

Safety upheld from shop floors up

This year's National Health & Safety Excellence Awards program attracted 34 entries submitted from a broad cross section of the steel industry from small SMEs right up to large multinational companies suggesting that the management of workplace risks is still very much front of mind for many in the supply chain.

The Awards were presented by the Australian Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, **Hon. Bill Shorten MP**, ASI National Safety Committee Chairman, **Andrew Miedler** and ASI National Safety Coordinator, **Phil Casey** at the Steel Convention Gala Dinner in Parliament House, Canberra on 10 September.

Mr Casey said the entries also demonstrated that all levels of employee engagement are integral to the outcome producing innovative ideas and strong commitment to implementing the improvements.

The Awards program is managed and judged by the ASI National Safety Committee members, namely;

Daniel Conway	Andrew Miedler
Paul Cutrone	Brian Rooney
David Fairley	Geoff Voigt
Mark Goodsell	Roger Wignarajah
Owen Luttrell	Andrew Wiseman
Adrian Marino	

Individual Award

Winner – Peter Tonkin (OneSteel Manufacturing, Sydney)

Mr Tonkin has consistently led the way in safety improvement since starting at OneSteel Manufacturing's Sydney Rolling Mill in 1994, using his skills as a finishing end operator and a boilermaker to enact safety improvements for his crew of six responsible for receiving, cutting and stacking finished product. He keeps his team members compliant to requisite operating standards, taking time to observe unsafe conditions and either rectifies what he sees, or escalates issues for further attention. He also uses his boilermaker skills to fabricate and repair items that make the workplace safer, like fabricating and installing gates to separate people safely from mobile equipment, installing apron covers and fabricating oxy torch holders following a near miss incident. He takes advantage of downtime and rostered breaks to address these issues by volunteering his services, on many occasions when rostered off.

High Commendation – Andy Morgan



(L to R) Individual Award recipients, **Peter Tonkin** and **Andy Morgan**, flanked by **Chris Comyns** and **Cath Skidmore**.

Improvement Initiative Award

Winner – Rimco Rotator (Rimco Equipment, Brisbane QLD)

The rotators were developed to overcome the high risk of injury caused by steel beams dislodging from their set positions on work trestles during the fabrication and welding manufacturing process. The machines were developed by Managing Director, **David Rolle** in conjunction with management, draftsmen, factory floor personnel and external engineering experts. They encapsulate the steel being fabricated (manufactured) within a steel motorised ring, enabling the ring and thereby the steel to be positioned at any angle with no risk of injury to the welder/operator. Although the rotators were developed to answer a workplace health and safety need at the manufacturing plant, they have also proven a major cost saving initiative for the company. The rotators are now being produced to accommodate steel of various shapes, sizes and working loads responding to requests from all over the world.

High Commendation – COPU and Load Restraint Videos (Stramit Building Products)



(L to R) National Safety Committee Chairman, **Andrew Miedler** and Australian Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, **Bill Shorten** present the Improvement Initiative Award to **David Rolle** from winning company, Rimco.

Site Award

Winner – Bowhill Engineering

Bowhill Engineering has developed an integrated systems approach that allows all employees and other key stakeholders to inform policy development and implementation which has ultimately led to improvements and new WHS policies being introduced more smoothly. The company's WHS Hazard Committee has majority employee representation of two administration and two workshop people along with two management representatives to develop and implement WHS policies and procedures. The company produces a WHS calendar which sets out all requirements into an annual cycle, each month with a focus managed by its Hazard Committee and WHS Coordinator. That, along with monthly WHS reports and action list covering all accidents, incidents, near misses and required safety documentation are reviewed by the Hazard Committee with actions then identified, completed and ratified by management and the Board monthly.



(L to R) **Mark Graham** and **Samantha Krollig** from Bowhill Engineering with the company's Site Award on the big night.

ENTRANTS

Individual Award:

Dave Clark (Newcastle Despatch Superintendent, OneSteel Australian Tube Mills)

Stephen Farnworth (OneSteel Metaland – Steel & Tube)

David Farr (Operations Manager, GAM Steel)

Mario Hurst (Director – Metal Line North Brisbane, SafeBridge)

Andy Morgan (OneSteel Manufacturing)

Peter Tonkin (OneSteel Manufacturing)

George Young (OneSteel Metaland – Steel & Tube)

Improvement Initiative Award:

Adjustable Exclusion Zone (CMC Coil Steels, Erskine Park NSW)

Apron Covers (OneSteel Manufacturing, Sydney Rolling Mill NSW)

Automated Pneumatic Step (CMC Coil Steels, Notting Hill VIC)

Crane Prevention of Falls (OneSteel Manufacturing, Sydney Rolling Mill NSW)

Cut Resistant Sleeves Sewn in Polo Tops (BlueScope Steel Sunshine Service Centre, VIC)

Feed Slit Coils to Re-coiler Hands-Free (CMC Coil Steels, Erskine Park NSW)

Health World (SafeBridge, Northgate QLD)

Load Restraint Education (OneSteel Distribution and Engistics, National)

Loading Platforms (Stramit Building Products, Maddington WA)

OPU and Load Restraint Videos (Stramit Building Products, National)

Portable Access Planks (CMC Coil Steels Plate & Long, Yatala QLD)

Safety Barriers – Packing Line (CMC Coil Steels, Notting Hill VIC)

Slitter Lifting Jig by Tony Stankovski (OneSteel Australian Tube Mills, Newcastle NSW)

Small Site Safety Strategy (B&D Doors & Openers, National, NZ and China)

Rimco Rotator (Rimco Equipment, Brisbane QLD)

Scrap Pit Fall Prevention (OneSteel Manufacturing, Sydney Melt Shop NSW)

Transporting Long Products Safely on Our Roads (CMC Coil Steels, Mt Druitt NSW)

Site Award:

Bowhill Engineering (Bowhill SA)

CMC Coil Steels (Erskine Park, NSW)

CMC Coil Steels (Notting Hill VIC)

CMC Coil Steels (Gillman SA)

CMC Coil Steels (Larapinta QLD)

Konecranes (Bayswater VIC)

Konecranes (Henderson WA)

Konecranes (Wingfield Steel Distribution Centre SA)

OneSteel Metaland (Southern Region NSW)

Stramit Building Products (Coffs Harbour NSW)



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