

## New Apprentices Welcomed

Eight new apprentices kick started their working careers at NRG on 29 January.

The new employees are Stuart Norris, Brodie Huth, Tim Patrick (mechanical) Luke Naylor, Ryan Pickels, Jon Redshaw, Scott Leinster (electrical) and Bradley Zillmann (boilermaking).

During the first three weeks of their training the apprentices spent time at the Gladstone College of TAFE learning about safety, the correct use of hand and power tools and manual handling techniques.

Upon returning from TAFE the apprentices will learn about the technical aspects of their trade as well receiving additional training in first aid, safe working at heights, fire extinguishers, confined space and road safety awareness. They will also receive a comprehensive tool kit suitable for their trade.

During their time at the power station the mechanical apprentices will be rotated through the Fuel Processes, Units and Auxiliaries workgroups every four months while the electrical apprentices will rotate through the Unit Electrical and Station Electrical areas.

Specialist Maintenance Training, John Marxsen said employing apprentices was not only beneficial for NRG but for the Gladstone community in the long term.

"It's a great opportunity for the apprentices to develop a career and as well as providing future skilled workers for Gladstone," he said.

This year marks the thirty first year that Gladstone Power Station has been providing highly skilled tradesmen for the Gladstone region. The induction of the eight new apprentices brings the total number of apprentices on site at Gladstone Power Station to 30.



(L-R) Ryan Pickels, Jon Redshaw, Bradley Zillman, Tim Patrick, Luke Naylor, Brodie Huth, Scott Leinster and Stuart Norris.

## NRG Engineering Scholarships Presented

NRG has rewarded two local students for their academic excellence by presenting them with the 2008 NRG Engineering Study Scholarships.

This year's winners were Caitlin Harper, formerly of Gladstone State High School and Shannon Edwards formerly of Toolooa State High School.

The scholarships will provide each student with \$2,000 during each year of their engineering degree. The students were awarded the scholarships based on their senior high school academic results, community involvement and interview performance.

Both students said they were appreciative of the financial assistance provided by NRG and were looking forward to their time at University.

Caitlin received an OP1 and intends studying a Bachelor of Engineering at the University of Queensland. Shannon has been accepted into the Bachelor of Engineering Co-op degree at the Central Queensland University.

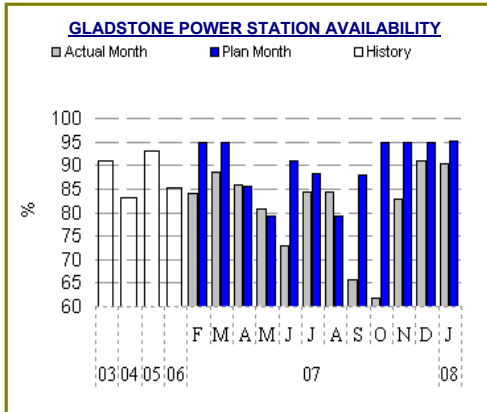


NRG's General Manager, Glenn Schumacher and Mechanical Engineer Technical Support, Ben Hayden presents Shannon Edwards and Caitlin Harper with their 2008 Engineering Scholarships.

## From Shoey's Desk

Dear Folks,

Well, one month of 2008 is already down. We have had a very good start to the year in terms of a whole number of key indicators that tell us how Gladstone Power Station is running. To show what I mean I have included the graph of Plant Availability. You can clearly see the dark months, September and October of last year and our recovery through November, December and January. We are still not quite where we need to be but whilst we are heading in the right



direction, all we really have done so far is to stop the 'bleeding' we experienced so badly last year.

We have not yet really fixed any underlying issues that got us into the position we found ourselves in. Now we need to go out and spend money on

renewing our plant. With new ID Fan runners already on their way, we are working on generator rewinds, an upgrade to the coal unloading facility and so on. These are steps we need to take but they are only part of what we all need to do to ensure that we are building a business at Gladstone Power Station that has a great future. This is in our best interests.

