



TRAFFIC CONTROLLER
~ of the year ~

AWARD

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Victorian Traffic Controller wins coveted award!

It has been five years since Rob Zahra first walked out on a road to stop traffic. Now he is winning awards for his work and the accolade of his peers as the September 2015 National Traffic Controller of the Year.

The Awards are the brainchild of the Traffic Management Association of Australia, (TMAA), and Kennards Hire. The National Traffic Controller of the Year Awards are held quarterly with an annual winner announced in March each year. Rob will fly to Sydney in March 2016 to join other winners to vie for the title of National Traffic Controller of the Year 2016.

Asked what he likes best about the job, Rob said, "I really enjoy working with the public, other workers on the road and being outdoors."

Rob said he was aware of the dangers of working on a road in live traffic, but that generally the public were cooperative, but there was a small percentage who did not obey the law and did not care about the safety of the traffic controllers and road workers.

"I work on asphalt sites a lot so there is the added danger of the hot bitumen for motorists and pedestrians," he said. "These sites are constantly moving so I need to be extremely organised to ensure everyone on and around the site is safe. It is important to be able to assist residents to get in and out of their homes safely on these sites."

Rob said he would encourage anyone to become a traffic controller but to give it a go for more than three months.

"It is a highly rewarding job and while dangerous, it is important to use common sense along with capability," he said.

"In another five years I would still like to be working on large scale projects, protecting people and workers on roads."

Kennards Hire "National Traffic Product Specialist" Troy Clauss commented, "I'm sure when Rob started 5 years ago as a Traffic Controller, he did not know what he had entered into, and the industry has evolved in this time with innovation, technology and Safety at the forefront. It is excellent to see the passion Rob displays in completing his daily duties with compassion and respect that is also displayed by Rob for his Co-workers, Motorists and the Public. This to be commended, well done and good luck, Rob."

The 2016 overall winner for National Traffic Controller of the Year will be announced by Kennards Hire at the TMAA Conference scheduled for Thursday 10 March 2016, Luna Park, Sydney.

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