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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **NATIONAL SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED**

Thirty individuals and organisations from around Australia were officially announced today as National Safe Work Australia Awards finalists.

“The National Safe Work Australia Awards are the premier national OHS awards in Australia and promote continuous improvement in OHS by recognising excellence at the government, organisational and individual level”, said Australian Safety and Compensation Council Chairman Mr Bill Scales.

“I would like to offer my sincere congratulations and thanks to the finalists. This group of finalists are a tremendous example of some of Australia’s dedicated OHS ambassadors, who each and every day are committed to building, promoting and encouraging safer workplaces in Australia.

“Safety in the workplace is everybody’s business. We all have a responsibility for workplace safety.

“When considering the high level of enthusiasm, initiatives and quality of award submissions received for these awards, it important to remember why the efforts of the finalists and their dedication to improving the health and safety of their work-mates is important.

“Over 140 000 Australians are seriously injured at work every year and more than 250 die as a result of work-related injuries. Many more die as a result of work-related disease such as mesothelioma.

“While we are taking the right step towards better workplace safety, more needs to be done”, Mr Scales said.

Finalists for the Awards are winners of OHS awards in their jurisdiction.

An independent judging panel will consider each finalist’s award submission before deciding on a final winner for each of the five categories.

Details of award categories and finalists are outlined in **Attachment A**.

The 2007 Safe Work Australia Awards winners will be announced at an official ceremony to be held at Parliament House on the evening of April 28 2008.

The awards are a key initiative of the Australian Safety and Compensation Council. Further information about the 2007 Safe Work Australia Awards can be found at [www.ascc.gov.au/ascc/NewsEvents/SafetyAwards/](http://www.ascc.gov.au/ascc/NewsEvents/SafetyAwards/)

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## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **CATEGORY 1**

#### **BEST WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

This award recognises demonstrated commitment to continuous improvement of workplace health and safety through the implementation of an integrated systems approach.

- Construction Control (ACT)
- John Holland Group (Comcare)
- Catholic Schools Office – Diocese of Broken Bay (NSW)
- Townsville City Council (QLD)
- Santos Limited (SA)
- SKILLED Group Limited (TAS)
- The Australian Ballet (VIC)
- Pilbara Constructions Pty Ltd (WA)

### **CATEGORY 2**

#### **BEST SOLUTION TO AN IDENTIFIED WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUE**

This award recognises excellence in developing and implementing a solution to an identified workplace health and safety issue. Entries for this award may include a product solution, design/engineering innovation, a training program, awareness-raising activity or other risk control measure that reduces the risk of work-related injury and disease.

- Territory and Municipal Services, Domestic Animal Services (ACT)
- Department of Defence, Royal Australian Navy, Amphibious and Afloat Support Group (Comcare)
- New South Wales Rape Crisis Centre (NSW)
- Watpac Australia Pty Ltd (QLD)
- OneSteel (SA)
- Metro Tasmania Pty Ltd (TAS)
- E.A.R.S Australia (VIC)
- Monear Pty Ltd and Sundowner Technologies (WA)

### **CATEGORY 3**

#### **BEST WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY PRACTICES IN SMALL BUSINESS**

The small business category may include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- solutions to identified risks
- a demonstrated commitment to safety
- improved consultation
- training programs
- toolbox meetings where occupational health and safety is discussed or
- any other practice that has improved occupational health and safety performance in your business.

This category is limited to small businesses that have less than 20 employees or full-time equivalents.

- Dave Cavill N' Co (ACT)
- Sharpe Bros (NSW)
- Vino Ristorante (SA)
- Laddersmart (VIC)

#### **CATEGORY 4**

##### **PUBLIC SECTOR LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR INJURY PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT**

This award recognises government organisations that demonstrate commitment to continuous improvement in occupational health and safety (OHS) and injury management performance through the application of leadership and best practice in the workplace. This award is open to all levels of government (federal, state and local) and includes departments, agencies, authorities and government business enterprises.

- Department of Health and Ageing (Comcare)
- Department of Public Works Queensland (QLD)
- Port of Broome (WA)

#### **CATEGORY 5**

##### **BEST INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION TO WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY**

This award recognises an individual such as a health and safety representative who is not a management employee, whose contribution has made an exceptional difference to health and safety in their workplace.

- Jane Cullen, Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services (ACT)
- Captain Sharryn Batt, Department of Defence Special Air Service Regiment, Army (Comcare)
- Jason Painter, Woolworths Supermarkets (NSW)
- John (Dick) Turpin, Leighton Contractors Pty Ltd (QLD)
- Veronica Wilkey, tafeSA Regional (SA)
- Tarek Soueid, Woolworths Ltd, Hume Distribution Centre, Broadmeadows (VIC)
- Bill Towie, Forest Products Commission (WA)