**Outstanding contribution to the Australian trucking industry**

This prestigious award acknowledges the commitment of an individual or organisation to improving the trucking industry through their operation or contribution to industry activities. The nominees for this award must be an individual or organisation associated with the Australian trucking industry.

**The Australian trucking industry woman of the year**

The woman of the year award recognises the strong professional contribution made by a woman within the trucking industry.

**National professional driver of the year**

The National Professional Driver of the Year Award recognises the outstanding performance of a professional truck driver, including driving skill, attitude and contribution to industry improvement. Nominees with be full-time professional employee drivers or truck owner/operators currently working as local, medium or long distance drivers.

**The Australian trucking industry training excellence award**

The training excellence award acknowledges the commitment of a trucking organisation to the training and development of employees including the implementation of a structured training system and demonstrated organisational performance improvement.

**The Australian trucking industry highway guardian award**

This national award sponsored by Continental Tyres of Australia acknowledges heroic and gallant acts performed by professional truck drivers in the course of their driving.

*Also presented on the night:*

**Don Watson memorial award**

This award is presented by Noelene Watson to the person who has given conspicuous service to the Australian trucking industry. The winner is selected from a range of exceptional people who do not need to nominate to be considered. The Don Watson Award is generally awarded to a representative of an industry supplier. In this way, it is differentiated from the award for an Outstanding Contribution, which is awarded to individuals employed in trucking operations or trucking groups.

**TruckSafe John Kelly memorial award**

This award recognises a TruckSafe accredited operator that has successfully implemented and promoted the program.

*Awards presented later in the year:*

**Craig Roseneder Award for technical and maintenance excellence**

Nominations close on 20 September for the Craig Roseneder Award sponsored by Castrol, which recognises technical and maintenance excellence in the workshop by an individual. It celebrates the professionalism of the men and women who work behind the scenes in the trucking industry’s workshops.