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Border Express honoured at freight industry awards

Border Express has been named carrier of the year at the Victorian Transport Association’s (VTA) Australian Freight Industry Awards in Melbourne.

The company and its director, Mark Luff, were recognised with the National Operator Award over fellow finalists TNT Express and Toll Priority for its safety systems and personnel development. Judges said the company continually raised quality levels.

The night, attended by over 1,400 people at the Melbourne Convention Centre,

also honoured Chris MacGregor as the Personality of the Year.

A trucking widow, MacGregor runs the MacGregor Transport business and sits on various industry committees. She was described as a “credit to the freight and logistics industry”, and staff commented in the judges’ submission they are “proud their boss is a woman”.

For a GPS system that warns bus drivers of the whereabouts of trucks, Kalari was awarded the Best Practice Safety Award. Linfox’s partnership with tissue maker

SCA won the Freight Innovation Award for a roll-on, roll-off shuttle system that reduced the number of truck trips by half.

Group Logistics Manager for SCA Hygiene Australia, Anthony Feneley, told operators to invest in innovation.

“We’ve got to find smart, innovative ways to stay in business in the face of rampant globalisation,” he said on accepting the award.

Phillip Bennett from P&O Trans Australia was named the Young Professional of the Year for his work at the company’s intermodal terminals, while safety campaigner Dr Phillip Swan was recognised with the Operation Countdown Award.





VTA Chief Executive Philip Lovel says the finalists and winners represent an impressive array of companies, innovators, operators and personalities.

“This event is one of national significance for the freight sector,” he says. “Tonight’s winners are very worthy and showcase our industry development and professionalism.”

“All of these winners should be extremely proud of the example they set, both within the industry and for the general community in their pursuit of excellence.”

The crowd was entertained by the original Boy from Oz, Todd McKenney, and a troop of Brazilian dancers. ■

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