



TruckSafe Update

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TruckSafe winners at National Trucking Industry Awards

TruckSafe members found themselves well represented at the 2012 National Trucking Industry Awards, presented at the ATA Foundation Sponsors Gala Dinner in Parramatta on Friday.



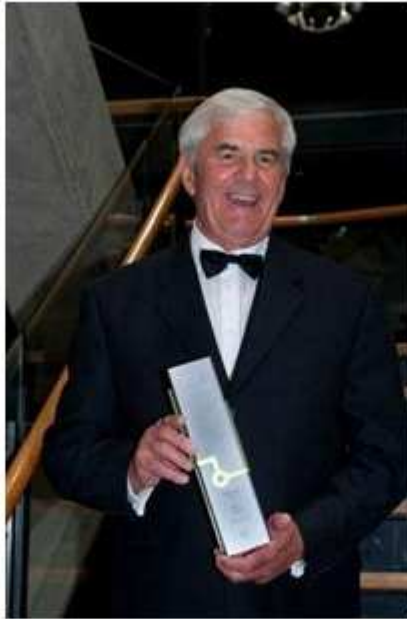
L to R: Noel Kelly, Tim Wedlock, Les Lipinski, Steve Crandell, Trevor Martyn, David Simon

The **TruckSafe John Kelly Memorial Award**, proudly sponsored by Austbrokers AEI Transport, went to **Cleary Bros Pty Ltd**, based in Port Kembla, NSW. Steve Crandell, Transport Manager, and Les Lipinski, Maintenance Manager, were thrilled to accept the award.

"This award is everything, everything we've worked to achieve. John was a driving force to get us into the TruckSafe program to begin with," Mr Crandell said.

"TruckSafe is making a real difference for putting out for tenders, and we're building from strength to strength."

Mr Lipinski added, "I'm proud to have safe trucks on our roads, that's what it's all about."



The **Outstanding Contribution to the Australian Trucking Industry Award**, sponsored by Foundation Sponsors BP Australia, NTI and Volvo Group Australia, went to **Tony McGrath of McGrath Newcastle**.

Tony is a TruckSafe Director, and McGrath Newcastle a proud TruckSafe member.

"The industry has been my whole life since I left school. It's all I've ever done and all I've wanted to do. The industry has been very kind to me, and tonight's award makes me a pretty proud truckie," he said.



L to R: Trevor Martyn, Phil Burton, Tim Chellas, David Simon

The winner of the **Highway Guardian Award**, sponsored by Continental Tyres Australia, was **Tim Chellas** from Linfox Linehaul, the first TruckSafe-accredited Linfox division. Tim discovered during his obligatory TruckSafe pre-trip check that his in-cab fire extinguisher was faulty. He replaced the extinguisher, and one month later used it to save a fellow truck driver's life as his B-double rolled and began to burn.

While Tim said he had just done what anyone would do, Warren Kaeding, Linfox National Compliance Manager, said that the award was a triumph for both Tim

and Linfox's compliance program.

"If Tim had not completed the pre-trip check that is obligatory through our membership in the TruckSafe Industry Accreditation program, we would be telling the horror story of a man burned to death in his cab, not of Tim's heroic rescue," Warren said.