So, what kind of other things do we need to be doing? Well, we have started looking at things such as:

- Asset Management - this is about how we actually plan for the life of our plant. No more surprises.
- Training & Development - we have started refocusing on building upon the knowledge and experience of our people.
- Maintenance Planning and Scheduling - we have started to look at how we can improve the effectiveness of Maintenance through better organisation.
- Safety at GPS - we have started to ask ourselves what we really want out of a Safe Workplace, how do we activate real Safety improvement on the 'ground'.

We have a lot of work to do and it will now start involving people right across GPS. To date, there has been a lot of talking about how to improve things. Now the challenge is to get some 'rubber on the road' and actually make a difference.

Thank you for the hard work that has gone into turning things around. The challenge for all of us is now how to keep GPS heading in the right direction and make real and lasting improvements that give us a better future.

SAFETY IS ABOUT YOU

Regards  
SHOEY

Glenn Schumacher  
General Manager

## Bill Helps out at Emerald Floods

On Monday 21 January, the Calliope State Emergency Services (SES) group after earlier being placed on standby was asked to get a team together to travel to Emerald to assist with the flood situation there. After packing some personal gear NRG Power Plant Controller Bill Cary was one of six people, three ladies and three men, who left Calliope at about 8.30 pm to help out with the Emerald flood.

We arrived at Emerald at 1.30 am on Tuesday and bedded down at the Emerald Agricultural College on the eastern side of the flooded Nogoia River which had been set up as an evacuation centre.

Later on that morning we boarded a train from the cotton ginny which was also an evacuation centre and travelled over the Nogoia River to the Emerald station, a short trip of 4 km. The SES control centre was set up at the Scout hut and from there we received our tasks for the day which involved doorknocking streets considered to be at risk of inundation. We also helped residents to man roadblocks where water was flowing over causeways in low lying streets. We could see the water coming slowly into people's yards and their houses. Most people had moved out but there were some that had decided to stay put.

The second day was spent at the cotton ginny assisting with the loading of the shuttle train with bread and milk, flood boats and people wanting to go into Emerald for supplies. As this loading point was at a level crossing going to the cotton ginny evacuation centre with cars and people sharing the area safety was an important issue.

On Thursday we were sent to Sapphire to assist with cleaning houses and making sure that the gemstone fossickers on the fields were okay. Retreat Creek flows through the area and rose so quickly beyond its banks that the people were lucky to escape in time. A local miner told us that in winter time there can be as many as 5000 fossickers scattered throughout the fields so it was fortunate that this flood hadn't occurred then.

Community spirit was high with the local rural fire brigade and council staff all pitching in to assist. Friday was spent in the Rubyvale area doing similar work before returning to Emerald.

Generally the people were getting on with their lives and although there was personal loss with inundation, there wasn't that same feeling of devastation as with the people of

Innisfail when cyclone Larry tore through the district. The people of Emerald could see what was going to happen and had some time to prepare. It was good to see community groups and the Red Cross all working together to assist. We found our later there were 130 Emerald dwellings and 100 gemfield dwellings inundated by the floods.



Bill Cary and fellow SES volunteer Wanda Bruckner set up a road block on a flooded Emerald street.

## Coal Unloading Upgrade Project Underway

The Coal Unloading Upgrade Project is well underway with design work taking place over the last few months.

Fairbairn Engineering Consultant, Gordon Low said the aim of the project was to modernise the equipment in the coal unloading area with particular attention paid to the flow control out of the hoppers to ensure the reliable operation of the coal unloading plant to 2029.

“Currently surges in flow from the hoppers can result in the system tripping due to blocked chutes. The coal flow surges also cause coal spillages in the transfer towers and become a safety hazard,” Gordon said.

To overcome this, the bottoms of the unloading hoppers are being re-designed to accept new style vibrating feeders which control the flow of coal onto the conveying system.

Progress to date includes the completion of the specifications for the coal unloading switchboard and the vibrating feeders. Manufacture of the switchboard and feeders is expected to take up to 22 weeks, but with tenders currently being issued on schedule, work requiring track shut-down should start as planned in August or September.



Fairbairn Engineering consultant Gordon Low says work will soon begin on modernising the equipment in the coal unloading area.

The first construction work relating to the project will begin late February with Queensland Railways pouring concrete foundations for portal frames needed to de-energise the track hopper building. This will simplify the daily isolation process necessary for construction to be undertaken during the day and trains unloaded at night.

