

## **PIFWG announced as the Supreme Winner at this year's Safeguard Awards!**



We're delighted to announce that PIA Chairman Pat Kirk's submission about the formation and ongoing achievements of the Port Industry Fatigue Working Group has won the highly respected supreme award at the 2025 SafeGuard Awards.

At the gala dinner at which the award category winners were announced, PIFWG representatives were excited to win the Collaboration Award. But they were overjoyed to discover they'd won the night's supreme award recognising the group's contribution to safety - The WorkSafe New Zealand/ACC best overall contribution to improving workplace health and safety in New Zealand.

It's highly competitive to be announced a finalist in any one category, so to win a category and take out the Supreme Award is a feat worthy of celebration. Safeguard editor Peter Bateman, convenor of the five-person judging panel, said the Port Industry Fatigue Working Group's efforts are an inspiration to other industry sectors seeking to tackle their own challenging risks.

"This sector group brought together a disparate group of players historically at loggerheads – port companies, stevedoring and marshalling companies, container depot operators, unions, a regulator – and united them in a successful effort to tackle a long-standing and previously intractable problem."



Karen Fletcher (RMTU), Pat Kirk (PIA) & Tracy Bates (MNZ) with the supreme award after the ceremony.

The PIFWG is a single sector entity created by industry for industry, solely focusing on the effective mitigation and management of fatigue risk within the port sector.

The entirely volunteer-led tripartite based port sector organisation includes representatives from the port sector via the Port Industry Association (PIA), Maritime NZ, the Rail and Maritime Transport Union (RMTU), Maritime Union of NZ (MUNZ) and Merchant Services Guild.

The award recognises the collaboration between all these organisations and the work they have done together over the last few years. The PIFWG has developed educational material, run workshops and is supporting industry to start taking up the fatigue risk management system (FRMS) good practice guidelines released in 2022.

To check out some of the PIFWG's many outputs, engaging webinars about fatigue management and the FRMS guideline document are of the PIA website at [portindustry.co.nz/fatigue-management](https://portindustry.co.nz/fatigue-management)



Joe Gallagher (MUNZ), Tracy Bates (MNZ), Karen Fletcher (RMTU) and Pat Kirk (PIA Chairman) accepting the Collaboration category award from sponsor Tom Reeves (IPAC)

- Jacqui Ramsay, PIA EO