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Media Release

celebrating excellence in the electrotechnology sector New South Wales

Innovation and excellence across the electrotechnology sector was recognised at the NECA NSW Excellence Awards held on 14 September.

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

“The projects represented by the entries included technology upgrades for the Snowy Hydro Power Station, installation of electrics for a new Institute of Science and Learning at Taronga Zoo, electrical, lighting, security and audio-visual installations for the Oak’s Luxury Farm Stay and design and installation of electrics for an extension to Parklea Correctional Centre,” he said.

- **Raston Group, Wetherill Park, NSW** won the Lighting Category with their design and construction of electrical services for a new three storey building for the Institute of Science and Learning, and a refurbishment of the existing theatre at Taronga Zoo. The project also included creation of immersive classrooms where students can interact with zoo staff and animals in a room which replicates the actual conditions where the animals would live in the wild.

“This was the most complex job the Raston Group has been involved in with some of the biggest challenges being to achieve green-star compliance, installation of complex lighting controls and working with zoo staff to design the electrical systems for the wet and dry reptile holding tanks,” said Roy Rao Director.

- **Kerfoot, Parklea NSW** took home the top award in the Industrial Medium category for their work on the expansion of the minimum security correctional centre at Parklea. The job contained many challenges including the need to design bespoke components, work around a live prison environment and work with a major high voltage network. Kerfoot also used this project to train and mentor a group of young indigenous apprentices.

“Our keen understanding of the client’s needs and the challenges faced led us to develop innovative design & install methods that resulted in a highly successful project with large scale complex works carried out without any disruption to the public or to prison operations,” said Josh Kerfoot Project Manager.

- **Greenstar Building Automation, Marrickville,** were the winners of the Energy Efficiency & Environment category meeting the brief from ALDI to reduce their energy consumption while maintaining comfortable conditions for staff and customers and

avoiding fresh produce spoilage. Greenstar retrofitted fifteen ALDI stores with upgraded, automated air conditioning systems which produced annual energy savings equivalent to 444 tonnes of co2 emissions carbon equivalent.

“The project represented a significant success from an environmental, technical and people management perspective. The client, ALDI, was extremely satisfied with the sustainability outcomes and the project’s return on investment,” said Greg Webb, Business Development Manager.

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

2018 NECA NSW Excellence Award Winners

Category	Winner	Project
Domestic Residence	TN Electrical, Dural	Pople residence
Energy Efficiency & Environment	Greenstar Building Automation, Marrickville	ALDI store energy efficiency upgrade rollout
Industrial Small	Fibre Optics Design & Construct, Bulli	Relocation of ITS services for the M5 motorway
Industrial Medium	Kerfoot, Parklea	Parklea Correctional Minimum Security facility expansion
Industrial Large	Wilken Service, Arncliffe	Huntingwood Substation
Commercial Small	PM Electric, Kirrawee	Ultra-Football retail fit out
Commercial Medium	Kerfoot, Parklea	Green Square Community Facilities
Commercial Large	Stowe Australia, Rydalmere	Gosford Hospital redevelopment
Voice Data Communications & Audio Visual (project)	Barnwell Cambridge, Rockdale	William Inglis Hotel and Riverside Stables complex
Lighting Project	Raston Group, Wetherill Park	Taronga Zoo Institute of Science and Learning
Work Health Safety Management (project)	Programmed Electrical Technologies, Lane Cover West	St Leonard’s Data Centre high voltage switchboard upgrade
Small contracting business	Automated Innovation, Mayfield West	Belle Apartments Assisted Living Project

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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.