
- 2019 Good Design Award winner for Engineering Design for 'Rockstarter'
- 2019 Scottish Engineering Awards – President's Award winner
- 2019 Lake Macquarie Business Excellence Award for Innovation for 'Gilghi'
- 2019 Mine Electrical Safety Conference Innovation Award for AFC VSD Moranbah North Longwall Project
- 2018 HunterNet Chairman Awards Excellence In Work Health Safety
- 2018 Hunter Business Awards Excellence In Business (20+ employees)
- 2018 NSW Minerals Council Outstanding Supplier for 'H3RO'
- 2017 Hunter Manufacturing Awards Excellence In Product Design for 'VoiceComm Phone'
- 2015 Engineers Australia Newcastle Engineering Excellence Award for 'Arc Fault Venting – Simulation and Practice'
- 2013 Australian Engineering Excellence Award winner for Engineering Innovation' Management of VSD earth leakage currents in fault limited networks'
- 2010 Australian Engineering Excellence Award winner for Engineering Excellence' Blakefield South 11kV longwall in partnership with Xstrata Coal and Joy Global'
- 1998 Australian Engineering Excellence Award winner for Engineering Excellence 'iMAC'