Winners announced for the 2014 Australian Supply Chain & Logistics Awards

Winners of the longest running national awards program in the supply chain, logistics and transport industry were announced last night at a gala dinner at the prestigious Members Dining Room at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Having served the industry for over fifty years, the Australian Supply Chain & Logistics Awards, which are run by the SCLAA, are the most recognised and esteemed awards for an individual and a company to be awarded in the industry.

2014 ASCL Future Leaders Award
The purpose of the Future Leaders Award is to provide incentive and recognition to young professionals who are both currently working in and wish to continue their career path within the Transport, Supply Chain and Logistics Industry. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase young professionals within our great industry.

The winner of the 2014 Future Leaders Award was awarded an enrolment into the Leadership Management Australia’s ‘The Performance Edge’ 10 week development
program valued at $5000. The program assists participants to improve their personal performance and productivity as well as that of their team. The prize includes consultation in the workplace, assistance in the development of some professional goals, all course material, attendance at 10 interactive workshops, facilitation and course coaching and access to LMA’s unique on-line feedback system.

Finalists were: Jasmin Caplin, National Logistics Coordinator, Australian Red Cross Blood Service, James Crafter, Logistics Analyst, TOLL Holdings, Renee Cunningham, Implementation Manager, Aurizon, Ryan Jackson, Director, Resource2Source, Christopher Krause, Supply Chain Project Manager, Mecca Brands, Niall Lucas, Project Manager, Westlink Logistics, Yit Ming Ng, Vehicle Scheduling & Plant Liaison Coordinator, GM Holden, Matthew Pope, Procurement Support and Data Officer, Energex Limited, Alexander Prizeman, Inventory Team Manager, Polar Fresh Cold Chain Services and Maria Sarubin, Asset Manager – Kimberley Region, Main Roads WA.

A High Commendation was awarded to Jasmin Caplin, National Logistics Coordinator, Australian Red Cross Blood Service and Niall Lucas, Project Manager, Westlink Logistics.

Jasmin Caplin: Jasmin’s experience to date has exposed her to a range of businesses, however the field that inspires and challenges her the most is the Healthcare/Medicine supply chain. She is looking to move into a strategic management role within the transport and logistics industry and use her knowledge of the ‘coal face’ vs the ‘head office’ to effectively negotiate outcomes. To enhance her longer term career goals she is planning to commence a Masters of Logistics.

Niall Lucas: Niall is one of a kind young achiever, who is highly motivated and passionate about the industry he works in. His clients, sub-contractors, competitors and peers show the utmost respect to him, which is more important than anything, especially in an industry where relationships are critical.

The winner of the 2014 Future Leaders Award is Renee Cunningham, Implementation Manager, Aurizon.
2014 ASCL Industry Excellence Award

The Industry Excellence Award is the most prestigious award and recognises and acknowledges the outstanding achievements and contribution by an individual currently working within the Transport, Supply Chain and Logistics Industry. The judges will be looking for individuals who have demonstrated vision and leadership, shows innovation and not afraid to take risks.

The winner of the 2014 Industry Excellence Award will receive entry to the Graduate Certificate of Business Management valued at $9,480.00 from Swinburne University. The Graduate Certificate of Business Management (SCM) is a postgraduate qualification in the specialist field of supply chain and logistics. The course enables students to develop advanced skills and knowledge in the development, implementation and maintenance of supply chain systems using key principles and practices.


A High Commendation was awarded to Tycho Buningh, Director, Tycho Buningh & Associates. Tycho has over 20 years’ senior executive experience in the private and public sectors, specialising in maritime logistics management and port operations. He has held senior executive roles in shipping within the Toll Group and in port management with North Queensland Bulk Ports. Over his career Tycho has continually contributed to the benefit of his employer and to the industry in general.

There were joint winners this year, Nev Burton, Senior Advisor, STEP Supply Chain and John Lee, Director of Procurement & Contract Management Health Support, Queensland Department of Health.
Nev Burton: Nev has spent the last 57 years in the Supply Chain industry since starting as a Supply Clerk in the Electrical Industry in 1957. His focus over recent years has been on using his wide ranging experience to ensure that the various organisations he has worked with are focused on the basics of Supply Chain Management and on ensuring that those organisations have a clear strategic focus and the necessary processes in place to implement their strategic plans. Of all that Neville had achieved in his long career he is probably proudest of being able to use his experience to assist others, organisations and people, to grow and to improve and to use what they have to the best of their ability.