“We plan to undertake considerable preparation work before the track shut-down. This work will start with some concrete remediation in the conveyor C3/ C4 tunnel followed by plant improvements in the snake pit. Electrical pre-work will include running cables, and installing dust-rated electrical devices and lighting,” Gordon said.

## Monorails Installed on Unit 4 Boiler

Fourth year GAGAL apprentice boilermaker Ashley Osborne and Units boilermaker John McGarrow having just completed installing a mono rail on A & B sides of Unit 4 Boiler.

The installation of the monorails was undertaken to reduce the risks associated with the removal of the boiler wind box doors. Each wind box door weighs approx 35 to 40kgs and prior to having the mono rail the fitters were required to unbolt and lift the doors by hand.

The monorails on Unit 4 were used for the first time when Unit 4 was taken off line on 14 February for the generator and rotor refurbishment. The fitters reported that the new mono rails worked very well.

This has been an excellent result and the Units work group are planning to install the same modification to the other five boilers.



Ashley and John were happy to pose for a photograph after installing a new monorail on Unit 4 boiler.

## Healthy Employee of the Month – Ruth Searston

This month we continue our series in the Gladrag highlighting employees who have demonstrated a commitment to maintaining or improving their health. Chemical Laboratory Technician Ruth Searston has always maintained a fairly active lifestyle. In recent times she has added a pump program to her exercise routine which has helped her to achieve a new level of health and fitness.

“For most of my life I’ve been a fairly active person. I enjoy playing squash, touch football going to gym, and riding my push bike to work most days. I’ve always tried to keep a healthy diet and been fortunate that my cholesterol levels have also been low. As I’ve gotten older however I realised the importance of maintaining a high degree of muscle strength. I realised this after I had a couple of years off following the birth of my children and having been relatively inactive. I found muscular strains more common and developed low level back pain and neck problems,” Ruth said.

Meeting up with a workmate’s wife proved to be a turning point for Ruth who convinced her of the benefits of taking up a Body Pump program at the local gym. Body Pump is a

weight-based fitness program performed to music using free weights and barbells. Participants choose their weights based on the exercise and their personal strength levels. Major muscle groups are worked via a series of exercises including squats, presses and dead lifts.

“I’ve never been particularly co-ordinated but the pump program was easy to follow and great for toning up muscles.”

Since taking up the program two to three years ago Ruth has noticed an overall improvement in her health.

“I found I haven’t had any where near the back and neck problems I used to have and the program has helped to improve my posture. Being fitter has also helped my immune system and I seem to get less coughs and colds than I used to get,” Ruth said.

Ruth completes the one hour program two to three times a week and along with her other sporting activities Ruth feels very comfortable with her level of fitness.

“Both my parents died early from conditions relating to obesity and inactive lifestyles. These

days there’s a lot more information around so there’s no excuse for not maintaining a healthy lifestyle.”

Ruth was very supportive of the Wellness Committee for introducing the discount gym membership program for employees.

“I have a family membership with my son Kelly and the discounted fees are very good value for money.



A regular game of squash as well as her gym program has helped Ruth maintain a healthy lifestyle.

## Meet Our New Apprentices



Luke Naylor

### Luke Naylor

#### - Electrical Apprentice

Born in Gladstone, Luke attended Boyne Island Primary and Tannum Sands State High Schools. Luke has previously completed work experience at Port City Electrical, Troy Tenhegger Building Company and Cement Australia. His main interests are riding his push bike, golf fishing and motorbikes and cars and he says his favourite holiday was going to United Kingdom.



Brodie Huth

### Brodie Huth

#### - Mechanical Apprentice

Gladstone Born, Brodie attended Tannum Sands Primary and Tannum Sands State High School. He enjoys playing AFL with the BITS Saints Club while his other interests include fishing, board riding and volleyball. Brodie has completed work experience at NRG through the Gladstone Schools Engineering Skills Centre and says his favourite holiday spot is the Gold Coast.



