

# ABOVE & BEYOND

The Return to work Conference, Expo & Awards 2010.

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Queensland has the highest incidence of injuries in Australia, which is classified by five or more days lost from work per employee. As Queensland workplaces strive towards a zero harm culture, this statistic highlights the essential role employers and individuals are playing in not only preventing injuries but in assisting injured workers returning to their jobs.

To recognise and reward the outstanding work being done in this area, Q-COMP's Return to work Awards showcases all those involved in ensuring successful return to work outcomes.

Elizabeth Woods, Q-COMP's CEO, believes the awards are a fantastic initiative, especially in light of the recent compensation issues.

"The Return to work Awards are providing the industry with the opportunity it deserves – to promote new initiatives in helping injured workers return to work and recognising the parties who are going above and beyond in this process through-out Queensland," said Ms Woods.

"The huge success of last years awards, which saw over 500 nominations, allowed us to hear some truly inspirational and humbling stories and we are very much looking forward to building on this success in 2010.

Q-COMP would like to see a great representation of innovation and excellence from this year and I would like to urge Queenslanders to nominate themselves or someone who they know deserves recognition for the outstanding work they do.

With nine award categories for injured workers, employers, case managers and Rehabilitation and return to work coordinators, our awards ensure that everyone who goes above and beyond in their role is given an opportunity to shine and receive the recognition they deserve."

The theme for this year's awards, "Above & Beyond", celebrates the essence of what this event is all about; the essential work undertaken to develop and improve a strong return to work culture.

Anthony Seng, a winner from the Injured Worker Achievement Award category at the 2009 Return to work Awards, believes participating in the awards was a great way to bring industry attention to the inspirational efforts of those workers who suffer injury in the workplace.

"The recognition Q-COMP's awards provided my story of overcoming a serious injury, keeping myself motivated throughout the rehabilitation process, the support my friends, family and employer provided to me was humbling and a nice indication from the industry at the process injured workers returning to work go through," said Mr Seng.

The Return to work Awards recognises each finalist with a certificate, and each award winner to receive up to \$2,000 in prize money.



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Award nominations for the Return to work Awards close Friday July 2nd 2010.

The Return to work Awards are held after the 2010 Queensland Work Safe Awards, run by Workplace Health and Safety Queensland and the Electrical Safety Office, to reward and promote innovative ideas and practices, leadership and commitment to workplace health and safety.

Industrial Relations Minister Cameron Dick said the awards recognise some of Queensland's safest businesses and are a great opportunity for workplaces to showcase their safety initiatives and be proud of their achievements.

"The awards provide a platform for businesses to share their safety solutions with one another and contribute towards a zero harm at work culture," Mr Dick said.

The Return to work Conference and Expo held prior to the Return to work Awards, is open to everyone who has an active interest in the industry.

The 2010 event features an all-day conference; a groundbreaking event addressing the latest issues in the workers' compensation industry. The Conference will cost \$165 (inc. GST) per delegate, and with only 300 places available, registration is limited.

The Expo features interactive trade booths providing thought-provoking information and fantastic networking opportunities with fellow industry professionals. The Expo is free, and is open for all to attend.

To nominate for the Return to work Awards, register for the Conference and Expo or to find further information, please go to [www.qcompconference.com.au](http://www.qcompconference.com.au) or call 1300 361 235.

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*Q-COMP has a range of diverse services and acts as the scheme regulator, educator and the facilitator of legal and medical dispute resolution.*

*Although Q-COMP is the sole provider of these services, the organisation is committed to offering a high quality customer experience and the Q-COMP team pride themselves on providing highly professional services that exceed the expectations of stakeholders.*



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