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NOMINATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL TRUCKING INDUSTRY AWARDS NOW OPEN

Nominations for the 2012 Australian National Trucking Industry Awards are now open. These prestigious awards acknowledge and promote the commitment and achievements of individuals and organisations in all fields of endeavour throughout the road freight transport industry.

The awards will be presented on Friday 18 May at the 2012 Australian Trucking Convention in Rosehill, Sydney. The Rosehill Gardens event centre will play host to the spectacular black tie dinner, sponsored by the ATA's foundation sponsors; BP Australia, NTI Insurance and Volvo Group Australia. The awards now open for nominations include:

- Outstanding contribution to the Australian Trucking Industry;
- National Trucking Industry Woman of the Year;
- National Professional Driver of the Year;
- Training Excellence Award; and the
- Highway Guardian Award.

Nominations must be received by 20 April 2012.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Trucking Association, Stuart St Clair, said "The National Trucking Industry Awards showcase some of the most committed individuals and businesses in the industry. Each one is a great ambassador and contributor to the industry we love.

"There are fantastic prizes to be won, including international travel packages. However, the true value of these awards is far more wide reaching."

Merv Rowlands, winner of the 2009 Craig Roseneder Award, said "Awards can recognise, reward, motivate, set benchmarks; and inspire innovation, initiative and risk. The award would not only be recognition for the individual, but also the company that has fostered the talent. I can guarantee that it would - incrementally, at least - help to raise your company's profile, professional image and employee performance. And you can pay a lot of money and go to a lot of effort to do that."

To make a nomination for the national trucking industry awards or find out more about the awards or process, go to <http://www.ataevents.net.au/awards/>.

The details of the awards are attached.

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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 will 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.