



PAUL Jackson, Shenhua Watermark Coal, with Gunnedah electrician Brayden Smyth, at the New England Training Awards.

Brayden Smyth wins excellence award

GUNNEDAH electrician Brayden Smyth was one of the big winners at the New England Training Awards held in Tamworth recently.

Brayden was among a short list of people to be given a special award on the night.

The 20-year-old knew he was a finalist in the Apprentice of the Year category but didn't expect to receive an Industry Excellence Award for Excellence in Electrotechnology.

His mother, Linda, said the awards night was very exciting.

"Brayden knew he was in the running for the Apprentice of the Year award but was very surprised when he was given the excellence award."

Brayden is a fourth-year apprentice and is currently working with Downer EDI Rail at Werris Creek.

He completed his Electrician Certificate III at TAFE in Tamworth and is now enjoying his role with Downer EDI Rail.

Brayden was nominated for the awards by North West Group Training.