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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR TRUCKING INDUSTRY WORKSHOP AWARD

The finalists for the 12th 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 efforts to promote the commitment and achievement of individuals and organisations within the industry," Mr Martyn said.

The Craig Roseneder Award finalists for 2009 are:

- **Merv Rowlands:** Fleet Engineering Manager, Boral Transport
- **Robert Marchetti:** National Workshop Manager, Booth Transport

"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 from 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 2010 and \$1500 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 2010 ATA/ARTSA Technical and Maintenance Conference.

The winner will be announced on Monday 16th November at the Castrol Awards Dinner, as part of the annual Technical and Maintenance Conference, which will be held from 15-17 November at the Silverwater Resort in San Remo, the gateway to Victoria's Phillip Island.

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

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2009 Craig Roseneder Award finalists' profiles

Merv Rowlands: Fleet Engineering Manager, Boral Transport

Merv is the Fleet Engineering Manager at Boral Transport and has been involved in the industry for 28 years. After starting his career at Boral, Merv returned to the company five years ago.

As the fleet engineer, Merv has accountability for setting the specifications for some 1500 heavy vehicles operating for Boral around Australia. He has worked tirelessly with suppliers to improve the safety, environmental and ergonomic specifications of vehicles in the fleet.

In particular, Merv played a leading role in working with Iveco to commission the first CNG engines used in agitators within Australia. This technology is now being progressively rolled out across the Boral fleet.

Merv's expansive list of achievements, which include development of many leading-edge trailer designs, is testament to his commitment to improving the impact the industry has on the community. Boral has recognised the important contributions that Merv has made, because it makes them a leader in the field of safety and environmental improvement.

A highly respected member of the heavy vehicle industry, Merv has strong interaction and respect from all suppliers. He is well known for his meticulous planning and focus on core values.

As an active member of the Australian Trucking Association's Industry Technical Council, Merv continues to drive development in the industry.

Robert Marchetti: National Workshop Manager, Booth Transport

Robert is the National Workshop Manager for Booth Transport, a company he has been part of since 2006. He has over 31 years experience in the maintenance field.

After starting his career as an apprentice vehicle mechanic in a small truck repair shop in Wingfield, South Australia, Robert has held a number of senior positions in service and maintenance in the commercial transport sector.

Robert is passionate about customer service and has developed strong working relationships with many trucking operators and suppliers who appreciate the effort he puts into every job he undertakes. His employer also sees the benefits of Robert's passion for service, with many customers following him to Booth, when he moved to his current position.

He has recently undertaken a program to reduce the environmental impact of the Booth Transport workshop. By working with the company's suppliers, Robert has made a significant reduction in Booth's carbon footprint.

In addition he has spearheaded a number of trials of products that reduce the company's impact on the environment, including low resistance tyres, fully synthetic engine oils and fuel saving devices and additives.

Robert's commitment to improvement has seen many of the staff trained by him go on to become industry leaders, while participation in the MTA, SARTA and the TMC put him at the forefront of industry promotion.