

EXPRESS A SAFETY FINALIST

LOCALLY owned transport company Border Express has been announced as a national finalist in the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission annual safety awards, which include a new focus on keeping workers healthy at work.

In its 10th year, the safety awards recognise and reward excellence in work health and safety, rehabilitation and return to work achieved by employees and employers within the Comcare scheme.

Border Express was granted a self-insurance licence under the Comcare scheme in January 2008.

A self-insurance division

was created at head office in Albury to manage workers compensation, OHS, rehabilitation and health and well-being programs for the 750 employees nationally.

Border Express is a finalist in Category 6b — An outstanding contribution by an individual in rehabilitation and return to work for Jacinta Macaulay, senior welfare officer who has the responsibility for managing the rehabilitation and return to work programs for injured employees nationally.

“This nomination is a reflection of the focus that the organisation has put on assisting our injured employees undertake suit-

able duties when they are unable to drive their trucks or perform their pre-injury duties,” she said.

“Our injured employees are supported and valued at every step of their recovery with the goal to return them to their duties in a safe and durable manner.”

SRCC chairman Peter Henneken said the entries confirmed the organisations in the Comcare scheme were continuing to meet high standards in developing workplace health and safety solutions.

Winners will be announced at the presentation event in Great Hall, Parliament House, Canberra, on September 23.