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# Media Release:

## Premier Coal apprentice takes home the award

In an evening of recognising excellence and dedication by apprentices in the Collie community, Premier Coal employee, Tyler Kallawk won the Walter Geldert - First Year Apprentice Award.

Tyler Kallawk and fellow colleague, Ty Sloan and other award nominees and winners were celebrated at the Collie Apprentice of the Year Awards 2025 on 12 June at the Collie Ridge Resort.

For over 50 years, The Rotary Club of Collie has been rewarding excellence in apprenticeship training and supporting the skilled professionals of tomorrow.

Premier Coal Operations Manager, Braedon Gaske congratulated Tyler and Ty on their success.

“It is always an impressive pool of talent that are nominated each year. This award reflects Tyler’s dedication and skill as an Electrical Apprentice.

“He is now in his second year with Premier. Every day he is hard at work, installing, repairing and maintaining electrical systems and equipment at the mine. Tyler is highly skilled in wiring, circuits and lighting and we are proud to have him as a key member of our electrical team.

“We are also very lucky to have Ty in our team and he should be congratulated for being nominated. He has a good understanding of the mechanical trade and always raises his hand to take on a task and gain further practical experience onsite.

“Well done to everyone who was nominated and a special congratulations to Tyler and Ty, they have bright futures ahead,” said Braedon.

Tyler Kallawk, First Year Electrical Apprentice for Premier Coal said, “I am honoured to receive the Collie First Year Apprentice of the Year Award. A big thank you to Premier Coal for all the opportunities I have been provided and the support and guidance over the past year. I have learnt a lot and I’m grateful to be part of such a solid team. Also thank you to the Collie Rotary Club for organising the event and making this all possible,”.

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### **About the Collie Apprentice of the Year Awards**

To be eligible, apprentices need to live or work in the Collie area and are encouraged to submit a written application backed by their employer or mentor. As part of the rigorous selection process, nominees are interviewed by a distinguished panel of adjudicators with extensive industry and training expertise.

The Award Categories and Prizes are:

- Walter Geldert Award - First Year Apprentice – Prize: \$1,000
- Synergy Connor Jackson & Jack Barton Award – Second Year Apprentice – Prize: \$1,250
- Shire of Collie Award – Final Year Apprentice – Prize: \$1,500.