Jon Redshaw

### Jon Redshaw

#### - Electrical Apprentice

Prior to starting his apprenticeship Jon had enjoyed work experience at Custom Cabinetry while working part time at Civic Video. Jon says achieving his second level black belt in Shotokan Karate is his greatest achievement so far. He describes himself as being fun, happy and adventurous and if money was no object he would love to live on Hinchinbrook Island. Jon was born in Bundaberg and completed his high school education at Gladstone State High. He enjoys fishing, camping and hanging out with the mates in his spare time.



Stuart Norris

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#### - Mechanical Apprentice

Stuart has previously completed two weeks work experience at NRG and a week at Eagle Engineering. Given the choice Stuart says he would like to live on the Gold Coast. A former school captain of St John's Primary School, Stuart attended Chanel College during his high school years. He has represented Central Queensland in soccer and his other interests and hobbies include fishing, golf, motorbikes and holidaying on his Aunties farm.



Ryan Pickles

### Ryan Pickles

#### - Electrical Apprentice

Born in Gladstone, Ryan was educated at Blackwater and Calliope Primary and Tannum State High. As well as representing Gladstone in soccer, Ryan likes to spend his leisure hours fishing and riding motor bikes. He has previously gained work experience at Corfields Electrical and NRG. His favourite holiday spot is Coffs Harbour and he would like to live in Sydney one day.



Tim Patrick

### Tim Patrick

#### - Mechanical Apprentice

Tim says his greatest accomplishment to date was winning the sailing championship at the Port Curtis sailing Club. Tim was born in Cairns and educated at Boyne Island Primary and Tannum Sands State High. He has completed work experience at Berg Engineering and enjoys music, going to the movies and video games in his spare time.



Scott Leinster

### Scott Leinster

#### - Electrical Apprentice

Scott has represented Gladstone in soccer and long distance running events such as the 5000m and cross country. He enjoys mountain biking and photography and has previously worked as a bike mechanic at M1 Cycles. Scott was educated at Central State School and Gladstone State High and says Muse, the Kooks and Hot Chip are his favourite musical artists.



Brad Zillmann

### Brad Zillmann

#### - Fabrication Apprentice

Prior to joining NRG, Brad spent three years working part time at Coles and two years gaining work experience at the Gladstone Schools Engineering Skills Centre. Brad likes to hang out with friends on the weekend and says his favourite musical artists are System of a Down and Guns 'n' Roses. Brad was born in Moranbah and completed his schooling at Clinton Primary and Gladstone State High.

## Getting to Know Allison Hutton

After having spent most of her working life in remote heavy industry Allison Hutton is enjoying life in the “big smoke” of Gladstone.

“To live in a town with so many facilities has been a rare experience for me. It’s been fantastic to be able to choose between schools, doctors and shops. Gladstone has all the facilities of a large city but it still has the friendliness of a small country town,” Allison said.

Allison comes to NRG from the Rio Tinto Yarwun plant where she was employed as a safety specialist. Her safety systems experience will be invaluable in the commissioning of GPS’s new safety system, RMSS. Allison will be working closely with Dave Greinke to manage the other safety systems on site as well as having more involvement in the upcoming outages and overhauls.

Born in Bristol, England Allison and her parents migrated to Western Australia in 1974. While studying for her Bachelor of Arts (History and English Literature) Allison spent time working as a word process operator for an industrial risk management consultancy in Perth. The job proved to be a good career move and would influence her future career path.

“In 1994 I was working for a temp employment agency and was offered the opportunity to spend a couple of weeks in a fly in fly out mine. When I got up there I found I really enjoyed the environment so much that I asked to come back,” Allison explained.

This experience led Allison to take on a position as a Quality Systems Officer at the Mt Keith Nickel Operation where she was involved in developing document management and records management systems.

During 1997 and 1998 Allison continued her employment with the Western Mining Group taking on roles as a Training Co-ordinator (Agnew Gold Operation, Leinster Nickel Operation, Mt Keith Nickel Operation) and Implementation Coordinator at the Agnew Gold Operation.

Following the closure of the project Allison joined WMC Fertilizers at Phosphate Hill (near Mt Isa) for 18 months.

“My role was to bring together an integrated safety, environment and quality system for their three site operation as well as manage the document control and records management systems,” Allison explained.

