

Training honour for New Horizons

NEW Horizons Safety and Training Services of Rockhampton has been selected as a finalist in this year's training awards conducted by the Mining Industry Skills Centre Inc.

As a registered training organisation servicing Central Queensland, New Horizons was invited as the preferred training provider for the Work Readiness training program, held in Emerald earlier this year.

The Work Readiness program has been developed by the Mining Industry Skills Centre in collaboration with the mining industry to provide participants with the training necessary to gain employment within the mining industry.

The project management was given to the Rockhampton branch of The Salvation Army Employment Plus,

whose expertise in facilitating training and employment programs and co-ordinating collaborative projects was a significant factor in the success of the training program.

As part of this collaboration New Horizons worked with The Salvation Army Employment Plus, The Mining Industry Skills Centre Inc., Golding contractors, government departments, educational institutions and other parties to provide a training program that has been highly regarded within the mining industry.

New Horizons provided classroom based training sessions on mine site safety and emergency procedures, risk management, how employees are expected to conduct themselves on mine sites and general information on mine site activities.

A seven-day program

was also conducted by New Horizons on the Advanced Equipment Haul Truck Simulator, owned by the Mining Industry Skills Centre.

An innovative training requirement meant participants were asked to attend a number of training sessions that spanned 12-hour days to simulate typical mining shifts where extended periods of concentration and commitment are needed.

Because of the "group life" nature of these training sessions, exemplary levels of group facilitation and training skills was required by New Horizons' trainers Stephen Lill and Rick Randall.

New Horizons was nominated in the category of "Best Training Processes and Practices of the Year – Registered Training Organisation" and has been selected as one of the

final three.

This category received a large number of nominations and being selected as a finalist is testament alone to the commitment and standards that are highly valued and implemented by New Horizons.

While the basis of the nomination centres around the "Work Readiness" program New Horizons is dedicated to providing quality training in all its courses and is a leading provider of courses such as Generic Inductions to Coal Mining, Site Safety and Health Representative (S12 & 3), Working in Confined Spaces, Working Safely at Heights and Machinery Operator courses.

The award winners will be announced on September 25 in Brisbane.