John Lee: During a professional career spanning some 40 years, John has successfully filled a wide range of roles but his most proud achievements are when he brings people along with him and provide them with the tools that they need to do the job. He is particularly proud of his successes in transforming underperforming individuals into high performing, customer focussed teams and in mentoring young procurement and logistics professionals. He also attributes his successes and achievements to robust planning, innovation and a cost efficient mind-set in achieving ‘best practice’ and the best possible outcome.

2014 ASCL Training, Education & Development Award
The Training, Education & Development Award is to be presented to the company or institution that best demonstrates a significant achievement in aspects such as recruitment process, training, HR Systems, formal education and development programs which is both relevant to and promotes the Supply Chain and Logistics Industry.

Finalists were: CoR Australia (Urban Global), GenR8 Employment Pathway for Youth - Metropolitan Region, Department of Education, Training and Employment, Kmart – Lytton Distribution Centre, Labourforce Impex, Solid Plus & Tyres4U Training Academy and UQ Business School Executive Education.

A High Commendation was awarded to UQ Business School Executive Education. UQ Business School has been recognised for having some of the best executive development courses covering leadership and people, strategy and innovation, and operational excellence in the industry. Their operational excellence courses are designed to provide leaders with an understanding of how business processes work
and how they can be improved within their organisation. This includes Supply Chain Optimisation course which is designed for managers and professionals looking for tools and techniques to optimise and improve their areas or organisations supply chain and supplier management.

The winner of the 2014 Training, Education and Development Award is GenR8 Employment Pathway for Youth - Metropolitan Region, Department of Education, Training and Employment.

GenR8 is an industry-demand driven, youth attraction and employment pathway for Year 12 students. From an industry and business perspective, the program is a strategic recruitment model designed to address labour and skill shortages in key industry sectors and address an ageing workforce through youth engagement. GenR8 aims to create sustainable linkages between employers, local high schools and local communities by establishing schools as a recruitment hub.

2014 ASCL Information Management Award
The Information Management Award will go to the business that can best demonstrate it has made a significant achievement in the application of information technology within its Supply Chain.

Finalists were: BCDS Solutions, RedEye Apps and Santos Limited.

A High Commendation was awarded to BCDS Solutions.
BCDS Solutions have been recognised for their eStoreman - Electronic Storeman for Asset or Inventory Management Solutions. eStoreman is an automated mobile control unit to manage the movement of personnel, tools and assets to and from a secure store location. It uses the latest in bar code and RFID technology to control and record movements of both personnel and goods. This solution provides fast ROI by replacing the need for a Fly-in Fly-out storeman to check and quantify asset locations and the potential for re-orders. The ability to read by using the dual corridors of the solution without reading items remaining in the store is testament to the secure environment provided backed up by CCTV.

The winner of the 2014 Information Management Award is Santos Limited.
Santos Limited recently undertook a Supply Chain Processes and Technology Re-engineering project that was initiated by the Supply Chain Excellence team to modernise the processes and systems and equip Santos’ operations for future growth. The most enduring lesson learned is the value of focussing on process re-engineering in distinct and separate projects when installing technology. A secondary and also enduring lesson is the value of using tried Lean methodologies. Quantified productivity increases exceed 30%, complimented by increased certainty of supply, better visibility of freight and increased compliance with safety and legislative requirements. This Project has delivered a repeatable, scalable solution from which additional efficiencies can be pursued. The success of the Project has considerably enhanced the Supply Chain’s reputation as a valued contributor and a critical enabler of organisational performance.

**2014 ASCL Environmental Excellence Award**

The Environmental Excellence Award recognises corporate leadership contributing to the solution of environmental sustainability within our industry through performance and action.

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In consultation with the City of Casey, Kingston, Bayside, & Cardinia - an Eco-driver training program was designed to reduce the fuel burn for these four city councils to reduce the Carbon emissions and reduce the fuel spend for these councils fleet vehicles. Since the program began, they have seen an initial average improvement in fuel burn of 29.72%. With the average fuel economy improving by 24.88%.

**2014 Storage & Handling of Materials Award**

The Storage & Handling of Materials Award recognises the significant achievements in the techniques and technology of materials storage and handling at any stage of the Supply Chain. Technology covers equipment and design techniques, including facilities design, and associated information and control systems.
Finalists were: Blackwoods and Hill Tankers & Freight Cost Index.

The winner of the 2014 Storage & Handling of Materials Award is Blackwoods.

