The Permanent Way Institution, Queensland Division

Annual Awards



The Permanent Way Institution Rail Industry Excellence Awards

Introduction

The Permanent Way Institute (PWI) aims to promote excellence in the rail industry through the activities and assistance of its volunteer members drawn from all parts of the rail industry.

Our excellence awards program seeks to identify and reward outstanding achievement and practice across all areas of the permanent way. All members, volunteers and industry practitioners have an important role to play in promoting the valuable contribution made to the community by the rail industry.

The honours and awards program are to identify, recognise and reward such things as;

- Significant contribution to the rail engineering, innovation, and technology.
- An outstanding achievement by an individual or group;
- Excellence in engineering, productivity, construction and /or asset management.

Awards are restricted to members of the PWI and should be made for permanent way activities progressed in the 18 months prior to the PWI AGM at which awards will be presented.

This year, the Permanent Way Institution is seeking nominations for the following awards:

- Step Forward Award
- Service to the Rail Industry Award
- Women in the Rail Industry Award

Detailed in the following pages are the criteria for each of the above mentioned awards.

Step Forward Award





The **Step Forward Award** is for an individual /group/company who have made a tangible sustainable step forward for the rail industry preferably in Queensland.

The award will be selected based on the implementation and outcomes of an idea, process, technology, or change.

The step forward must have had a material effect on rail work and services relating to permanent way rail work.

The step forward must have been implemented and caused material change in the current or previous calendar year.

The evaluation of this award will assess the levels of material effect on safety, reliability, capacity, and service levels.

The award submission should be short and simple. It should outline the step forward change made, the reason for the change, how it was made, which people/group were involved in the change, what rail services or work types it affected, and its measurable effects compared to the past.

A high-level project implementation review or presentation to stakeholders, which describes the above, would also be sufficient for the submission.

Service to the Rail Industry Award





Are you, or do you know someone who is, worthy of recognition for their commitment to the Rail Industry ?

Do you, or do you know someone that has more than 25 years of service to the Rail Industry?

Are you a member of the PWI QLD or one of our affiliated technical partners RTSA, RTAA or the IRSE?

If you, or your nominee answered yes to all three questions, then you qualify for entry to this annual award.

Award Criteria

- 25+ years of services within the rail industry.
- Current member of the PWI QLD (or RTSA, RTAA or IRSE).
- Demonstrated contribution and accomplished track record in the core technical areas of Permanent Way, Track and Civil or other rail related disciplines.
- Recognised as an industry leader in your area of competence.
- Demonstrated service to our industry. Examples may include:
 - Continued provision of technical excellence through development of the railway, in the delivery of projects or procedures.
 - o A commitment to the safety of all railway users.
 - o Proactive about implementing sustainable practices that derive tangible benefits.
 - o Coaching and mentoring of our next generation of railway specialists.
 - o Contribution to the railway user experience through volunteering, charity or donation.

Women in the Rail Industry Award





The Plasser Australia Women in Rail Award, championed by PWI Queensland, is a distinguished honour that shines a light on the exceptional women propelling Queensland's rail industry forward. This award recognises those who bring innovation, excellence, and a deep commitment to their work within the rail sector.

To capture the essence of each nominee's contributions, the application process is designed to be concise yet impactful. Applicants are invited to submit a statement of no more than 150 words, offering the judging panel a window into their role and passion for the rail industry. This requirement underscores the importance of personal dedication and professional involvement, aiming to highlight the unique contributions of women working across the Queensland Rail Industry.

This award celebrates diversity and inclusivity and is open to a wide array of professionals — from tradespeople and engineers to project officers and network controllers. No specific age group or professional registration is required, only the requirement that nominees actively contribute to Queensland's rail industry. The emphasis is on recognising individuals who excel in their respective fields and possess a fervent enthusiasm for the rail sector, contributing significantly to its growth and innovation.

As a token of appreciation and encouragement, the Plasser Australia Women in Rail Award for PWI Queensland accompanies its accolades with a \$500 prize. This gesture recognises the winners' achievements and supports their ongoing passion and dedication to the industry.

We invite women making a difference in the rail industry across Queensland to share their stories with us. This award celebrates your journey, role, and unwavering passion for the rail industry, highlighting your invaluable contributions.

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Submission Process:

It is preferred that the submissions are on the attached PWI template with supporting documents, sketches and photos where required.

Submissions should not exceed 1 page excluding supporting documentation and be submitted to:

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