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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR TRUCKING INDUSTRY TECHNICAL AWARD

The Australian Trucking Association has today announced the three finalists for the 2012 Craig Roseneder Award.

The Craig Roseneder Award recognises technical and maintenance excellence in the workshop by an individual, and celebrates the professionalism of the men and women who work behind the scenes in the trucking industry's workshops.

ATA Chairman David Simon said the quality of applications for the award had been extremely high, and selecting the finalists was a difficult task for the judging panel.

"Nominees for the Craig Roseneder Award need to have at least five years of experience in their field, and a high level of skill, aptitude and dedication to the industry," Mr Simon said.

"The fact that we have so many people who fit these criteria is a credit both to them and to the industry as a whole.

"I'd like to congratulate our finalists, and I look forward to the announcement of the winner in October."

The 2012 Craig Roseneder finalists are:
Arranged in alphabetical order by first name

- Doug Devlin of the Eaton Vehicle Group;
- John Schulze from FBT Transwest; and
- Les Lipinski of Cleary Bros (Bombo) Pty Ltd.

The winner of this year's award will receive a trip to the American Trucking Associations' Technology and Maintenance Council Annual Meeting and Transportation Technology Exhibition in Florida, USA.

The prize includes return airfares, full registration at the conference, five nights of premium conference accommodation, and AUD \$1,500 spending money.

The award winner will be announced on Monday 15 October at the Castrol Awards Dinner at the multi award winning Peninsula Ballroom in Docklands, Melbourne.

The dinner is part of the 2012 PACCAR and Dealer TMC, which will be held in Melbourne from 15-17 October. To attend the evening, purchase a ticket or register as a delegate at www.ataevents.net.au.

The details of the finalists are attached.

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About the ATA: The Australian Trucking Association (www.truck.net.au) is the peak body that represents the trucking industry. Its members include state and sector trucking associations, major logistics companies and operators and suppliers with leading expertise in truck technology.

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2012 CRAIG ROSENER AWARD FINALISTS***Arranged in alphabetical order by first name***

*Doug Devlin - Eaton Vehicle Group
Kilsyth, VIC*

Doug has been involved in the road transport industry since 1973, and part of Eaton Industries for 18 years. During his career, Doug has been the company's project leader in Australia and South East Asia for hybrid diesel/electrical systems, and was in charge of launching automated transmissions at all his local original equipment manufacturers. His exceptional knowledge of his company's products, old and new, makes him an invaluable contact for workshops across the country, and he is more than willing to share his wisdom.

*John Schulze - FBT Transwest
Altona, VIC*

John is the Mechanical Services Manager for FBT Transwest, where he is responsible for all maintenance of plant and equipment. He began with the company in 1970 as an apprentice motor mechanic, and in the following years has been responsible for a number of new developments, including the design and delivery of a quad axle side-loader. John also has experience in providing innovative, safe solutions for the transport of dangerous goods. A dedicated supporter of his local Country Fire Authority group, John has given his knowledge, equipment and time to help fight fires, including the notorious Black Saturday fires.

*Les Lipinski - Cleary Bros (Bombo) Pty Ltd
Port Kembla, NSW*

Les began work with Cleary Brothers as a mechanic in 1984, and progressed through the company until he was appointed Workshop Manager in the late 1990s. Les plays a large role in designing, building and testing specialised equipment to keep the company at the forefront of the industry. He is dedicated to training young staff, and has a very good relationship with the local TAFE and Workplace Learning Illawarra. When he accepted the 2012 John Kelly TruckSafe Award earlier this year, Les summed up his philosophy in one sentence: "I'm proud to have safe trucks on our roads, that's what it's all about."