

Media Release



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Safety event of the year a success in Wagga Wagga

The 2011 Electricity Supply Industry Field Days has been hailed a success today in Wagga Wagga where professionals from across the electricity, water, mining and rail industries came together in the name of safety.

Essential Energy's managing director, Terri Benson, said the event allowed realistic tests of day-to-day tasks that not only keep essential services supplied, but keep the public and energy workers safe.

"The Electricity Supply Industry Field Days has been a brilliant success with everyone getting into the spirit of things," Terri said. "From friendly rivalry in the challenges to the sharing of knowledge, developing ideas and sharpening existing skills and safe work practices, all participants have embraced the event."

"Field crews, safety specialists and more have worked together over the past two days asking the question "how can we do things better for our customers and for the safety of our people".

The Field Days event featured hands-on activities for all attendees, team challenges, demonstrations, exhibitions and workshops.

Executive manager human resources and safety, Mark Mulligan, said participants had come from across NSW and interstate and had given positive reports about the changes made to this year's event.

"This is the first time in five years Essential Energy has hosted the Field Days," Mark said. "We changed things up this year – some of the practical tests were reborn, such as the Laneway Challenges –designed to simulate real life scenarios for crews.

"Rather than being a race against time, this year's team challenges recognised teams that followed best practise guidelines in all the areas tested."

Results of the challenges at this year's Field Days are attached.

For further information about the Electricity Supply Industry Field Days, please visit www.fielddayswithenergy.com.au or follow the event on Twitter at www.twitter.com/energyfielddays

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Challenge results



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Challenge name	First	Second	Third
First Aid	Ausgrid	Macquarie Generation	Endeavour Energy
Fire Control	Endeavour Energy	Ausgrid	Essential Energy
Confined Spaces	Mines Rescue Service	Essential Water	Ausgrid
Environmental	Essential Energy	Ausgrid	Endeavour Energy
Heavy Fleet – Individual Challenge	Ken Parkin	Paul Peterson	Paul Litchfield
High Voltage Switching	Railcorp	Essential Energy	Endeavour Energy
Pole Dressing	Essential Energy	Endeavour Energy	Railcorp
Low Voltage Cross Arm Change	Ergon – team one	SP Ausnet	Ergon – team two
High Voltage (66kV) Insulator Change	Essential Energy	Ausgrid	Endeavour Energy
In Line Joint – Tech	Ausgrid	Essential Energy	N/A
In Line Joint – Apprentice	Ausgrid	Railcorp	Endeavour
Apprentice Wiring	Essential Energy	Railcorp – team one	Railcorp – team two
Electrical Technician – Pillar and Meter	Endeavour Energy	Essential Energy	Ausgrid
High Voltage Terminations Padmount	Endeavour Energy	Essential Energy	N/A
Manual Handling	Ergon – team one	Ergon – team two	Essential Energy
Risk Assessment – Richard Teale Memorial Trophy	Ergon HV Switching – team one	N/A	N/A

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