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Council wins Group Training Safety award.

Shoalhaven City Council has been awarded the Host Employer Safety Award, sponsored by Illawarra Occupational Health. An awards night is held annually to provide recognition to trainees and businesses throughout the Illawarra, Southern Tablelands and Shoalhaven.

The Safety Award is in recognition of Council's management, commitment and ongoing implementation of Safety Systems to maintain a safe work environment for all. Council has received recognition for its safety management system three times since 2006.

This was clearly demonstrated by Shoalhaven City Council in the following ways:

- Having a strong history of sound workplace safety practices
- Comprehensive OHS training during induction of all new employees
- Regular reviews of Council's Safety Management System
- A consistently low rate of lost time injuries in the workplace
- Ongoing training and support to staff.

Council has a continuing commitment to the health and well being of its employees and successfully runs programs such as Weight Watchers, meditation and massage.

The Group Training awards comprise of multiple categories. In category one, Shoalhaven City Council trainee Brooke Everleigh was a finalist in the Excellence for Studies Award as well as the Trainee Business Administration Award.

Shoalhaven City Council General Manager, Mr Russ Pigg said "the Group Training Awards acknowledge workplace achievements and recognise the commitment of the organisation to maintain a safe and healthy working environment. Shoalhaven Council is consistently reviewing its OHS procedures and policies to ensure the safest environment possible for its staff."

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