

# APGA Safety Award 2026

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| Awards Open     | 1 May 2026   |
| Awards Close    | 30 June 2026   |
| Categories      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Effective management of an on-going or emerging safety risk</li><li>- Innovation or new safety system</li><li>- Collaboration</li><li>- Effective management or early prevention of an emergency situation</li></ul> |
| Award           | Perpetual trophy for Safety  |
| Consideration   | Full Member association or Individual Member   |
| Submission type | Digital  |
| Adjudication    | APGA Committee   |

## AWARD PURPOSE

The APGA Safety Award recognises outstanding achievements that measurably improve safety performance, culture, or risk management within the Australian pipeline industry.

The award highlights initiatives implemented over the last 12 months that demonstrate how resourceful, innovative, and committed the Pipeline Industry is to continuously improving safety standards.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Open to all APGA Members (individuals and companies).
- Nominations must be submitted by current Full Members or Individual Members.

## AWARD CATEGORIES

### 1. EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF AN ON-GOING OR EMERGING SAFETY RISK

**Purpose:** Recognise organisations that have effectively managed a persistent or emerging safety risk within the industry. For example this may include methods to managing silica dust, psychosocial hazards, remote or isolated work, fatigue, Chain of Responsibility (CoR) obligations, skills shortages in the industry etc.

#### Submissions should demonstrate:

- Clear identification and understanding of the risk before controls were implemented
- A systematic approach to risk assessment
- Implementation of effective controls supported by measurable outcomes
- Scalability, transferability, or broader industry value
- Ongoing monitoring, verification, or continuous improvement of the controls

- Evidence of sustained performance improvement or risk reduction or prevention of harm
- Evidence the initiative provides long-term value, durability, or is embedded into ongoing practice
- Quality of planning, engagement, communication, change management, and execution.

**Why this category is important:** Ongoing and emerging risks evolve with technology, work practices, industry growth, and regulatory expectations staying in front of the trend and effectively managing emerging issues is essential.

## 2. INNOVATION OR NEW SAFETY SYSTEM

**Purpose:** Recognise unique, actionable innovations or new safety systems that solve a significant safety problem or enhance safety across the organisation or industry. This could include advances in technology, R&D projects, new machinery or equipment, utilisation of AI etc.

**Submissions should demonstrate:**

- Clear articulation of the problem being solved
- Novelty, uniqueness, or significant improvement over existing methods
- Demonstrated effectiveness, supported by quantitative or qualitative results
- Scalability, transferability, or broader industry value
- Cost-effectiveness
- Evidence of driving cultural or behavioural change (where relevant)
- Evidence of sustained performance improvement or risk reduction or prevention of harm
- Evidence the initiative provides long-term value, durability, or is embedded into ongoing practice.
- Quality of planning, engagement, communication, change management, and execution.

**Why this category is important:** Innovation drives safety forward. New hazards require new methods, and improvement often comes from creative thinking and adopting new technologies.

## 3. COLLABORATION

**Purpose:** Recognise initiatives where APGA members have worked collaboratively to overcome a shared safety issue. This may include client–contractor partnerships, contractor–subcontractor teams, or cross-company working groups.

**Submissions should demonstrate:**

- A clearly defined shared problem, risk, or safety challenge
- Effective collaboration structures, including governance or communication mechanisms
- Roles, responsibilities, and contributions of each party
- Scalability, transferability, or broader industry value
- Evidence of implemented improvements or measurable results

- Evidence the initiative provides long-term value, durability, or is embedded into ongoing practice.
- Shared learning, joint benefits, and uplift across the partnership
- Quality of planning, engagement, communication, change management, and execution.

**Why this category is important:** APGA recognise the pipeline and gas industry relies heavily on collaborative delivery models. Shared worksites, shared risks, and shared accountability mean collaboration is essential for safety.

#### 4. EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OR EARLY PREVENTION OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION

**Purpose:** Recognise organisations that have effectively managed, controlled, or prevented an emergency situation through planning, preparedness, early intervention, strong execution, or exemplary incident response.

**Submissions should demonstrate:**

- A clear description of the emergency or potential emergency scenario
- Early warning signs or risk indicators identified before escalation
- Prevention, containment, or mitigation of escalation
- Coordination with internal teams, external partners, or emergency services
- Lessons learned, post-incident review findings, and systemic improvements
- Evidence of sustained performance improvement or risk reduction or prevention of harm
- Scalability, transferability, or broader industry value
- Evidence the initiative provides long-term value, durability, or is embedded into ongoing practice.
- Quality of planning, engagement, communication, change management, and execution.

**Why this category is important:**

Even with robust systems, incidents can occur. The ability to rapidly identify, respond to, and prevent escalation is critical in a high-risk industry. Excellence in emergency response protects people, assets and the environment.

#### STANDARD EVALUATION CRITERIA (WITH WEIGHTINGS)

An independent committee, consisting of professionals and regulators, evaluates the nominations through written submissions.

All submissions will be assessed using the following weighted criteria

| Criteria | Description | Weighting |
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| Impact & Measurable Results                      | Strength of demonstrated safety outcomes, including risk reduction, performance improvement, or prevention of harm.                                   | 35% |
| Innovation, Improvement, or Technical Excellence | Degree to which the initiative demonstrates innovative thinking, improved methods, or excellence in safety practice (adjusted to fit all categories). | 20% |
| Industry Applicability & Scalability             | Potential for the initiative to be adopted, adapted, or replicated across the pipeline industry.  | 15% |
| Sustainability & Longevity                       | Evidence the initiative provides long-term value, durability, or is embedded into ongoing practice.   | 15% |
| Implementation Quality                           | Quality of planning, engagement, communication, change management, and execution.   | 10% |
| Presentation & Evidence Quality                  | Clarity and completeness of the submission, including data, evidence, and supporting documentation. Noting all Submission Requirements in section 5.  | 5%  |

## **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Entries must include:

- A concise executive summary
- Contact details of the nominating member
- Statement of which category is being applied for
- Clear description of the initiative or achievement
- Evidence of performance outcomes (qualitative and/or quantitative)
- Supporting documentation (references, visuals, data, case examples)
- *One* PowerPoint slide summarising the submission for use at the Convention

The deadline for submissions for the **2026 Award is 30 June 2026**. Entries must align with the specified criteria to be considered.