



Safe Work Australia's Award for Good Design goes to a Forklift with a difference

Safe Work Australia's Award for Good Design goes to a Materials Handling device with a difference. Creativity, innovation and design has come together, winning Makinex Construction Products' Powered Hand Truck Safe Work Australia's Award for Good Design last weekend. The revolutionary machine, the Powered Hand Truck, replaces the need for a forklift and has the potential to cut shoulder and back injuries in the workplace. The Makinex Powered Hand Truck is a universal materials handling solution that enables one person to safely lift and load small equipment or bulky goods weighing up to 140kg (309lbs). It provides a quick and easy alternative to using a forklift or tailgate loader for small loads.

The inaugural Safe Work Australia Award for Good Design was selected from finalists across all categories in the 2016 Good Design Awards. Makinex were presented with their award as part of the 2016 Good Design Awards ceremony on 27 May 2016. Since using the Powered Hand Truck, Australian company Kennard's Hire has seen a significant decrease in shoulder and back injuries. It has become an indispensable piece of equipment in Kennards Hire across Australia and New Zealand. "A focus on health and safety in design helps eliminate hazards and risks before they enter the workplace. Good work design can radically transform the workplace in ways that benefit the business, workers, clients and others in the supply chain." said Safe Work Australia Chief Executive Officer, Ms Michelle Baxter. "Makinex is about making inefficiencies extinct, where the name itself comes from this driving force. Makinex strives towards continuous improvement by looking close at it's business to find unique, innovative and practical product solutions that provide the construction and rental industries with a better way to do their jobs to save time, physical effort and money", says CEO Rory Kennard, who plays an instrumental part in the design and development of many of Makinex's products. Makinex is an Australian owned private company that have been experts in the design, development and distribution of innovative products since 2004, providing solutions to the construction, landscaping, equipment hire, infrastructure and related industries. With plans to expand the existing designed product range, growth in local and global markets with offices in Los Angeles, and a global dealer network they have a commitment to ongoing research and development, Makinex is experiencing exponential growth, particularly in its own line of designed and manufactured products. "We believe that 'good enough' is never enough for our customers", says Kennard. Watch the multi-award winning Powered Hand Truck here [ENDS](#) For further information, hi-res images and interviews please contact: Amy Dowd | Rhetoric Communications|0420 979 187| amy@rhetoriccommunications.com Makinex Makinex seeks to make an impactful difference on the global construction industry through the provision of truly unique and innovative Australian designed quality products. <http://www.makinex.com.au/>

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