Moving back to Western Australia in 2000 Allison continued to progress her career through various roles as a Systems Coordinator (Leinster Nickel Operation), Safety and Improvement Officer (Hammersley Iron Tom Price Process Plant) and Safety and Training Officer (Hammersley Iron Infrastructure).

The opportunity to return to a mining environment led Allison back to Queensland in 2004 where she spent two years as a Safety Facilitator at the Blackwater Mine.

Throughout her career Allison has sought to improve her skills and knowledge through additional formal learning and she is currently studying for a Bachelor of Occupational Health and Safety.

Since joining NRG Allison has been very impressed with the support she has received from fellow employees at the station.

“I like the atmosphere here. The people have been very welcoming. They understand the place, they understand the issues and they are quite happy to share their knowledge,” Allison said.

Away from work Allison has an extensive range of interests and hobbies including reading, playing the recorder, European and Australian regional history, craft and science fiction. Allison’s husband Michael works as a Process Technician at the RTA Yarwun Refinery and the couple have one daughter.

Having travelled extensively throughout her working career Allison is looking forward to setting her roots down in Gladstone for the long term.



Allison is looking forward to settling down in Gladstone

### Gym Discount for NRG Employees

Employees wishing to improve their health and fitness might like to take up the offer from Yaralla gym introduced last year.

A 25% membership discount on Yaralla gym membership is given to all permanent NRG employees who agree to pay by payroll deduction.

Below is the current membership fee with the 25% discount included. Programs and assessments are an additional cost and payable directly by employees to Yaralla.

Weekly Wage Deduction    Fortnightly Wage Deduction

|        |         |        |         |
|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| Single | \$7.75  | Single | \$15.50 |
| Couple | \$10.75 | Couple | \$21.50 |
| Family | \$13.95 | Family | \$27.90 |

Employees wishing to take advantage of this offer can complete the “Yaralla Fitness Centre Deduction Form” available on MARS and take it to Russell Watson in Accounting Services. Russell will fax the completed form to Yaralla where you will be able to pick up your membership card. Payroll deductions will continue until you cancel the authority with Russell.

**The Wellness Committee invites you to join them on...**




**BIKE-N-BREKKY DAY!**

Wednesday 26 March, 2008

PEDAL POWER!

As part of Bike Week and a health incentive of the Wellness Committee, we encourage all employees who own a working bicycle to join us in Bike-n-Brekky Day.



DON'T FORGET YOUR HELMET!

**FREE BREKKY!!**

For everyone who rides their bike – served from 6.30am – 7.00am in the canteen






Please register your interest by 7 March with either:

- Doug Thomas (ext 122 Health Centre)
- Katherine Kuppen ext 723, or
- Jay Wilson ext 729

## Emergency Response Team Put to the Test

As part of their normal weekly training session and in the lead up to Unit 4 overhaul, the Emergency Response Team (ERT) embarked on a rigorous and involved training exercise which required the first aid treatment, rescue and recovery of two casualties from Units 5 & 6 wet racks room.

Once the accident siren sounded, detailed information on the accident was gathered and the emergency response initiated. As the lift was out of service, the stairs were the only means of access to the accident scene. On arrival it was heartening to discover the shift operations first aid team of Rod Augusten and Steve Bridges had arrived and commenced cardiopulmonary resuscitation on one casualty. The outstanding combination of Ray Waghorn, Jodie Patchett and Andrew Sibley acquired all relevant details on the casualty's condition, prepared their equipment and relieved the shift operations first aid personnel.

The unconscious casualty was not breathing had no pulse and had sustained numerous body injuries. The first aid management consisted of prolonged periods of CPR and oxygen therapy with

defibrillation initiated when required. To avoid the onset of fatigue the three ERT members rotated through the roles of CPR and oxygen therapy. Once the casualty was stabilized continual monitoring was undertaken while all body and limb injuries were treated.

The casualty was then lifted into a basket stretcher and transported to the rescue area. The other casualty was attended by the exceptional pairing of Bernie Lawson and Kevin Ryan who demonstrated sincere compassion while meticulously attending the injuries of their conscious patient who had suspected spinal injuries and leg fractures. Once the fractured leg was securely splinted and all injuries treated, the casualty was carefully transported to the rescue area.

