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Media Release: Business Excellence Awards recognising Electrical Safety

Entries are now open for the Launceston Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards. These prestigious awards celebrate organisations and businesses that are innovative, that do good things well – and that contribute to making Launceston and the north a great place to live, work, invest, play, and visit.

There are sixteen categories this year, so there will be at least one that every organisation can enter!

In recognition of the fact that workplace safety is a key issue for many businesses, we've instituted a new category specifically focussed on recognising businesses taking steps to minimise electrical safety risks. TasNetworks understands the value of working with the community to manage electrical risks at work as well as at home, and they have come on board as sponsors of this new award.

Unfortunately, while the number of fatalities caused by electricity has decreased over the past decade, workplace fatalities continue to be a very real risk. In 2015, the most recent year for which statistics are available, eight people died at work from electric shocks.

Any death is a tragedy – and this is a stark reminder for businesses to consider how and where they use electricity to properly identify and manage the risks in their workplace.

The *Excellence in Safety – Electrical Award* is a therefore a great opportunity for employees and employers to stop and consider what procedures, controls, reporting, design, or education systems can be put in place to maximise electrical safety in their workplace.

The process is easy: entries are online and, because you know your business inside out, are very straightforward. So sharpen those pencils, and get started!

Entry for all award categories is free and you do not need to be a member of the Launceston Chamber of Commerce (but you are always welcome of course!)

For more information, check our webpage <http://lcc.asn.au/business-excellence-awards/>; or phone 6331 9364; or email bea@lcc.asn.au

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