



2023

ANNUAL CONNECTION

INVERCARGILL 19-21 SEPT

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Annual Connection connects, celebrates, and showcases the people and companies of the Electricity Supply Industry.

The best Cable Jointers and Line Mechanics come together, from across New Zealand, for this three-day competition and event. The competition is hosted in an environment that showcases the skills and technology that are practically and physically required to keep the power flowing.

There is plenty happening on the sidelines too, with industry exhibitors showcasing the latest in technology and innovation and careers insight sessions with schools.

Finally, the event closes with a night of celebration with the Competition Awards and the Connexis Excellence Awards Dinner. The Connexis Excellence Awards recognise the hard work and commitment it takes to skill up by rewarding the best and brightest trainees in Energy and Telecommunications. Annual Connection's Cable Jointers and Line Mechanics competitions are also announced here.

THE KEY OBJECTIVES OF ANNUAL CONNECTION

- Showcase and promote the Electricity Supply Industry
- Promoting best practice in health and safety
- Promote, recognise and reward workforce skills, expertise and training.
- Showcase new technologies and innovation

SUPPLIER EXPO

Being part of the Annual Connection Suppliers' Expo offers a unique opportunity to show your support for the industry you serve and align your brand with your customers.

The event provides a unique opportunity for brand exposure at what is the highlight of the Electricity Supply Industry, as well as networking opportunities to a wide range of stakeholders including key decision makers.

HOST SPONSOR

PowerNet is pleased and proud to be the Hosting Sponsor for the 2023 Annual Connection Competition and Excellence Awards in Invercargill.

We look forward to extending our Deep South hospitality to competitors, officials, and their visitors, and are keen to work with Connexis in presenting an event that will showcase our industry and the dedicated people who keep the lights on.

This annual three-day event will give line mechanics and cable jointers from across New Zealand the opportunity to test their abilities while working safely and efficiently under the close scrutiny of experienced judges.

We hope to use the competitive activities of these skilled workers to raise the profile of our industry, to emphasise electricity safety messages, and to encourage more youngsters to consider careers in the electricity supply industry.

Jason Franklin
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
POWERNET



EXPO INFORMATION

- Sites have prime placement around the competition arena
- Complimentary power for your site
- Promotion of your business in the event programme
- Company logo and link to your website
- Promotion of your business by the event MC throughout the three days of competition
- Invitation to the Supplier's Expo networking event held during the competitions
- On-site security for the duration of the competitions
- The opportunity to promote your company to schools, targeting a potential new workforce
- Dedicated freight company for the delivery and pick up of items for your site
- Discounted rates for marquees and hire ware through our preferred supplier Hirepool
- The opportunity to have additional brand presence through the sponsorship of competition events
- The opportunity to have additional brand presence through signage on the competition arena fencing
- The chance to have a professionally made video of your business as part of your presence at Annual Connection (additional cost to Company)
- Discounted rates on placing advertising in the Annual Connection programme

YOUR INVESTMENT

Includes power to your site and night security Monday – Thursday.

Marquee for your site is additional. Please Note: Your marquee must fit inside your site size, including and pegs and guide ropes.

EXPO SITE RATES		
register your site – please visit: www.annualconnection.co.nz		
SITE SIZE (ARENA FRONTAGE X DEPTH)	EARLY BIRD RATE (UNTIL 1 MAY 2023)	STANDARD RATE COST (GST EX)
3 x 3m	\$1780	\$1980
6 x 3m	\$2490	\$2790
5 x 5m	\$2700	\$3000
6 x 6m	\$2800	\$3110
10 x 5m	\$3370	\$3770
9 x 6m	\$3640	\$4040
10 x 10m	\$4500	\$5175
12 x 10m	\$4800	\$5520
15 x 10m	\$5250	\$6037

ADVERTISING

An opportunity to advertise in the Annual Connection event programme.

EVENT PROGRAMME RATES			
SIZE A4	HORIZONTAL	VERTICAL	COST (GST EX)
Full Page	-	297 x 210mm	\$950
Half Page	148 x 210mm	297 x 105mm	\$750
Quarter Page	74 x 210mm	297 x 52mm	\$450

FENCE SIGNAGE

If you would like branded signage on the temporary fence in front of your site, please indicate this in your booking. This will be ordered and installed on your behalf.

Please note: This will be the only signage attached to the temporary fencing around the competition arena. You are welcome to place banners and signage around your site, within your site footprint.

Each sign is 2.2m x 0.83m and will be attached to the temporary fence in front of your site.

FENCE SIGNAGE		
FRONTAGE METRES	# SIGNS	COST (GST EX)
3m	x1	\$108
6m	x2	\$216
9m	x3	\$324
12m	x4	\$432
15m	x5	\$540

EVENT SCHEDULE

SEPT 18 MONDAY	SEPT 19 TUESDAY Day 1	SEPT 20 WEDNESDAY Day 2	SEPT 21 THURSDAY Day 3
11.00am Supplier Expo Load In	8.00am Official Opening Competition	8.00am Supplier Expo Open	8.00am Supplier Expo Open
5.00pm All Supplier Expo stands set up	8.00am Supplier Expo Open	8.00am Competition Briefing Q&A	8.00am Competition Briefing / Q&A
	8.30am Competition Briefing / Q&A	8.30am Competition Commence	8.30am Competition Commence
	9.00am Competition Commence	4.00pm Competition Conclude	2.30pm Competition Conclude
	4.00pm Competition Conclude	4.30pm Supplier BBQ on Site	6.00pm Competition Awards Presentation (Free Event)
			7.30pm Connexis Excellence Awards
			Announcement of Top Three Line Mechanic and Cable Jointers (Ticketed Event)

SUPPLIER EXPO HOURS

The Suppliers' Expo is run over three days of the competition.

