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**Communities@Work staff member wins award for outstanding achievements  
in workplace health and safety.**

Annette Shipley Communities@Work's Occupational Health Officer has taken out the 2009 Safe Work ACT Awards for, Best Individual Contribution to Workplace Health and Safety

The Award recognises an individual whose contribution has made an exceptional difference to health and safety in their workplace. Several nominations for this award were received by Safe Work and a panel of three independent judges reduced those to two finalists being Annette and an employee of a large construction company.

At a presentation function on 22 October 2009, Master of Ceremonies ABC Radio's Ross Solly described Annette's achievements in improving safety and awareness through co-ordinated training followed up by rigorous workplace inspections across the various Communities@Work workplaces.

"Communities@Work was the first Community Organisation to complete all Workshops and Safety Audits provided by the Office of ACT Occupational Health and Safety Commissioner and WorkWatch earlier this year", Mr Solly said.

Annette's Award will automatically be submitted for entry in the national 'A Safe Work Australia Awards 2009' administered by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (*DEEWR*).

Among 300 guests, Attorney General Simon Corbell MLA presented the Award to Annette along with his personal congratulations at a ceremony held at the National Convention Centre Ballroom yesterday.

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