



● Senior welfare officer Jacinta Macaulay has won a national safety award for getting people such as Brian Mann and Ivan Dickson, of Springhurst, back to work at Border Express. Picture: MATTHEW SMITHWICK

Award to rehab 'star'

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A BORDER woman responsible for the introduction of a rehab program getting injured truckies back to work has taken out a national safety award.

Border Express senior welfare officer Jacinta Macaulay beat government heavyweights including the Attorney-General's Department, the Australian Taxation Office and the Defence Force to take home the award last week.

The 10th annual National Safety Awards, held at Parliament House, recognised excellence in work health and safety by employers within the Comcare scheme.

A trained psychologist and rehab consultant, Ms Macaulay oversees all the injury management and return to

work programs for the business' 750 staff nationally.

A key example of her success comes in the form of driver Brian Mann.

He injured his knee four years ago and after several operations he was still not able to return to his Albury-Melbourne line-haul run.

Now he's an instrumental member of the business improvement team, reporting to the board of directors.

"Brian is one of our real success stories; we did a vocational assessment and looked at his skills and discovered in a previous life he had been an auto-electrician," Ms Macaulay said.

The company was looking to switch to a paperless track and trace system and Mr Mann helped build a customised personal digital assistant.