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WA Organisations Rewarded for Safety Achievements

48 Western Australian organisations, representing over 1100 individual work units received awards for their safety achievements at the 2006 IFAP/CGU Safe Way Awards held recently at the Kings Park Function Centre, presented by the Hon. John Bowler, Minister for Resources, and the Sheraton Perth Hotel.

The awards encourage WA organisations to participate by maintaining safe work practices and implementing and continuing to improve safety management systems within the organisation.

In his presentation, the Minister endorsed the awards stating that, “There is one injury requiring time off work or medical treatment every 16 minutes. There aren’t enough IFAP’s out there actively encouraging safety in the workplace.”

CGU State Manager, Mr Garry Moore, said that safer workplaces delivered better productivity and higher profitability for businesses.

“We encourage all businesses to look at entering these awards, as they bring focus on to safety that will help reduce workplace injury in WA,” he said.

Businesses operating anywhere in WA can nominate for the awards and entries are now being accepted for next year.



The Hon. John Bowler, Minister for Resources presents Skilled Group Limited's Managing Director, Mr Chris Chalwell with a Gold Safe Way Achiever Award

The awards recognise businesses that deliver a safer working environment for their employees through lower workplace injuries or better safety systems.

IFAP's Managing Director, Martin Ralph, said "The awards are an excellent way to acknowledge businesses which are prioritising safety in their organisation. This year's event saw many organisations excel in safety in the workplace."

The 26 organisations that received a Gold Safe Way Achiever Award at this year's Skilled Gala Dinner were:

Amcor Fibre Packaging	PSN Water
Bluescope Steel WA Service Centre	Savcor Finn Pty Ltd
CBI Constructors Pty Ltd	SITA Environmental Solutions
City of Cockburn Council	Skilled Group Limited
Department of Industry & Resources	Spotless Services Australia Ltd
Dynea Australia Pty Ltd	StaffLink Pty Ltd
EPM Pty Ltd	Technip Oceania Pty Ltd
Gemco Rail Pty Ltd	Tidewater Marine Australia Pty Ltd
Geographe Energy	Toll Energy Logistics Pty Ltd
JJ McDonald & Sons Engineering	Tyco Water Pty Ltd – Kwinana Manufacturing
JP Kenny Pty Ltd	Weatherford Australia Pty Ltd
Midland Brick Company Pty Ltd	Wiltrading (WA) Pty Ltd
Premium Casing Services Pty Ltd	Wundowie Foundry Pty Ltd

These organisations demonstrated the very highest level of commitment to safety through their safety management systems.

IFAP has a long history of making an important contribution to occupational safety and health in WA. Operating as a leading provider of OSH training and consulting services for more than 30 years. IFAP's Safe Way Awards program was established to enhance awareness of and encourage greater attention to safe work practices. It aims to involve employees at all levels of an organisation who set their own group targets and then work to achieve them.

Now in their 28th year, the Safe Way Awards, coordinated by IFAP and sponsored by CGU, are the only WA-based safety awards scheme designed to enable organisations to set their own safety targets. CGU have confirmed sponsorship of the awards for the next 3 years.

Entries are now being accepted for the **2007 IFAP/CGU Safe Way Awards**. Entries are open to any organisation and enquiries can be made to IFAP on **9430 6611**.

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