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## TCOY SEPTEMBER QUARTER WINNER MAKES SITES SAFE

Victorian Traffic Controller Peter Woods has won the Kennards Hire and TMAA Traffic Controller of the Year September Quarter Award.

Peter works around the Victorian countryside and was entered into the awards for his devotion to safety, and commitment to ensuring everyone on site, and driving through sites is safe.

Peter said he was thrilled to receive the award and that each day he encounters a variety of different people driving through his sites.

"Today a motorist got out of his car and gave me a hug and thanked me for the work we were doing," he said.

Peter noted that this was not often the case. Peter said he had syringes, lemons, oranges and fast food thrown at him over the years, but that mostly drivers were polite.

"I tell motorists to take notice and obey the signs, and be courteous to those who are working there," he said. "They are there for a reason, to make sure everyone gets through the worksite safely."

"To a speeding motorist I would say – do you realise the dangers if you were going through a worksite? If someone stepped out in front of you, you would not have time to stop. It is illegal to speed through a worksite. Last thing, I always say is – you have a lovely day."

Peter said his objectives each day were: keep the client safe, ensure traffic controllers and roadworkers are safe, and assist motorists to move safely through the worksite.

Peter said he worked with a great team and in a positive safety driven atmosphere. "I think this helps as you know you are being appreciated on your worksite," he said.

Peter said he would like to see Learner Drivers be questioned about worksites and speed zones on their driver's test.

Sponsor Kennards Hire National Traffic Product Specialist Troy Clauss said, "Again it is great to have the recognised recipient Peter Woods win this award; he is so respectful of the public and his peers.

"Peter is leading by example to ensure everyone is 'Safe' under his watch. I have great respect for the conditions under which each and every Traffic Controller works on every shift," he said.

"I would like to congratulate Peter on behalf of the TMAA and Kennards Hire on an outstanding job. Well done! I look forward to catching up with you in the near future at the TMAA Conference 2017 where the overall National winner for 2017 will be announced."

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