

# Safety Commissioner shines spotlight on Sharpe Bros during Safe Work Week

Joint Managing Directors of Sharpe Bros, Michael, Richard and Hayden Sharpe, who were recently named Safe Work Ambassadors for the Australian Safety and Compensation Council, held the Roadworkers Prize during Safe Work Week to remind businesses in the construction industry of the importance of safe work practices.

Michael Sharpe said rest and recreation, along with a sense of community and an enjoyable work environment, all played an important role in maintaining safety in the workplace.

The Sharpe Bros crew took a well earned break from their busy road maintenance schedule to select the winner – Windows of Portent by Mike Worrall.

Federal Safety Commissioner, Helen Marshall, attended the event at the Gosford Regional Gallery to launch a Federal Government best practice case study which looks at the Sharpe Bros safety awareness program, Safety Bro.

“Sharpe family companies have a history spanning nearly 60 years and three generations without a serious reportable injury or workplace fatality. This

is a strong record for any company in the construction industry which in 2006-07 had a fatality rate twice as high as the ‘all industries’ rate,” Ms



**Federal Safety Commissioner – Helen Marshall inspecting the winning artwork “Windows of Portent” by Mike Worrall**



**Chris Henson and Treena Stewart from WorkCover**



**Sharpe Bros selected team members with Federal Safety Commissioner Helen Marshall**

Marshall said.

“The Safety Bro program, which won the National Safe Work Award for Best Workplace Health and Safety Practices in Small Business, shows other businesses that simple programs can be effective with the right attitude and strong leadership.”