

RISSB

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2025

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AWARD CATEGORIES

Safety Leadership Program

This award celebrates programs within organisations that promote the overall safety (rail and WHS) capability of the wider organisational team to improve physical and/or psychological safety outcomes. The program must demonstrate innovation and clear safety benefits either for external or internal environments or both.

Frontline Worker Safety Initiative

This award recognises a frontline rail worker (or team) who in the past 12 months, championed a rail safety initiative or workplace improvement with exemplary safety outcomes for their co-workers. The nomination should include situations in which the worker or team has demonstrated excellence, and where possible include feedback from community or stakeholders.

Community Safety Initiative

The community safety award acknowledges initiatives that deliver an improvement in community rail safety outcomes (for example, level crossings, trespass or other community safety engagement initiatives). The initiative must demonstrate practical, applicable solutions and community benefits and a commitment to improving safety.

Emerging Leader

This award is for excellence and innovation and will be granted to a new (less than 5 years) rail worker in the rail industry to recognise and encourage their contribution to the improvement of safety. The nomination must demonstrate passion and commitment to the rail industry, outlining excellence achieved and a plan for their future in rail.

Industry Safety Professional of the Year

This award acknowledges the overall achievements of a safety professional in improving the health, safety and wellbeing outcomes within a team or organisation. This nomination must include clear examples of consistent safety outcomes and overall professionalism.



The RISSB Rail Safety Awards are designed to recognise and celebrate individual and company safety achievements in the rail industry and promote diversity, excellence and innovation for the betterment of rail – we encourage all to participate.

The finalists of each category will be invited to attend the Rail Safety Conference dinner in Sydney on **Tuesday, 13 May 2025*** where category winners will be announced.

WHY ENTER?

Entering the RISSB Rail Safety Awards provides the chance to recognise the contribution of you and your team to the rail industry.

Nominating for an award is an opportunity to:

- + self-evaluate your business
- + network with industry leaders and peers
- + increase media and brand awareness
- + showcase your success to the industry and the public
- + increase your business profile
- + receive recognition for your hard work and business excellence.

For more information about the awards, please email events@rissb.com.au with the words '2025 RISSB Rail Safety Awards' in the subject line.

*All dates are subject to change.

AWARD FINALIST BENEFITS

Judges will select up to four (4) entries as finalists for each award category. Finalists will be notified from **Wednesday, 16 April 2025**.*

Along with having their contributions recognised, each award finalist will receive:

- + one (1) 50 per cent discounted ticket for a selected company representative (if a company award) or individual to the RISSB Rail Safety Conference Dinner
- + 10 per cent discount for a company table booking for the dinner
- + winners will automatically be entered into the 2025 ARI Awards RISSB Safety Excellence category.

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED

The 2025 Rail Safety Awards are open to any individual working in the rail industry, or an organisation operating in, or affiliated with, rail in Australia and New Zealand.

Read the award categories to see what program or individual is eligible to be nominated. Nominations can be made by the nominee themselves or by another person/party.

What better way to:

- + thank an employee for their commitment and dedication to your company
- + show someone you acknowledge their achievements
- + promote a company for its leadership in innovation
- + have a product or service recognised nationally by industry leaders.

JUDGING

Nominations received under each RISSB Rail Safety Award category are assessed by an independent judging panel. The panel comprises rail industry safety leaders.

The judges are looking for:

- + new innovations and ideas
- + practical, applicable solutions
- + passion and commitment to the rail industry
- + overall professionalism
- + clear and concise answers to all questions
- + benefits of the initiative or program.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- No late applications will be accepted.
- Nominations must be submitted using the form.
- Supporting documents may be provided as part of the nomination process.
- Nominees must be working in the rail industry, or be affiliated with the rail industry i.e. consulting, supplying etc.
- Applicants must meet the entry criteria for the specific award to be eligible.
- The same submission can be submitted for consideration across a maximum of two award categories.
- Self-nominations are allowed, but individuals submitting self-nominations must supply second/third party endorsement and referee contact details.
- Winners will be announced at the RISSB Rail Safety conference dinner event.
- Finalist companies may select one (1) representative to accept the award, announced at the dinner.
- RISSB reserves the right to use non-confidential details, distribute media and own photographs for publicity purposes pertaining to the Awards and RISSB.
- All applications are treated with the strictest confidence.
- The decision by the judging panel in each category is final.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE | Friday, 28 March 2025
FINALISTS CONTACTED | Wednesday 16 April 2025
WINNERS ANNOUNCED | Tuesday, 13 May 2025*

KEY DATES

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