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Australian VTS Award

# Summary

This document provides information about the “Australian VTS Award” launched recently the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA).

# discussion

AMSA, in consultation with the Australian VTS Advisory Group, the peak consultative body to AMSA for matters relating to its responsibilities for VTS, has introduced an annual award.

The award provides national recognition to those involved in vessel traffic services in Australia while also raising the profile of VTS authorities and the important services they provide among stakeholders and wider industry.

The award recognises an outstanding contribution by a VTS or an employee/s of a VTS which is beyond their normal operational scope to make a difference to one or more of the following principles:

* safety of life at sea
* safety and efficiency of navigation
* protection of the marine environment

The contribution may relate to a particular event or a sustained contribution over a period of time, for example:

* An event demonstrating how interaction by a VTS contributed to:
* preventing an incident from developing
* preventing an incident from developing into an accident
* preventing an accident from developing into a disaster
* mitigating the consequences of incidents, accidents and disasters
* An event where a VTS has significantly contributed to a successful response activity undertaken by other agencies (e.g. pollution response).
* Leadership and innovation that contributes to significant enhancements to the service provided or to the national or international framework for VTS.
* Demonstrated improvements to safety and/or efficiency, safety culture and delivery of service through performance monitoring.

The award is open to VTS authorities, VTS centres and individuals employed by a VTS authority.

Any person or organisation can nominate candidates for the Award. Award nominations relate to the calendar year. That is, the reason for nomination should have occurred during the period 1 January to 31 December.

Judging of nominations will be undertaken by a Selection Committee taking into account the purpose of the award and criteria based on the information contained in the nomination and supporting documentation. The Selection Committee is comprised of AMSA and a nominee from each of Australia’s VTS authorities.

Further information about the award is available at <https://www.amsa.gov.au/safety-navigation/navigating-coastal-waters/australian-vessel-traffic-services-award>.

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