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## Brooke wins Business Administration Trainee Award

The 2011 NSW State Training Awards ceremony for the Illawarra region were held in Wollongong on Friday night.

The awards are conducted annually to recognise outstanding achievement in the vocational education and training sector. The awards honour and reward the achievements of students.

Brooke Eveleigh, a "Business Administration Trainee" working within Shoalhaven City Council's Shoalhaven Water Group was successful in being awarded the Illawarra Business Administration Trainee of the Year for 2011.

"This is the first time that a trainee working with Shoalhaven City Council has received such an accolade." said the General Manager of Shoalhaven City Council Mr Russ Pigg, "and her efforts will inspire other trainees within the organisation."



Brooke completed the Certificate III in Business Administration in 2010 and is now undertaking the Certificate IV at the Nowra TAFE.

Director of Shoalhaven Water, Ms Carmel Krogh noted that "Brooke has achieved outstanding results in her studies whilst working in a front line role with Shoalhaven Water since February 2010. Shoalhaven Water is one of the largest Local Government Water Utilities in Australia and is highly regarded as a

progressive water utility within the industry. Brooke's traineeship with Shoalhaven Water has many facets and it is a difficult and demanding role for any young person working in an extremely busy and challenging work environment. "

Brooke is a part of the Hunter Valley Training Company's, Shoalhaven Group Training which in 2011 is celebrating 30 years of training excellence.

Brooke's achievement is also a significant acknowledgement for that company and its association with Shoalhaven Water which now employs 11 of their trainees.

Mr Pigg said that" Shoalhaven City Council has taken a strategic approach to employ at least 5% of its workforce with trainees across a myriad of functions within the organisation. Currently we employ 57 trainees of which 54 are under 25 years of age and this is providing positive training opportunities for our community."

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