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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR TRUCKING INDUSTRY WORKSHOP AWARD

The finalists for the 11th annual Craig Roseneder Award for Technical and Maintenance Excellence in the Workshop have been announced by the Australian Trucking Association (ATA) today.

The ATA and the Australian Road Transport Suppliers' Association (ARTSA) present the award each year to recognise the professionalism of the men and women who work behind the scenes in the trucking industry's workshops.

ATA Chairman Trevor Martyn said the award is a crucial part of the industry's calendar because it identifies and rewards the people who have contributed to taking the Australian trucking industry to a higher level of technical excellence.

"The Craig Roseneder award forms an important part of the trucking industry's effort to promote the commitment and achievement of individuals and organisations within the industry," Mr Martyn said.

The Craig Roseneder Award finalists for 2008:

Tony Rawson: Maintenance Manager, Brisbane City Council

Graham Nash: Maintenance Manager, Mountain Industries

Alan Wilkins: Parts and Service Sales Manager, Mack Trucks Brisbane

"Given the calibre of the finalists, and indeed of all the entries, the judges have obviously had a difficult task. The industry is eagerly anticipating the announcement of a winner among these deserving finalists," Mr Martyn said.

This year's winner of the Craig Roseneder Award will receive a scholarship to attend the American Trucking Associations' Maintenance Council meeting in early 2009 and a thousand dollars in spending money.

The winner will also be presented with an individual trophy and a gift from award sponsor Castrol, as well as complimentary registration for the 2009 ATA/ARTSA Technical and Maintenance Conference.

The winner will be announced on Monday 10th November at the Castrol Awards Dinner, as part of the annual Technical and Maintenance Conference, which will be held from 9-11 November at the Moonee Valley Function Centre in Melbourne.

The details of the finalists are attached. For more information visit www.ataevents.net.au.

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Tony Rawson - Maintenance Manager, Brisbane City Council

Tony has been the Maintenance Manager for Brisbane City Council since May 2005, and has been working in the maintenance field for over twenty years. After starting his career as an apprentice vehicle mechanic in the army, Tony has held a number of senior positions in fleet and maintenance management in the commercial transport sector.

Tony has focused on developing the vehicle emissions testing facility for Brisbane City Council, an initiative he has developed through his positive relationships with transport operators throughout south-east Queensland. The program has been a great success and has helped many operators tap into the fuel tax credits scheme.

As part of his position as Maintenance Manager for the council, Tony mentors two apprentices and has developed a successful maintenance management team utilising his leadership and technical experience. He has been a strong advocate within the organisation for the engagement and training of apprentices to serve future needs of the industry.

Graham Nash - Maintenance Manager, Mountain Industries

Graham has been in the role of Maintenance Manager at Mountain Industries since 2005. He gained his heavy vehicle mechanic qualifications with the Department of Defence and worked as a mechanic and workshop foreman before becoming the Maintenance Controller for Brambles Industrial Services, where he stayed for 16 years.

Apart from his vast technical experience, Graham has been active in the promotion of the industry for many years through his involvement with industry associations, including the Chartered Institute of Transport and Logistics Australia (CILTA) and the Hunter Road Transport Awareness Day. Through this industry interaction Graham has developed a reputation as a dedicated and professional individual.

During his time at Mountain Industries, Graham has continually lobbied senior management for their support of a workshop staff development program. The development program has been successful in assisting a number of young trades' people to develop their skills and to contribute to the reliability of Mountain Industry's vehicle and plant fleets.

Alan Wilkins - Parts and Service Sales Manager, Mack Trucks Brisbane

Alan has been in the maintenance support industry in excess of 23 years. Alan started his career as an apprentice heavy commercial vehicle mechanic with Mack Trucks Australia (MTA) and has spent the last 23 years working with Mack, where he has reached the position of parts and service manager.

Alan has taken on board the development of apprentices within the MTA branch at Wacol. He has also been instrumental in developing a relationship between MTA and the Army for new apprentices.

Alan has focused his knowledge and experience of the current emissions standards and has been able to pass this knowledge onto MTA customers. He has also partnered with Brisbane City Council Fleet in the operation of a vehicle emissions testing facility.

Alan has been described as an extremely customer focussed employee with a great understanding of how to present a workable cost effective outcome for clients. Through this he has developed an outstanding network and customer base.