Tuesday – 8.00am–4.30pm

Wednesday – 8.00am–4.30pm

Thursday – 8.00am–2.30pm

Dedicated Expo time is included in the programme at the end of each day, giving competitors an opportunity to meet with exhibitors.

Please let the team at Annual Connection know if you are planning to run any demonstrations within your site.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW!

FREIGHT

All freight in and out of Annual Connection will be managed by our preferred freight partner. This will ensure that all freight is brought into the venue on the Monday morning ready for you when you arrive to set up your site. Freight departing the venue at the conclusion of the event will be collected on the Friday.

SECURITY

Security will be onsite when items are delivered and for the duration of the event.

SUPPLIERS BBQ

As part of the Expo you are welcome to attend the Suppliers BBQ. This will be held in the Connexis marquee onsite from 4.30pm–6.30pm Wednesday.

HIRE WARE

Annual Connection preferred supplier is Hirepool for marquees and furniture.

The Annual Connection team will ensure your items are in place, and your marquee is installed, prior to your arrival to commence set up of your site.

POWER

All sites will have access to power. If you require power, please bring a lead at least 30 metres long, and your own multi-board to use at your site. This must be tagged and tested.

SITE PACK IN AND PACK OUT

Set up will commence from 11.00am Monday. You have until 5.00pm Monday to set up. All sites must be set up and ready before 8.00am Tuesday.

Pack down commences from 3.00pm on Thursday. Please note pack down of stalls will not be permitted prior to this, as the competition will still be in progress.

To ensure pack in goes as smoothly as possible, we will have a team of people available to assist with you, including a forklift and driver.

SITE SAFETY

While we encourage you to be innovative, we must ensure a safe environment is maintained for you, your staff, and visitors to your site. As outlined in the terms and conditions you must:

- Examine your site for hazards and take all practical steps to eliminate, isolate or minimise against potential injury.
- Ensure all power leads, multi-boxes and electrical equipment are certified as electrically compliant - tagged and tested.
- Notify us in advance if you intend to carry out any hazardous activities or bring hazardous materials or substances onto your site.
- Have at least one suitable fire extinguisher readily available on your site.
- All exhibitors will be required to wear Hi-Vis, closed in shoes and any other appropriate PPE during pack in and pack out.
- We encourage exhibitors to park their vehicles in the parking area as marked on the site plan.
- If your marquee is being set up by you or a hire company other than Hirepool (our preferred supplier of hire equipment), please ensure guy ropes are not positioned on the walkway. You should also keep all display materials, including banners and flags, within your allocated site area.
- Please note: No banners are to be attached to the competition arena fencing apart from those ordered as part of your site.

DIGGING HOLES

You must request permission before any digging is carried out. If your site set up requires digging, please contact us in advance of the set up. Digging must be within the boundary of your site and be approved by the onsite Health and Safety officer. If you do carry out any digging, the ground must be returned to its original condition as part of your pack out.

Please Note: This is applicable for anything that needs to be pushed into the ground, no matter how shallow.

ALCOHOL

No alcohol is to be consumed during the Expo hours. Refreshments will be available during the BBQ for all participant.

COMPETITION AWARDS

The competition awards presentation will take place immediately preceding the Connexis Excellence Awards dinner. Presentations will be made to the winners in each category over the three days of the competition. This is not a ticketed event and as a supplier you are more than welcome to attend these awards.

CONNEXIS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

These awards celebrate the best and brightest trainees working in the Electricity Supply and Telecommunications industries. They also recognise those who have made a significant contribution to the industry through their enthusiasm and commitment to industry training. It will be attended by many of the key influencers in the industry. This is a ticketed event.

The Excellence Awards include:

- **Distribution Trainee of the Year**
- **Generation Trainee of the Year**
- **Transmission Trainee of the Year**
- **Telecommunications Trainee of the Year**
- **Advanced Trainee of the Year**
- **Investing in Youth Training and Development**
- **Overall Trainee of the Year**

The Excellence Awards dinner is held on the evening of the last day of the competition. In addition to the announcement of the Excellence Awards winners, the overall runners up and winners of the line mechanic and cable jointer competitions will also be named. To be pushed into the ground, no matter how shallow.

To purchase tickets to the Awards Dinner please contact Hillary Riches, annualconnection@connexis.org.nz

KEY DATES	
REGISTER www.annualconnection.co.nz	DATE
Registration Open	6 March 2023
Pack In	11.00am 18 Sept
Supplier BBQ	4.30-6.30pm 20 Sept
Pack Out	3.00pm 21 Sept
Connexis Excellence Awards	7.30-11.30pm 21 Sept



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