



**MWOA Operators Award 2017  
Application  
Sponsored by  
“Dial Before You Dig”  
Valued at \$1,500.00**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Licences:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Award:**

This award has been created to raise the awareness and the importance of “Safe Working” practices around underground services and acknowledge operators for their foresight and good decision making skills in carrying out their day to day work activities. We anticipate this recognition will assist in their personal development and also assist councils and their community with safe working practices and less damage to underground infrastructure, resulting in cost saving outcomes.

**Conditions of Application:**

- Evidence that he/she holds a position within local government
- Evidence of local government experience
- Evidence of licences required to operate the nominated machines
- Endorsement from council manager as to your operator capabilities
- Provide any evidence of having used the DBYD service and followed the 4 P’s principles
- The awardee can be required to make a brief presentation to an MWOA General Meeting within their council region, but not mandatory
- Nominations for this award close on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017

**Announcement of the Winner:**

- The winner to be announced at the 24<sup>th</sup> National Works & Engineering Conference in Bendigo on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 and presented with a certificate & cheque valued at \$1,500.00.

**Assessment:**

The applicants should be able to demonstrate the following;

- Safety procedures as per manufacturer's manual
- Obtain and work to council Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS)
- Work to the Dial Before You Dig four P's of Safe Excavation

**1 Plan**

Plan your job. Use the Dial Before You Dig service at least two business days before your job is due to begin to receive the information you need to carry out a safe project.

**2 Pothole**

Potholing (digging by hand) is a method to assist in establishing the exact location of all underground infrastructures.

**3 Protect**

Protecting and supporting exposed infrastructure is the responsibility of the excavator. Always erect safety barriers in areas at risk to protect underground networks.

**4 Proceed**

But **ONLY** when you have Planned, Potholed and put the Protective measures in place.

- Demonstrate a particular incident with a procedure and desired outcome. Demonstrate how you have obtained the information for a project and how you used this information
- Explain other components you are faced with in delivering a satisfied outcome, ie, Communication, Plans, Traffic Management, and Hazards etc.
- Supporting video or photographs from onsite work place are desirable

**SAFE EXCAVATION****Digging Safely**

Avoiding underground pipe and cable damage is as simple as having the right tools, the right skills **and the right information.**

It is integral to the planning stages of every project to obtain underground network information. Dial Before You Dig exists to facilitate this process. **Lodge your enquiry with Dial Before You Dig and the owners of underground infrastructure located within your proposed excavation site will provide you directly with information – usually within two business days.**