While both casualties were being attended to, the ever reliable rescue and recovery team of Rod Brown, Ross Ahern, Kev Peagam, John Leinster, Grant Sutherland and Anthony Shewan were engaged in recovering the casualties. Overall the exercise proved to be a good opportunity for the Emergency Response team to hone their skills and it was a great effort by all involved.



*Kev Ryan and Bernie Lawson prepare to lower the injured victim*



*Ray Waghorn, Andrew Sibley and Jodie Patchett practise their CPR skills*

## Welcome Donna Lehtinen

This month we welcome Donna Lehtinen who commenced as a specific task administrator in the human resources area.

Donna will be taking on Karen Gibbins previous role as Karen transitions over to her new role as Training Co-ordinator.

Donna comes to NRG after spending 27 years in many local industries including QAL and BSL. Donna has also been employed with Bechtel on Yarwun Stage 1 project and BSL expansion.

She is currently studying for a Bachelor of Business Studies degree (Human Resource Management and General Management) which she hopes to complete in two years.

Originally from Tasmania, Donna moved to Gladstone in 1981 when her father transferred to BSL with Comalco. Her husband Dan now works as an equipment technician at BSL.

Donna has a love of animals and has two dogs, four cats, two pet goats as well as keeping tropical fish on her five acre property at Wurdong Heights. She also enjoys going to the theatre, dressmaking and craft work in her spare time.

When you see Donna please take the time to introduce yourself and make her feel welcome.

Donna is contactable on Ext 517.



*Donna comes to NRG with over 27 years experience in the human resources area.*

## Uganda a Life Changing Experience for Cora

*Casual Occupational Health Nurse, Cora Marbach and her husband Greg recently returned from a two week trip to Uganda where they were part of a 15 person team responsible for building a home for eight homeless children in the village of Bbira. Cora tells of her experience during her time there.)*

My husband, Greg has always had a real desire to help the African people. We weren't sure when and how this was ever going to happen, yet it did happen to us in January this year.

Earlier on in May last year an announcement was made at our church inviting interested people to be part of a building team to assist the many orphaned children in Uganda. After the meeting we decided to sign up and found out we were going under the umbrella of an organization called Watoto.

Founded in 1992 Watoto is an international organisation whose primary focus is to raise the next generation of Ugandan leaders. In lay-man's terms the program was really about rescuing 10,000 children from poverty and abuse and placing them in a healthy, well adjusted home, (eight children and one housemother). Currently Watoto has provided homes for 1700 children.

The trip to Uganda required each of the 15 individuals to pay for their own trip there and back again and as a group we were required to raise \$20,000 to \$30,000.

I had very limited travel outside Australia and to think I had volunteered to travel to a third world country was a little unbelievable.

Our team of 15 individuals were very well looked after by Watoto. Safe and very basic accommodation was supplied within a compound. A bus and driver was also available daily for our trip to and from the work site. As a group we were escorted by two young male hosts every time we left the guesthouse.

Our building team was directed to Bbira village which is the second largest village of the three Watoto villages. It was 40 minutes

on a very bumpy road from our guesthouse to the outskirts of Kampala. Bbira consists of over 30 occupied homes, a primary school, high school, clinic and a church.

All the buildings in Bbira village as well as the other two villages Buloba village and Suubi village were built by teams from all over the world volunteering to donate their time, money and energy to help homeless children in great need.

Building of the home was great fun. We had to mix the concrete by hand and shovel as there were no concrete mixers available. The water for the mortar was collected by walking to a nearby swamp and carrying the jerry cans back to the work site.

We worked along side the local workers, who were always very pleasant and very polite. Many of the local workers wore clothes that were donated from various places in Australia and from other places around the world. I have been told that for this year already, 91 teams have registered to help build homes and over 50 of those teams are from Australia.

We got to know the other team members very well and became very close by the end of the trip. It was sad to eventually have to say goodbye to each other and the locals even though 12 of our group came from Gladstone.

While in Uganda Greg and I and the team truly did see extreme poverty and we all felt very frustrated wishing we could help these poor people a little more. The experience has certainly brought our group closer together.

