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Media Release

Celebrating excellence in the electrotechnology sector Tasmania

Innovation and excellence across the electrotechnology sector was recognised at the NECA Tasmania Excellence Awards held on 18 August.

“This year’s entries demonstrate the quality of the work our members deliver to a range of high-profile and critical projects across Tasmania,” said Suresh Manickam, Chapter Secretary Tasmania and CEO NECA.

“The entries ranged from electrical installations for a new gallery at the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) in Hobart and the DIAL regional sports complex in Penguin, retrofitting the Silos Hotel Launceston and upgrading the TasPorts Inspection Head Wharf at Beauty Point,” he said.

- **Degree C, Ulverstone** took home two awards from this year’s event. Their innovative lighting installation for the new Pharos wing at MONA not only provides comfort for patrons, it also plays an important part in displaying significant art pieces – even becoming art in itself with wiring, sockets etc needing to be as discrete as possible.

“MONA is a unique building and the new wing consists of multiple tunnels that join various parts of the museum – the lighting displays in these tunnels are breathtaking,” said Craig Ribbon, Electrical Divisional Manager.

“It was a challenging project and MONA expects excellence in all areas. We were delighted that feedback was we actually surpassed their expectations,” he said.

- **Degree C Ulverston** were also joint winners in the Commercial Medium category with their retrofitting of the iconic Silos Hotel, Launceston a challenging project which demanded creativity in the installation of discrete cabling around historic concrete grain silos and the ability to redesign lighting solutions on the fly.
- **Stowe Australia** were the Commercial Medium category joint winners with their Hobart Central redevelopment for the Myer & Icon complex with the quality of the fit out reflecting the high end design philosophy of the project.

“Half way through the project we had to content with a major flood and perform remediation works which added significant challenges for the project team,” said Michael Grandin, Client Service Manager.

“They completed the additional \$600k of works required without compromising the construction program for the main redevelopment, at the same time limiting

inconvenience to surrounding businesses,” he said.

All the winners of the 2018 NECA Tasmania Excellence Awards will be entered into NECA National Excellence Awards competing against winners from all other Australian states and territories for the coveted title of National Excellence Award winner.

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2018 NECA Tasmania Excellence Award Winners

Category	Winner	Project
Industrial Medium	RBD Electrical, Quoiba	TasPorts Inspection Head Wharf services upgrade, Beauty Point
Commercial Medium	Degree C, Ulverstone AND Stowe Australia, North Hobart	Silos Hotel, Launceston Hobart Central redevelopment (Myer and Icon Complex)
Lighting	Degree C, Ulverstone	MONA Pharos, Hobart
WH&S (Company)	RBD Electrical, Quoiba	Certification of Integrated Safety Management System
Category	Commended	Project
Industrial Small	Shane Hill Electrical, Devonport	Distribution Centre, East Devenport
Commercial Small	Degree C, Ulverstone	DIAL Regional Sports Complex, Penguin

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Notes for editors

- 1. NECA is the peak industry body representing the interests of electrical and communications contractors Australia-wide.*
- 2. Membership comprises over 5,000 contracting companies with over 50,000 employees.*
- 3. NECA wholly-owns Registered Training Organisations and Group Training Organisations in NSW, VIC & WA, the EcoSmart Electricians initiative, ACRS (a national cabling registrar) and has a joint venture with NESS Super in NSW.*
- 4. NECA employs around 2,000 apprentice electricians, training a further 2,000.*