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2017

LIFTING SAFETY STANDARDS

Kerry Dent, Cabonne Council

BEST INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION TO WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY (FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE ANY FORMAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHS AT WORK) WINNER 2016

Cabonne Council is typical of any rural council in operation across NSW, with a hard-working labour force providing town maintenance, road construction, water and sewer services to the population in central west NSW.

Cabonne Council employee, Kerry Dent, who's experience is in manually removing and cleaning sewer pumps, recognised a potential health and safety risk in this highly laborious task. Using materials found in the council depot, he consequently designed and developed a portable device to do the heavy lifting. Kerry's lifting device has since been patented, with more being manufactured for use throughout Cabonne Council.

**“TO HAVE MY DESIGN
ACKNOWLEDGED
AND PATENTED IS
VERY REWARDING.”**

“It was such a buzz to find out that I had been nominated for this award. I could personally see the risk in what we were doing when we were working on these sewer pumps and all I wanted to do was make things easier and safer. To have my design acknowledged is greatly significant to me and since it has been patented, we have started to see more enquiries including some from other Councils”.



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