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47 finalists in NSW Safe Work Awards

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NSW Finance Minister Joe Tripodi today announced 47 finalists in the 2009 WorkCover NSW Safe Work Awards.

“There were more than 100 entries this year ranging from patented devices to risk management strategies,” Mr Tripodi said.

“Each entry was innovative and professional and the judges will have an extremely challenging task narrowing it down to 5 winners.”

Finalists include:

- The pioneering use of microfibre cleaning technology in a hotel that has reduced chemical use by 90% and saved over a million litres of water per year
- A world-first voice injury prevention program for teachers
- A ladder safety device that removes the risk of falling when securing a ladder
- A safety procedure to keep track of workers in ‘lone and remote’ areas
- A redesign of the manhole that has reduced a long-identified risk of injury

The 47 finalists include entries from Newcastle and the Hunter, Queanbeyan, Coffs Harbour, Nowra, Taree, Wollongong, Penrith, Port Kembla and Orange, with 25 from the greater Sydney region.

The judging panel will be made up of senior representatives from WorkCover, trade unions, employer groups and specialist OHS bodies who will choose five winners in the five OHS categories.

The winners will be announced at Rosehill Gardens Pavilion on the evening of Wednesday, October 28.

They will be automatically entered for the National Safe Work Awards to be held in Canberra early next year.

A full list of finalists is attached.

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2009 SafeWork Awards Finalists

Category 1: Best Workplace Health & Safety Management System

- Otto Holdings Aust Pty Ltd
- OneSteel
- Darling Harbour Convention & Exhibition Pty Ltd
- GHD(Newcastle)
- Country Energy(Queanbeyan)
- Sydney Catchment Authority(Penrith)
- Tomago Aluminium(Hunter)
- Transfield Services(Port Kembla)
- St Vincent's & Mater Health Sydney
- Shoalhaven City Council(Nowra)
- University of Wollongong
- Transport Infrastructure Development Corp
- Roads & Traffic Authority

Category 2: Best Solution to an Identified Workplace Health & Safety Issue

- Auburn Council
- Citigate Central Sydney Hotel
- Wollongong Catholic Diocese Education Office & Voice Care Australia
- Penrith Lakes
- Radisson Plaza Hotel Sydney
- Sydney Traffic Service (RTA)
- Water Delivery Alliance(MCB Partnership)
- Walton Constructions Pty Ltd
- MidCoast County Council(Taree)
- Wiseman Industries Pty Ltd(Coffs Harbour)
- NSW Sugar Milling Co-operative
- Country Energy(Queanbeyan)

- Bucyrus Australia Underground Pty Ltd(Hunter)
- AAMHatch(Wollongong)
- Rotacaster Wheel Ltd
- Centennial Coal Co(Lake Macquarie)
- Sydney Water Corp
- Otis Elevator Coy Pty Ltd
- NSW Rural Fire Service
- Safety Compliance Design & Services(Newcastle)
- Mr Michael White(Sydney)
- Combined Safety Pty Ltd
- NSW Police Force(Yvette Johnson)

Category 3: Best Workplace Health & Safety Practices in a Small Business

- Eminent Waste Pty Ltd
- Pride Investment Holdings
- Wiseman Industries Pty Ltd(Coffs Harbour)

Category 4: Best Individual Contribution to Workplace Health & Safety

- Integral Energy
- Sutherland Shire Council
- Country Energy(Queanbeyan)
- Orange Precision Metalcraft Pty Ltd
- Sydney South West Health Service
- Integral Energy

Category 5: WorkCover's Leadership Safety Award

- The Shearers Contractors
- Motor Traders Association