



# AUSTRALASIAN RAIL INDUSTRY AWARDS SYDNEY 2017

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### Outstanding achievers announced at Australasian Rail Industry Awards Gala Dinner

Individuals and organisations from across the Australasian rail industry were awarded for their outstanding achievements and innovations in rail at last night's Australasian Rail Industry Awards Gala Dinner.

Over 400 representatives from various sectors of the rail industry attended the sold out dinner to acknowledge the contributions of the twelve category winners.

The award categories and winners are as follows:

- Career Achievement Award - Ben Lombardo, Speno Rail Maintenance
- Customer Service Award - Metro Trains Melbourne
- Employee Engagement Award - NSW TrainLink
- Frank Franklyn Young Rail Specialist Award (RTAA) - James Donovan, Metro Trains Melbourne
- Freight Rail Excellence Award - KiwiRail
- Innovation and Technology Award - Sydney Trains
- Permanent Way Institution Young Achiever Award (PWI) - Rebecca Coffey, Lycopodium
- Safety Award - Australian Rail Track Corporation
- Systems Engineering Award (IRSE) - Zdenka Wright, Metro Trains Melbourne
- TrackSAFE Award - NSW TrainLink
- Workforce Diversity Award - Brookfield Rail
- Young Rail Professional Award (RTSA) - Gordon Baulch, Metro Trains Melbourne

Australasian Railway Association (ARA) Chief Executive Officer, Danny Broad congratulated all of the winners for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the rail industry.

"It was exceptional to see so many talented individuals and committed companies within the rail sector awarded for their excellence, passion and dedication to the rail industry," said Danny Broad, CEO, ARA.

"Included amongst the twelve award recipients was Brookfield Rail, awarded for the Workforce Diversity Award for their significant impact on enhancing diversity in its workforce across the past decade, including their achievements in addressing workforce gender imbalance and their approach to gender pay parity to create a greater workplace for all rail workers.

"The final award for the evening, the Career Achievement Award recognised Ben Lombardo for his contribution as a leading pioneer and innovator in the Australian Rail Industry since the early 1980's, when he took over the leadership of the Speno business in Australia, driving key value add technology development, innovation and the introduction of specialised maintenance technologies into the Australian rail maintenance industry," concluded Danny Broad.

Proceeds from the Australasian Rail Industry Awards will go towards the TrackSAFE Foundation, a registered harm prevention charity that endeavours to reduce near collision, injuries and fatalities on the rail network resulting from suicide and reckless behaviour.

For further information visit the Australasian Rail Industry Awards [webpage](#) and for award winner photos please contact Berna Doksatli on 0439 555 242 or at [bdoksatli@ara.net.au](mailto:bdoksatli@ara.net.au).