In the end we finished the job we set out to do with a lot of memories. One day I will go back to Uganda (Kampala) to help – not as a bricklayer but maybe in the health area.

For those who want to experience a little bit of Africa, the Watoto Children's Choir tours internationally and could be at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre later this year.

## Josh Enjoys Work Experience

Third year Central Queensland engineering student Joshua Worley joined GPS last month for a six month training program.

Josh is employed under the Engineering Co-op Scheme that provides for two six month periods of paid work experience.

He is currently working with mentor Larry Brushe on a maintenance project to improve the functionality of the ash hopper grid bars. Joshua is not a complete stranger to GPS having spent six weeks working with the turbine crew in January 2007.

"I've felt very comfortable working at the station and am looking forward to gaining as much experience as I can during the next six months," Joshua said.



*Joshua would like to have a career in the power industry.*



*Cora gets to work with her improvised broom*



*The teams get to work building the new homes for the homeless children*

## On the Couch with...Michael Mann

**Nickname:** Mick

**Position:** Shift Superintendent "E" Shift

**How long have you worked at the station:**

30 years (can remember thinking how was I going to make it through the 4 year apprenticeship)

**Where were you born:** Gladstone – I haven't gone too far

**My first job was:**

Slave labour on the family property, however the first paying job was my apprenticeship at GPS

**My worst habit is:** Procrastination and being pedantic

**My most embarrassing moment was:**

I'd rather not share the details

**My favourite sporting team is:**

Gladstone "Gropers" Aussi Masters swimming club and the "Just Hafta" fishing team

**When I was a child I wanted to be:** Bulldozer driver

**My favourite toy as a child was:**

A Tonka truck and Dad's 8 foot fibreglass dinghy (we only got to use the oars)

**My greatest achievement is:**

My two beautiful daughters and my generally positive attitude to life (and still being alive)

**Describe yourself in three words:**

Positive, easy going and adaptable (I have heard obsessive, but I prefer not to use that one)

**Outside of work I like to relax by:**

Boating, fishing, going to the beach, visiting new places, swimming, barbeques and drinking red wine (don't do enough of any – well, maybe I can get close to quota with the red wine)

**My favourite holiday spot is:**

Don't have a favourite – lots of places I like and lots of places I want to visit

**The hardest thing I've ever done was:** Go through separation

**You wouldn't know it but I'm no good at:** Finishing off a job

**A song that means a lot to me is:**

"I won't back down" by Tom Petty

**My worst fashion moment was :**

I think work clothes make quite a statement

**Someone who makes me laugh is:**

David Strassman - the ventriloquist

**If there were three people, living or dead, I would like to take to dinner they would be:**

My Grandfather, Steve Irwin and Al Gore or Demi Moore, Catriona Rowntree and Angelina Jolie

**A job I'd really like to have is:**

I have already got it – or a weather forecaster

**The thing I fear most is:**

Not being able to retire early enough and not living long enough to enjoy it

**I like to spend my hard earned dollars on:**

Myself, my boat, fishing gear (you can't have too many rods) my car .... Ohh, and my partner, kids and extended family



## Service Register – February/March 2008

The NRG Service Register recognises employees who have completed 10 years service or more in the Queensland electricity industry and who have been employed at GPS since the Sale of the Station (31/3/94). This register is for employees whose anniversary falls during the month of and February and March.

37 years Greg Nugent

35 years John Hunter

34 years Graham Bloomfield

33 years Noel Else

30 years Simon Sutton

29 years John Marxsen

28 years Jeff Norris, Nev O'Connor

27 years

Tony Padget, Allan Pease, Alan O'Rourke, Dale Hempseed, Neville Beckman, Rod Puller, Paul Lowry, Paul Hedland, John Hunt, Paul Cupitt

26 years

Mick Chadwick, Mark Sandland, Ken Harris, Ian Dodd

25 years

Keith Brown

24 years

John Leinster

23 years

Graham Lester

22 years

Errol Geary, Greg McDiarmid

21 years

Kev Ryan, John Lynch

13 years

Ruth Searston, Derek Jarram