

AMA GROUP

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AMA Group Celebrates Excellence with the Inaugural AMA Group Awards

AMA Group celebrates and rewards excellence in every part of the business. This year, the Group launched the Annual AMA Group Awards, to recognise talent and achievements by individuals, sites, and teams.

The inaugural awards saw a spectacular number of nominations received from around the business. This is a testament to the incredible people in the AMA Group Team, both those who were nominated, and those who took the time to nominate their teammates.

The Group proudly awarded Community Spirit Awards to three sites. AMA Group is committed to acknowledging and rewarding team members who not only excel within the business, but also those who are passionate in supporting their local communities.

The 2022 Awards introduced the AMA Group Hall of Fame, recognising team members who have made an outstanding contribution to the Group and the collision repair industry. These awards also saw the introduction of the One AMA Award, which recognises any person or team from any part of the business that has best demonstrated collaboration and 'One AMA' initiative, including diversity and inclusion.

Hall of Fame Inductees

Craig Cole, All Transport Crash Repairs, South Australia

Craig has been a Spray Painter for All Transport Crash Repair for 35 years, and in this time, has consistently shown a “no nonsense” approach to all aspects of Heavy Vehicle painting. Craig runs a very tight ship in his role as “Head Spray Painter” and takes immense pride in both the work he produces, and in his role training and mentoring young team members. He has a work ethic and attention to detail second-to-none.

Craig is always first on site to set up the workshop for the remainder of the day. Many of his peers and staff have said that “Craig bleeds for All Transport Crash Repairs” and he has been described by several of his co-workers as an institution. With his ability to take a hands-on role and “doing what needs to be done” for the past 35 years, Craig is a very worthy inductee to AMA Group’s Hall of Fame.



Tony England, Micra Eastern Shore, Tasmania

Tony is a Panel Beater from Micra Eastern Shore in Tasmania and has been a panel beater his whole life. Described as, “Always reliable, and full of spirit, he is the first to take control of challenging jobs at site” and as a “wonderful, hardworking and extremely loyal employee, who is also a very skilful tradie.”

Tony has a deep commitment to training and mentoring apprentices, many of whom are still working with him or the AMA Group today. Dane Dickenson, Tony’s workmate and former apprentice said, “He’s always happy to help. It is because of him that I’m the tradesman and man I am today.”

Tony was thrilled, and near speechless upon receiving his award – a testament to the way Tony embodies everything that the AMA Group Hall of Fame stands for.



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One AMA Award

Martin Dickinson, National Operations

Martin is genuine, caring, and loyal. He is open to new innovations and promotes continuous improvement. Martin is passionate about safety and looking after all team members. Martin is the driving force behind the AMA Group partnership with NRL Cowboys House and is constantly expanding community support through the Queensland region volunteering outside his work commitments.

Individual and Team Awards

Isabella Turrise, Wales Truck Repairs, New South Wales – Apprentice of the Year

Isabella has just finished her apprenticeship to become a qualified Spray Painter who demonstrates exceptional skill and commitment. She is passionate about inspiring others, especially women, to get into the trade.

Nazeer Ali, Capital S.M.A.R.T Carrum Downs, Victoria – Rising Leader of the Year

Nazeer is an up-and-coming leader in the business who has made a positive impression at all sites in which he has worked. With a fresh approach to leadership, he has a focus on safety, people, and workplace culture.

Monique Hislop-Reynolds, People Team – Leader of the Year

Monique embodies the best qualities of a leader; she tackles tough situations but is still caring and supportive. She is passionate, results focused and 110% committed to achieving the best outcome for AMA Group.

Georgia Valodimos, Capital S.M.A.R.T Rowville – Shelley Holst Award

Georgia is passionate, caring and driven. She has been with Capital S.M.A.R.T for 10 years and her desire to support the team and our customers and drive a positive culture shines through in all she does.

Capital S.M.A.R.T Rowville, Victoria – Health, Safety & Environment Award

Rowville S.M.A.R.T Plus lives by the motto that you don't walk past what you don't accept. Three years LTI free, the site is always neat and tidy and looking for ways to learn and improve.

Western Truck Repairs, Victoria – Health, Safety & Environment Award

Western Truck Repairs have undertaken a complete overhaul of equipment and safety practices. The team have fully embraced the Take the LEAD safety culture and take pride in always using appropriate PPE.

Capital S.M.A.R.T Welshpool, Western Australia – Most Improved Site

Capital S.M.A.R.T Welshpool has continuously strived for and demonstrated improvement. Notable achievements during FY22 were safety, high volume outputs and delivering on customer promises.

Norm Flynn Smash Repairs, Western Australia – Most Improved Site

With a new leader, Norm Flynn has a stable and committed team who are delivering strong results. The team has rebuilt customer relationships so work providers now choose Norm Flynn.

Alexander Bodyworks, Queensland – Apprenticeship Site of the Year

Alexander Bodyworks is a Group leader in training apprentices. With six apprentices across different years, they deliver on the job training, one-on-one mentoring and encourage their apprentices to support each other.

Alexander Bodyworks / City Crash Repairs / Gemini Townsville, Queensland – Community Spirit Award

These sites, under the leadership of Martin Dickinson, are heavily involved in a number of community projects – including the North Queensland Cowboys Community Foundation and Special Children's Christmas Parties. It is a true team effort involving staff from all three sites.

Gemini Wacol (Queensland) – Internal Supply Award

Gemini Wacol has demonstrated a high level of engagement and commitment to working with the ACM Parts internal supply business.

Reflecting on the awards, CEO Carl Bizon said, "It is really important to us that we recognise the exceptional people in our business, and we look forward to the awards being an annual event to celebrate our team."

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