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Current matters October 2026

Hi Daniel,

Here's your latest update on the news, resources and opportunities that matter to your business.



Master Electricians members already save a minimum of 10 cents per litre at participating Mobil fuel sites. **From 1 October to 31 December 2026**, you'll receive an extra 3 cents per litre off, on top of your regular savings.

If you already have a Mobilcard account, there's nothing you need to do, the additional discount will be applied automatically.

New accounts opened during the promotional period will also receive the extra 3 cents per litre discount.

[Find out more about the Mobilcard member benefit.](#)

WorkSafe focus on falls from height



WorkSafe is increasing its focus on how risks from falls from height are being managed on residential construction sites.

The message is particularly relevant for electricians working at height, including those carrying out solar installations, where good planning, safe access and the right controls are essential.

WorkSafe has also produced a short video explaining what to expect from a WorkSafe assessment. It gives a practical snapshot of what an inspector visit may look like and how focused the assessment can be.

[Read the WorkSafe article](#)

Watch: What to expect from a WorkSafe assessment

A powerful reminder about asbestos risk

“I didn’t know what to look out for”

Andrew Winder

A personal story about asbestos and mesothelioma



A message for every trade

Andrew Winder, former Lead Estimator at EIS Group, has shared his family’s story openly following an asbestos diagnosis.

It is a genuinely powerful account that puts a human face on a risk our industry can too often treat as historical or low-probability.

Andrew wants to use what he is going through to drive real awareness across the construction industry while he still has the energy to do it. Hearing his experience first-hand, in his own words, is a powerful reminder of why asbestos awareness still matters.

[Watch Andrew’s story on LinkedIn](#)

Master Electricians NZ are going to Germany!



As part of our advocacy efforts and engagement in the industry - our **Technical Manager, Storm Holgate**, will be joining the NZ IEC delegation as part of the Young Professionals program. He will be following other industry experts from around the globe in learning how the world of standardisation, conformity and assessment works. This year the annual International Electrotechnical Commission meeting is in Hamburg, where Storm will be attending bootcamps, observing technical committees and learning how to make New Zealand standards better from some of the best.

New Zealand relies upon IEC standards for some of the highest level safety compliance required and sometimes directly adapts IEC standards for local conditions.

Storm will be away for the last 2 weeks of November. Our tech support service will be operating during this time, run by a group of excellent Electrical Inspectors from within Master Electricians and Trade Master - so you will be in great hands!

Please do reach out to our technical support team when you have questions, concerns or just generally need to bounce an idea off another mind.

We are available on the phones between 8:30AM and 5:00PM Monday to Friday or via techsupport@masterelectricians.org.nz.



The Government has confirmed that the prohibition on Protective Earth and Neutral (PEN) and earth conductor switching has been restored, with the Electricity (Safety) Amendment Regulations 2026 coming into force on Friday 2 October 2026.

This reverses the late-2025 change that removed clauses 2.3.2.1.2 (b) and (c) from AS/NZS 3000:2018. The prohibition will remain in place while further analysis and an independent expert review are carried out.

For most members, day-to-day work will not change. If PEN switching features in your work, review any jobs being designed, quoted or carried out, update relevant templates or documentation, and make sure your team is aware of the change.

Master Electricians has worked alongside industry partners, including NZEIA, to raise concerns about PEN switching and will continue to represent members as the review progresses.

[Read MBIE's announcement here.](#)

Questions? Contact techsupport@masterelectricians.org.nz.

Have your say on the future of electrical training



The Electrotechnology Industry Skills Board (ISB) is calling for industry input on two key pieces of work shaping the future of electrical training and qualifications.

Future delivery of EarnLearn's electrical training

Have your say on how EarnLearn's electrical training could be delivered in the future.

[Have your say](#)

Electrotechnology qualifications and standards review

The ISB is also reviewing electrotechnology qualifications and standards, with industry feedback helping shape what comes next.

[Find out more](#)



Keep me up to date

A draft amendment has been published for [AS/NZS 4777.2:2020 – Grid connection of energy systems via inverters, Part 2: Inverter requirements](#).

The amendment covers a range of clauses and tables within the standard and

is currently open for industry feedback.

Closing date for comments 8 October 2026.

Putting the BYD Shark to work



Sinclair Energy Managing Director, Cameron Miller has two BYD Sharks working across Taranaki and says they're already making a real difference to the business.

“They’ve been exceptional for our work. The fuel savings have been quite unbelievable too. Across both vehicles, we reckon we’ll save \$20,000 - \$24,000 in fuel compared with our previous Ford Rangers.”

From powering gear on site to cutting fuel costs, Cameron’s experience shows what the BYD Shark can look like in a working electrical business.

Master Electricians members can access exclusive BYD offers.

[See your member offer.](#)

