

NORTHERN TERRITORY FLEET MANAGER WINS TOP TRUCKING AWARD

The Fleet Manager for Directhaul in the Northern Territory, Brian "Spud" Murphy, is the 2011 winner of the Craig Roseneder Award for Technical and Maintenance Excellence in the Workshop.

The Australian Trucking Association (ATA) presents the award each year to recognise the professionalism of the men and women who work in the trucking industry's workshops.

The award was announced in Sydney last night at the ATA's Castrol Awards Dinner, part of the 2011 PACCAR and Dealer Technical and Maintenance Conference. The conference is continuing today and tomorrow.

The Chairman of the ATA, David Simon, said Mr Murphy was a worthy winner of the award, as he has a strong commitment to improving the safety and technology of the trucking industry.

"In the six years Brian has been Fleet Manager for Directhaul, he has introduced many health and safety procedures, including vehicle fault reporting, isolation lockouts and emergency management of tanker rollovers," he said.

Mr Simon said Mr Murphy was also committed to building relationships with customers and suppliers and improving Directhaul's environmental credentials.

"Brian has designed an oil crusher filter system to help make waste oil disposal more effective. The system has helped DirectHaul reduce costs and has also made the process more environmentally friendly.

"He has implemented a number of initiatives to improve the business and customer service, including the design of a rack suitable to hold eight drums - allowing larger orders to be delivered to remote communities," Mr Simon said.

Mr Murphy said he was delighted to receive the award.

"It's an honour to win an award that has been won by blokes like Lance Fisher and to represent trucking in the Northern Territory," Mr Murphy said.

As part of his win, Mr Murphy receives a scholarship to attend the American Trucking Associations' Maintenance Council meeting in 2012.

High resolution images of Mr Murphy are available for media use by sending an email to rochelle.boyce@truck.net.au.

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