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SUTTON TOOLS THOMASTOWN BUSINESS AND WORKERS NOMINATED FOR WORK SAFE VICTORIA AWARD 2009.

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Sutton Tools Health and Safety Committee of Thomastown Plant is a finalist in the prestigious WorkSafe Victoria Awards 2009.

The Awards recognise individuals and organisations that have made a significant contribution to improving health and safety in their workplace.

Sutton Tools' Health and Safety Committee is one of five finalists in the category **Health and Safety Committee of the Year**. The section acknowledges a Health and Safety Committee that has demonstrated a high level of commitment represents all interests in the workplace and is highly consultative.

The WorkSafe Victoria Awards are a highlight of Work Safe Week, which runs from October 26 to 30.

The Health and Safety committee has 14 members, eight health and safety representatives and six management representatives who meet monthly and works diligently to continually improve workplace health and safety.

The committee, which has existed for more than 20 years, is highly consultative. Its approach is one of continuous improvement, ongoing review and updates and implementing policies and procedures.

Its achievements include the implementation of a '5-S' safety program to support a clean, safe and sustainable working environment, the introduction of tailored individual trolleys to reduce the risk of musculoskeletal injuries, and a new floor surface to reduce the risk of slips, trips and falls in workshops.

Mr Merritt said the overall recipient in each category of the Awards would be announced at the 21st Annual WorkSafe Victoria Awards Dinner on 29 October at Crown Palladium.

'The achievements of the Awards finalists, who have used their ideas, innovations and initiative to make Victorian workers safer, are outstanding.

The overall recipient in each category of the Award was announced at the 21st Annual WorkSafe Victoria Awards dinner Oct 2009.



Thomastown OH&S Committee of the Year finalists in the prestigious WorkSafe Victoria Award 2009, with Mr. John Merrit WorkSafe Executive Director.



Sutton Tools Thomastown OH&S Committee

About Sutton Tools:

Based at Thomastown, Melbourne, Sutton Tools is Australia's largest manufacturer of engineering cutting tools and power tool accessories. The Australian-owned company is a fourth generation family-owned business which employs more than 400 people. Visit www.suttontools.com.au

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