Help protect your tools, vehicles and worksites



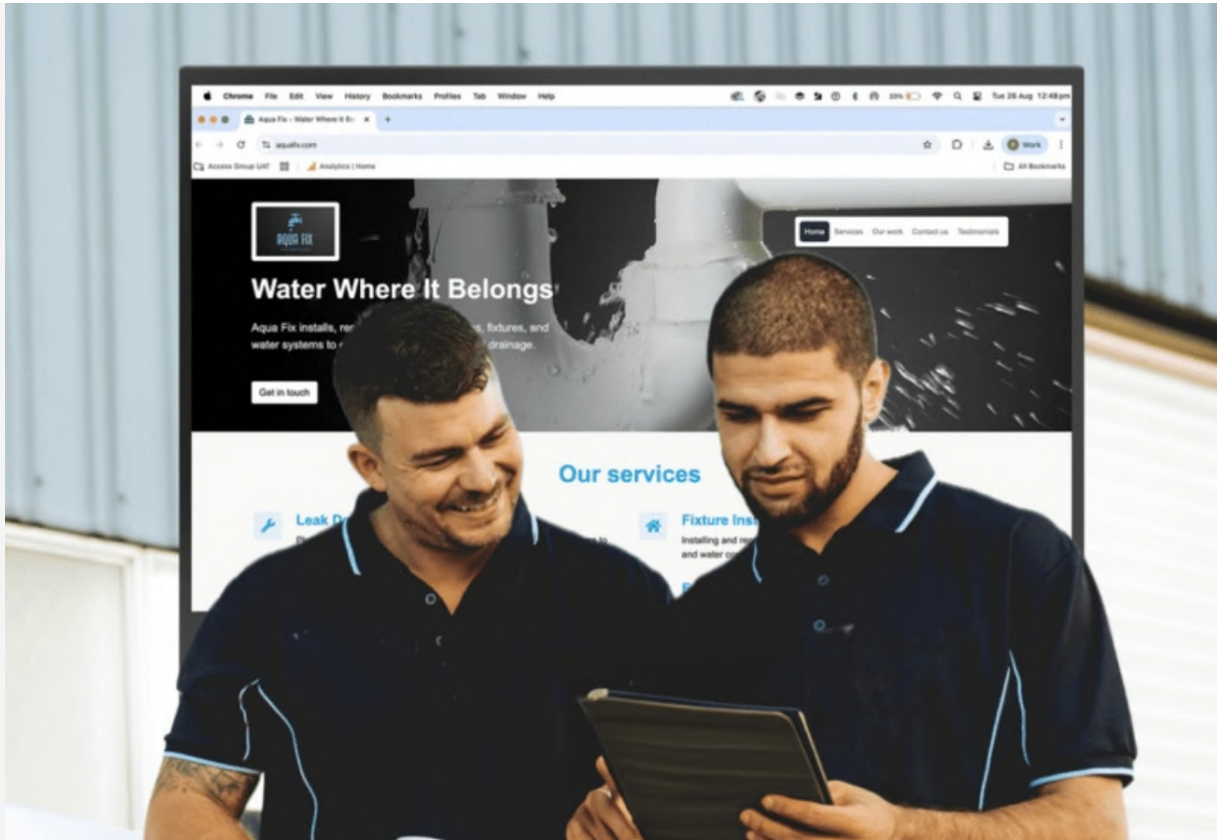
Police have recently seen incidents involving the theft of copper and other valuable materials from building sites, along with thefts of tools from work vehicles and construction sites.

These offences can have a significant financial impact on tradespeople and cause disruption to projects and businesses.

Auckland City West Area Police has shared practical crime prevention advice to help reduce the risk of theft, including site security, vehicle security, tool marking and recording, and other preventative measures.

[Read the crime prevention advice](#)

Less admin. More time back.



Running an electrical business usually means the job doesn't stop when you leave site. There are quotes to send, jobs to schedule, timesheets to chase, invoices to raise and paperwork waiting at the end of the day.

That's where **Tradify** can help.

Built for tradies, Tradify brings enquiries, quoting, scheduling, job tracking, timesheets, invoicing, payments and more into one place — helping business owners spend less time on admin and more time on the work that matters.

More than 30,000 tradies already use Tradify to save hours on paperwork every week.

As a **Master Electricians member**, you can get **50% off** for your first three months, then **20% off every month ongoing** using promo code **MENZ**.

[See the Tradify member offer.](#)

Need branded merchandise for your business?



Hillcrest Promotions (part of AMS - Always Made Special) has joined the n3 Supplier network, giving Master Electricians members access to discounted pricing on a range of promotional products including stationery, drinkware, bags and print.

A typical n3 Member **saves 12% with Hillcrest Promotions.**

Whether you're refreshing your branded gear, preparing for Christmas gifting or stocking up on everyday business essentials, Hillcrest can help!

To find out more, reach out to your n3 Account Manager or [explore the range](#).

Does your vehicle have cardan shaft park brake?



Know Your Brakes



More than 80,000 heavy vehicles in New Zealand are fitted with a cardan shaft park brake (CSPB), and many can be driven on a Class 1 car licence — including vehicles used by electricians for work or personal use.

Unlike most brakes, CSPBs work by restraining the driveshaft rather than the wheels. They need to be used, serviced and tested correctly to reduce the risk of a vehicle rolling away, particularly when parked on a slope or when the load changes.

Since 2010, six people have died in incidents involving vehicles fitted with a CSPB.

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi has practical guidance to help vehicle owners and drivers understand the risks and take steps to keep themselves and others safe.

[Find out more about cardan shaft park brake safety.](#)

Supporting wāhine in trade



Te Ara Wāhine is a three-day event for wāhine in trade and construction, held **14 - 16 October 2026 at the Millennium Hotel, Rotorua.**

Now in its second year, the event brings women from across the trades together for speakers on finance, HR, governance, risk and wellbeing, alongside mentorship from wāhine already running successful trade businesses.

It's designed for **apprentices, tradeswomen, business owners, and office or operations staff**, with sponsored apprentice places also available for nomination.

There's a way to join that fits:

- **Day Pass** \$675 +GST: one day of speakers, connection and catering. Thursday 15 or Friday 16 October.
- **Programme Only** \$1,150 +GST: all three days of sessions, meals and experiences, no accommodation needed.
- **Full Experience** \$1,750 +GST: the full three days and two nights, including the Skyline Gondola and wine tasting, welcome dinner, and the Wai Ariki Spa evening.

[You can see the full programme and register directly here.](#)



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