

# Joe Tripodi MP

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## **Minister presents 2009 NSW Safe Work Awards**

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A multi-directional hand truck for moving heavy or awkward loads and an OHS audit system for managing large numbers of sub-contractors working on a large site are among the winners of the 2009 WorkCover NSW Safe Work Awards.

Finance Minister Joe Tripodi presented winners with their awards at Sydney's Rosehill Gardens Grande Pavilion.

"It is particularly rewarding this year to see a high number of entries at such a high standard, especially at a time when NSW businesses are recovering from the economic downturn," Mr Tripodi said.

"The number of entries this year topped 100 for the third year in a row, and featured a healthy and highly inventive mix of first-time entrants and businesses who have come to regard the Safe Work Awards as a major inspiration to improve their safety practices.

"Expanding the focus on workplace safety to the whole month of October this year has brought a rewarding response from across the New South Wales community and raised awareness to new heights.

"The high standard of entries set the judges a particularly challenging task this year representing solid proof that the workplace safety message is being increasingly embedded in the minds of employers and workers.

"The Government's increased focus on providing practical advice, training and assistance has helped reduce workplace injuries to their lowest levels in the last two decades, with work-related fatalities almost halving in that time."

Winning entries from the WorkCover NSW 2009 Safe Work Awards will automatically be entered into the national Safe Work Australia Awards to be presented in Canberra in 2010.

## **2009 Safe Work Award Winners**

### **Best Workplace Health and Safety Management System:**

Winner: Transfield Services for developing an audit process to manage and improve safety across a force of 35 sub-contractors at Port Kembla steelworks.

Highly Commended: Shoalhaven City Council and One Steel.

### **Best Solution to an identified Workplace Health & Safety Issue:**

Winner: Rotacaster Wheel Ltd, Sydney, for its multi-directional hand truck for handling heavy or awkward loads

Highly Commended: MidCoast County Council (Taree), Citigate Central Hotel and Bucyrus Australia Underground (Beresfield)

### **Best Workplace Health & Safety Practices in a Small Business:**

Winner: Pride Investment Holding (Ingleburn) for developing its 'Take Pride in workplace Safety' OHS system

Highly Commended: Eminent Waste Pty Ltd (Aartarmon)

### **Best Individual Contributions to Workplace Health & Safety:**

Winner no formal OHS responsibility: Alan Burman, Country Energy (Queanbeyan),

Winner Formal OHS Responsibility: Nardia Zelukovic, of Orange Precision Metalcraft.

### **WorkCover's Leadership Safety Award:**

Winner: Motor Traders Association for its education and safety programmes, projects and partnerships.

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