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Stanwell welcomes new apprentices and trainees into its program

For the first time, Stanwell Corporation (Stanwell) will welcome two women into its apprenticeship intake during a ceremony in Rockhampton tomorrow (Wed 21 Jan).

Stephanie Pascoe, 22-years-old, and Lisa Stevenson, 20 years-old, will be among the seven other apprentices and trainees being welcomed into Stanwell during the 2009 Apprentices and Trainees Program intake being held at Stanwell Power Station.

Lisa, who grew up in Biloela prior to moving to Rockhampton in 2008, said she was always interested in completing a trade.

“An electrical apprenticeship was something out of the ordinary for a female and something that I was always interested in and wanted to try,” she said.

“I decided to apply for the Electrical Apprenticeship through Stanwell Power Station because I felt that Stanwell had a good reputation in the community and Stanwell was a company that I would fit in with.”

Lisa and Stephanie will commence their Systems Electrician and Fitter and Turner apprenticeships respectively on Tuesday 27 January, 2009.

This year Stanwell will welcome two Fitter and Turner Apprentices, one Systems Electrician Apprentice, three Certificate III Business Traineeships and three Bilfinger Berger Services (BBS) Community Apprenticeship Program participants.

Stanwell’s Apprentice and Trainee Program runs for one year for trainee positions, two years for school based trainee positions and four years for apprentice placements.

Stanwell’s Chief Executive Officer Kim Wood said Stanwell was committed to providing opportunities for professional development and training through a range of career development initiatives.

“Training and securing professionals in regional areas is a top priority for Stanwell,” Mr Wood said.

“Through these programs, we are helping to strengthen Queensland’s electricity industry skill base, which will help to secure the long-term outlook for the industry and Stanwell.”

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Stanwell's new apprentices and trainees have been placed by the Gladstone Area Group Apprenticeships Ltd (GAGAL), whose core business is the employment and training of apprentices by placing them within industry roles.

"We are pleased to be able to work closely with the Gladstone Area Group Apprenticeships Ltd to provide these opportunities for Central Queensland," Mr Wood said.

"For the first time this year, Stanwell will also work closely with BBS, who have agreed to host three of our apprentices as part of the BBS Community Apprenticeship Program."

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Media Note: The intake ceremony will start at 10am at Stanwell Power Station with the apprentices and trainees, Stanwell's Chief Executive Officer Kim Wood and GAGAL General Manager Kerry Whitaker being available for interviews and photo opportunities immediately after the ceremony.

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