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2026 RM Advancer Finalists

Award Categories



Best Continuous Improvement

This award recognises organisations that demonstrate a sustained and measurable commitment to improving risk management practices over time. It celebrates continuous progress, through embedding learning and strengthening controls.



Excellence in Risk Prevention

This award recognises outstanding risk prevention initiatives that proactively reduce the likelihood of incidents, injuries and/or loss events. It celebrates innovative thinking and practical controls, that demonstrate how risks are identified, mitigated, and prevented before they occur.



Outstanding Risk Recovery Solution

This award recognises organisations' exceptional capability in responding to and recovering from a risk event. Highlighting effective incident management, recovery planning, mitigation measures, early intervention strategies, return to work and/or business continuity outcomes that minimised disruption and strengthened organisational resilience.

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Best Continuous Improvement Finalists

BMD Group

Powering Futures, Creating Legacies

BMD is an Australian-owned engineering, construction and urban development organisation, employing more than 2,600 people and delivering projects across transport, water, energy, defence, resources and land development. BMD's diverse project portfolio creates significant exposure to high-risk activities, including mobile plant, live services, working at height, excavation, suspended loads, traffic and manual tasks.

Glencore Australia

Leaders in Mining

Glencore Australia (Glencore) is one of Australia's largest mining and resources companies, operating 16 mining operations and seven processing facilities across New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory. Glencore's risk challenges stem from the scale and complexity of its operations, including mining safety, occupational health, environmental management, climate transition, regulatory compliance and workforce injury management.

Harrison Group of Companies

Adapting for the Future

Founded in Sydney in 1923, the Harrison Group of Companies (HGC) is a 100% family-owned business, now in its fourth generation. Harrison Manufacturing Company operates from Brookvale in NSW, developing and manufacturing greases, oils, industrial lubricants, release agents and specialty additives for industries. Exposure extended across severe weather and flooding, electrical and fire risk, manual handling, vehicle and pedestrian interaction, supply-chain disruption, cyber risk and changing compliance expectations.

Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group

Providing Critical Services for the Hunter Valley Coal Chain

Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG) owns and operates a major coal export terminal at the Port of Newcastle. The highly automated terminal handles more than 50 million tonnes annually through a complex network of critical assets and infrastructure and is an essential link in the Hunter Valley coal export chain. Key risk challenges included maintaining the reliability of ageing, high-throughput assets; managing fire and business interruption exposures; increasing resilience to severe weather events; and integrating sustainability into operational risk decisions.

Whiddon Aged Care

Award Winning Care Services

Whiddon is a not-for-profit provider of aged care, community, retirement living and disability services across NSW and Queensland. Operating in metropolitan, regional and rural communities, it manages a complex risk environment spanning clinical care, workforce, cyber security, infrastructure, extreme weather exposure, emergency management and organisational resilience.

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Excellence in Risk Prevention Finalists

Category 5 Labour Management WA Pty Ltd (Cat5 Rail)

Leading Workforce and Rail Solutions Provider

Cat5 Rail specialises in rail maintenance, rail plant, construction and associated services across Western Australia and New Zealand. The business operates in a high-consequence environment with large mobile plant and personnel working in close proximity. The core high risk area is machine to person interaction, particularly between hi-rail excavators and track maintenance crews, where blind spots, noise, and concurrent work activities can compromise conventional controls, so a need to further address machine-to-person interaction risks was critical.

R.M. Williams Pty Ltd

Handcrafted Leather Boots, Clothing and Accessories

Founded in 1932, R.M. Williams is an iconic Australian manufacturer and retailer producing premium footwear, apparel and leather goods. Operating across manufacturing, warehousing, distribution and retail operations exposes R.M. Williams to critical risks. Historically, several high-potential incidents involving machinery, electrical systems and storage infrastructure highlighted the need for a more integrated approach to critical risk management.

Southern Cross Care NSW/ACT

Retirement Villages and Communities

Southern Cross Care NSW & ACT is a Catholic not-for-profit aged care provider employing more than 2,300 people across approximately 40 locations. Its workforce is exposed to psychosocial hazards including emotional demands, occupational violence and aggression, workforce shortages, organisational change and complex resident behaviours.

VF Group (Nominees) Pty Ltd (Conga Foods)

Knowledge, Passion, Experience

Conga Foods is a long-established, Australian family-owned importer, brand manager, marketer and distributor of premium local and international food products. Operating nationally across retail, wholesale and foodservice channels, the business relies on warehousing, temperature-controlled storage and distribution infrastructure to protect high-value inventory and maintain customer supply. A major risk challenge was the historic use of combustible Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) insulated panels in warehouse and distribution facilities.

Westfill Pty Ltd

Full-Service Underground Mining Contractor

Westfill Pty Ltd (Westfill) is a principal underground mining contractor and full-service provider operating across Australia and overseas, employing more than 240 people. Underground mining presents significant injury risks, compounded by long shifts, remote locations, production pressures, repetitive work, fatigue and social isolation. At the Rothsay Gold Mine, Westfill's first full-service mining contract, managing these risks was critical to protecting its workforce and supporting safe, high-quality service delivery.

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Outstanding Risk Recovery Solution Finalists

Ashley Services Group

Labour Hire, Recruitment and Training Solutions

Ashley Services Group (ASG) is an Australian-owned workforce solutions provider with more than 50 years of experience delivering labour hire, recruitment and vocational training services across a range of high-risk industries. ASG faced increasing workers' compensation costs and claim volumes, compounded by limited operational control over workers operating at host employer sites.

Labourpower Recruitment Services

Australia's Trusted Labour Hire and Workforce Solutions Partner

Operating across every Australian state, Labourpower Recruitment Services manages a predominantly blue-collar workforce across varied host employer sites, creating safety challenges due to limited day-to-day oversight. Since 2020, Labourpower has run a sustained program to shift from reactive safety management to proactive risk prevention. Despite significant workers' compensation improvements, three challenges remained.

Metcash Trading Limited

Australia's Leading Wholesaler and Service Provider to Independent Businesses

Metcash's operations span a national network of distribution centres, corporate offices, wholesale operations, stores and hardware sites, supported by a diverse workforce and operational teams. Key risks include manual handling, musculoskeletal injury, psychosocial risk and complex workers compensation matters with the potential for prolonged absence, increased claim costs and operational disruption.

M&J Chickens Pty Ltd

Service and Reliability, Trusted for Decades

M&J Chickens Pty Ltd (MJC) is a leading Australian poultry processors and food manufacturer, with its Marrickville facility serving as its primary processing and manufacturing site. A Vero risk engineering assessment identified significant fire exposure associated with combustible EPS insulated panels and limited fire compartmentation.

NRW Civil and Mining

A Leading Contractor in the Australian Resources and Infrastructure Sector

NRW Civil & Mining delivers civil and mining services at project locations nationally. A key challenge was supporting a rapidly expanding workforce undertaking physically demanding and safety-critical work across remote, high-pressure environments. Business growth increased exposure to injury, illness, psychosocial harm, operational disruption and workers' compensation costs, while creating a need for early intervention, effective recovery and sustainable return to work outcomes.

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