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LOCAL EMPLOYER RECOGNISED IN CHAMPION EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR INDUSTRY AWARD

6 October 2022, Sydney: A & A Electroplaters in Dandenong South was named as one of three finalists for Champion Employer of the Year in the National Employment Services Association (NESA) 2022 Awards for Excellence, announced overnight in Sydney.

As a finalist, A & A Electroplaters was recognised for its excellence in providing opportunities for disadvantaged individuals to thrive in sustained employment.

Following the Government's recent Jobs and Skills Summit, the focus on getting more disadvantaged Australians into the workforce and creating more accessible and inclusive workplaces has never been more in the spotlight.

CEO of NESA Sally Sinclair says the award sets a 'benchmark of excellence' within the employment services sector.

Presenting the awards, Minister for Social Services Hon Amanda Rishworth said: "Everyone deserves the opportunity and dignity of a career and meaningful work."

Local employment service Jobfind nominated A & A Electroplaters for the award. The Dandenong business is owned and operated by Mr Mark McHale. He has steadily grown his workforce by recruiting job seekers from his local government employment service, Jobfind. Over the past ten years, around 80 percent of his workforce is sourced from Jobfind's talent pool of local job seekers.

Mark is proud to support local people into local jobs: "My philosophy is simple - if you want to work, I'll give you a go."

Chief Executive Officer of Jobfind, Ms Karena Newland said: "Mark has put inclusive recruitment and retention practices at the heart of his business and the employment opportunities he has provided our participants has literally changed their lives."

A&A Electroplaters is located at 177 Ordish Rd, Dandenong South VIC 3175.

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About NESA

The National Employment Services Association is the peak industry body representing contracted employment service providers, including not-for-profit and private organisations providing services for people with disability, youth, Indigenous communities, people with mental health issues, migrants and other disadvantaged job seekers.

Picture 1: Mark McHale, Finalist, NESA Champion Employer of the Year 2022

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