



Prestigious honour for local truckie

After an incredible 3.5million kilometres of accident-free truck driving in his career, local heavy vehicle driver Ross Migga was recently honoured with an award from his peers.

A heavy vehicle driver with Fletchers' Freighters Pty Ltd for 16 years, Mr Migga, of Glossop, was presented with the Jim Crawford Memorial Driver of the Year award at the South Australian Road Transport Association (SARTA) annual gala dinner in Adelaide.

In nominating the driver for the prestigious award, Fletchers' Freighters said Mr Migga's driving record over the years was impeccable, while he is also rated highly in building and maintaining excellent customer relations.

Announcing the win, SARTA executive director Steve Shearer said Mr Migga was one of Australia's many quiet achievers, who take a no-fuss approach to life and to their work.

"Mr Migga is renowned in the industry as a gentleman of the highways," Mr Shearer said.

"This is because, like most of his colleagues in the industry only more so, he respects the fact that everyone has a right to be on the road and he gives other road users plenty of room.

"The award also recognises 'Rosco's'

commitment to his family and his three daughters, whom he has heavily supported in their chosen sport of inline skating at the national and international levels."

Mr Shearer said Mr Migga was overwhelmed when presented with the award, as he was unaware he was even in the running.

Under the sponsorship of the Crawford family's CMV Group, Mr Migga will fly to Cairns for the national convention of the trucking industry's peak body, the Australian Trucking Association, as South Australia's nominee for the national Driver of the Year.

"Drivers are the foundation stone of the road transport industry and the entire economy which so heavily depends upon the trucking industry, so we value them highly and so should the general community," Mr Shearer said.

"That's why we have honoured a founder of the industry, Jim Crawford, by naming this important award after him.

"By recognising the best drivers, we are recognising that 'Rosco' Migga and the hundreds of thousands of other good and hard working drivers who keep Australia going are valued and respected, as they should be.

"The entire country owes them a continuing debt of gratitude."



CMV Group's Bill Lane (left), Memorial Driver of the Year winner Ross Migga, his wife Elaine and SARTA president Gemma Gordon