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### **Enter the 2017 Safe Work and Return to Work Awards**

Southside individuals and businesses are being encouraged to enter the 2017 Safe Work and Return to Work Awards.

Duncan Pegg, Member for Stretton said the awards celebrate and share successful initiatives that help make Queenslanders safer at work or help get them back into employment faster.

“There are so many local businesses and individuals that go the extra yard when it comes to work health safety and return to work, and we want to hear all your great achievements,” he said.

“This is about recognising outstanding achievers who promote a safe work environment, while encouraging injured workers to return to work.

“We want to ensure that Queensland remains a leader when it comes to initiatives in work safety and rehabilitation and these awards have an important role to play.

“I want to urge local individuals and businesses who have made a contribution in one or more of these areas to enter these awards.”

Queensland Workplace Safety Ambassador Shane Webcke, who lost his dad in a workplace incident, will attend the gala awards ceremony on 18 October that gives finalists a chance to win up to \$2000 in prizemoney.

Industrial Relations Minister Grace Grace said this year’s awards would feature updated and improved award categories to make it easier for businesses and individuals to enter.

“There’s a simpler nomination process which aims to entice more small and medium sized businesses to apply because the grassroots level is where many of the leading health safety innovations started,” Ms Grace said.

This year’s categories are:

#### **Safe work categories**

Category one – Best solution to an identified health and safety issue

Category two – Best individual contribution to work health and safety

Category three – Best solution to an identified electrical safety issue

Category four – Most significant improvement to work health and safety performance

Category five – Best workplace health and wellbeing initiative

Category six – Best demonstrated leadership in work health and safety (Closed category – entrants for this category are chosen from categories one to five).

**Return to work categories**

Category seven – Injured worker achievement award

Category eight – Best rehabilitation and return to work system

Category nine – Best individual contribution to rehabilitation and return to work

Category ten – Best demonstrated leadership in return to work (Closed category – entrants for this category are chosen from categories seven to nine).

For more information about the awards, including entry criteria, handy hints, example entries and past-winner videos, visit [worksafe.qld.gov.au](http://worksafe.qld.gov.au).

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