Blackwoods NSW Distribution centre have been recognised for Australia’s first new generation Multishuttle Storage Buffer & Sequencing System with GTP Picking. The project incorporates Dematic Multishuttle Storage Buffer & Sequencing System for Goods-to-Person (GTP) Picking, Ergonomic Goods-to-Person (GTP) Picking & Replenishment Stations with Integrated Checkweighing, Voice-Directed Picking, Longspan Shelving & Pallet Live Storage (PLS) High-Rate Picking Module, Voice-Directed Picking, Carton Live Storage (CLS) High-Rate Picking Module and the Blackwoods’ Greystanes DC Integrated Logistics & Order Fulfilment Systems Summary. The project benefits included Consolidation of two DCs totalling 23,000 sqm into one new 14,000 sqm DC, the Multishuttle providing very high productivity and throughput rates: 1000 totes/hour, the delivery of SKUs to GTP workstations in exact sequence to optimise order assembly, Improved inventory management, with on-going checkweighing and cycle counting and error-free put-away process ensures inventory accuracy, reducing stock-outs.

2014 ASCL Supply Chain Management Award
The aim of the Supply Chain Management Award is to encourage and acknowledge the outstanding achievement of an organisation that has demonstrated significant achievement in managing the integration of Supply Chains. This could be functional integration within an organisational Supply Chain or more widely across Supply Chains involving several organisations that have formed trading partnerships or alliances. Collaboration and added value across the Supply Chain, achievements gained through outsourcing and the development of new business models could also be demonstrated.

Finalists were: Asixa, Blackwoods, Procurement Transformation Division - Department of Housing and Public Works, Downer EDI Mining & Stanwell Corporation, Hill Tankers and Freight Cost Index, Interactive Freight Systems and UGL Engineering & Stanwell Corporation.

A High Commendation was awarded to Hills Tankers and Freight Cost Index. With Hills Tankers combining their expertise in bulk liquid logistics, with a strong focus on operational safety, efficiency, innovation and an understanding of the
customers SC and logistics needs, was able to provide a solution that reduced a number of combinations on the road, kms, and hours travelled. It also achieved gains in improved scheduling, improved turnaround times for fleet with improved access, loading and load profiling. The Production cycle has become less frequent in larger batches, and the improved efficiency is reducing freight cost, compared to stock holding cost (WACC), less number of larger loads delivered compared to the previous high frequency of smaller deliveries.

The winner of the 2014 Supply Chain Management Award is Asixa.

Asixa have been recognised for their contribution to the Victorian Government’s Department of Human Services (DHS) Charity Freight Service: a multi-million dollar initiative providing a distribution pool for major charity groups to support people in need all over the state.

The Charity Freight Service, through Asixa, combines the distribution needs of all charities to achieve economies of scale. This provides charities with maximum value per dollar spent and far greater state reach than would otherwise be the case. Today, there are 16 organisations using the Charity Freight Service including the Salvation Army, Red Cross, St Vincent De Paul Society Victoria and Foodbank Victoria. Asixa has worked constantly to maximise efficiency and effectiveness of this service. The company not only provides first-class road transport, but implements better supply chain practices for its users’ operations to deliver consistent efficiency gains.

**2014 Small/Medium Business Energy Efficiency Award**

The award is designed for the best implementation and results of an Energy Efficient measure in warehouse or transport by a Small/Medium Business in Australia, who attended the SCLAA’s Energy Efficiency workshops or webinars.

Finalists were: South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) & Strategix Training Group and Xtreme Freight.

A High Commendation has been awarded to South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) & Strategix Training Group.
Strategix Training Group delivered a Eco Driving customised training program for council staff that delivered a consequent reduction in council fuel consumption and expenditure by over 25% or around $23,000 a year for one of the Councils. This was in addition to the savings in emissions and wear on gears, clutches and brakes.

In consultation - City of Casey, City of Kingston, City of Bayside, & City of Cardinia – the Eco Driving was designed to reduce the fuel burn for these councils to reduce the carbon emissions and reduce the fuel spend for these councils fleet vehicles.

The winner of the 2014 Small/Medium Business Energy Efficiency Award is Xtreme Freight.

Following attending one of the workshops, Extreme Freight implemented four of the suggested energy savings measures, including:

1. Driver Induction Training – Eco Driving.
2. Replaced roof sheeting above racking aisles with clear polycarbonate panels, meaning lights could remain off during sunny days, saving considerable electricity usage.
3. Implemented systems to reduced leased forklifts from four to two.
4. Halogen down lights in the warehouse were replaced with LED lights, which use one seventh of the electricity usage.

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