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TE AWAMUTU 22-24 OCT
SUPPLIER EXPO

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ANNUAL CONNECTION

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.

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.

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**

2024 HOST SPONSORS

Waipā Networks owns and operates the lines, transformers and substations that deliver power to more than 40,000 customers in Waipa region. We're 100% owned by the Waipā Networks Trust on behalf of the community, delivering reliable energy services and solutions for our community's growing needs.

Our history goes back to over 100 years ago when Te Awamutu and Cambridge's Electric Power Boards were set up. They joined forces in 1993 and were finally named Waipā Networks in 1998. Fast forward to today, and we're proud to work with Connexis and The Lines Company to co-host the Annual Connection 2024, a three-day competition showcasing the skills of line mechanics and cable jointers.

The Lines Company is proud to keep over 18,000 customers connected to electricity throughout the King Country, Ruapehu District and Central Plateau. Our network covers an area of 13,700 square km with over 4,500km of power lines, providing safe and reliable electricity to homes, businesses, and the community. We employ over 140 staff, with around 80% of our hunga (people) living locally on the network.

Join us as we showcase the work of these incredible professionals who keep our lights on. It's not just a competition – it's an opportunity to witness these experts in action, understand the complexities they conquer daily, learn more about the industry, and explore potential career paths.





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YOUR INVESTMENT

SUPPLIER EXPO HOURS

The Suppliers' Expo is run over 3 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 at the lunch break and 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.

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

EXHIBITOR STRIP SITES 1-19 ONLY			
SITE SIZE			COST (GST EX)
FRONTAGE	DEPTH	SQM	
3m	3m	9m	\$2837.16
6m	3m	18m	\$4454.32
Rate Includes Ground Fees, Marquee, Flooring, Table, 2 x Chairs, Power			

NEW FOR 2024

This year we will have available a strip of Exhibitor sites that include:

- Marquee
- Flooring
- 1.8m Trestle Table
- 2 x chairs
- Power to your site.
- Night security Monday – Thursday
- Exhibitor listing in the official event program

PLEASE NOTE: These sites are only 3m in depth, there is no room for parking or storage behind your site. Each site will have a dividing wall between companies.

REGISTER YOUR SITE:

www.annualconnection.co.nz

Hillary Riches hillaryr@connexis.org.nz

EXPO SITES			
SITE SIZE			COST (GST EX)
FRONTAGE	DEPTH	SQM	
3m	3m	9m	\$2080
6m	3m	18m	\$2940
5m	5m	25m	\$3150
6m	6m	32m	\$3265
10m	5m	50m	\$3970
9m	6m	54m	\$4240
10m	10m	100m	\$5512
12m	10m	120m	\$5880
15m	10m	150m	\$6430

Ground Fees:

- Blank grass site
- One standard power connection (generated power, distribution box behind your site. Please supply own 30m lead)
- Night security Monday – Thursday
- One exhibitor listing in the official event program

PLEASE NOTE: Marquee and Furniture costs are additional. Your marquee, must fit inside your site size, including pegs and guide ropes. Hirepool are our preferred suppliers of marquees for Annual Connection. Pricing and contacts will be supplied at time of booking your exhibitor site.



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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



PROGRAMME ADVERTISING

An opportunity to advertise in the Annual Connection event programme. See rates below.

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.

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

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.

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.

E V E N T S C H E D U L E

MONDAY 21 OCT SET UP		TUESDAY 22 OCT DAY 1		WEDNESDAY 23 OCT DAY 2		THURSDAY 24 OCT DAY 3	
9.00am	Supplier Expo Load In	7.00am	Competition Commence	7.00am	Competition Commence	7.00am	Competition Commence
5.00pm	All Supplier Expo stands set up	8.00am	Official Opening Competition	8.00am	Supplier Expo Open	8.00am	Supplier Expo Open
		8.00am	Supplier Expo Open	4.00pm	Competition Conclude	8.00am	Competition Briefing / Q&A
		4.00pm	Competition Conclude	4.30pm	Supplier BBQ on Site	2.30pm	Competition Conclude
						6.00pm	Connexis Excellence Awards
							Announcement of Top Three Line Mechanic and Cable Jointers (Ticketed Event)

E V E N T P R O G R A M M A D S

MEDIA	HORIZONTAL	VERTICAL	COST (GST EX)
Full Page	-	297 x 210	\$980
Half Page	148 x 210	297 x 105	\$850
Quarter Page	74 x 210	297 x 52	\$550

F E N C E S I G N A G E

FRONTAGE METRES	# SIGNS	COST (GST EX)
3m	x1	\$120
6m	x2	\$240
9m	x3	\$350
12m	x4	\$470
15m	x5	\$590



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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 9.00am 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.

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.

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.

ALCOHOL

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

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**

K E Y E V E N T D A T E S

REGISTER www.annualconnection.co.nz	DATE
Registration Open	4 March 2024
Pack In	9.00am 21 OCT
Supplier BBQ	4.30-6.30pm 23 OCT
Pack Out	3.00pm 24 OCT
Connexis Excellence Awards	6.00-11.30pm 24 OCT

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