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Helen Marshall and Sharpe Bros road worker Hans Krohn view the Gosford Art Prize at Gosford Regional Gallery.

Workers choice a safe bet

TO mark Safe Work Week Australia, a team of Sharpe Bros road workers downed tools and sought inspiration at Gosford Regional Gallery last week.

The workers viewed an exhibition with Federal Safety Commissioner Helen Marshall and selected the winner of the 2008 Sharpe Bros Roadworkers Prize.

Mike Worral's Gosford Art Prize entry *Windows of Portend* was voted the workers' pick.

Worral was also the winner of the workers' 2006 prize.

"Road works and art works might seem like an odd pair but our guys find it very rewarding to be able to support the Gosford gallery," Michael Sharpe said.

"The event reminded businesses of the importance of safe work practices and how significant art is as a cultural and educational resource."

Sharpe Bros was recently named a safe work

ambassador for the Australian Safety and Compensation Council.

Ms Marshall launched the federal government's best practice case study, which uses the Sharpe Bros safety awareness program.

"Sharpe family companies have a history spanning nearly 60 years and three generations without a serious reportable injury or workplace fatality," she said.