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Our Best Taxi Drivers

The State's best taxi drivers have been honoured at the NSW Taxi Council's Taxi Driver of the Year Awards held in Sydney overnight.

"We have found the best drivers in our Industry - those who recognise customer service and who receive a multitude of passenger compliments for their efforts," said Mr Howard Harrison, CEO of the NSW Taxi Council.

"It's been a lengthy search to find our champions, and we thank all the passengers who participated in the nominations process, our independent judging panel, and of course our sponsors for making the Awards possible."

The Minister for Transport, the Hon John Watkins presented the Awards at a dinner attended by more than 300 political, industry and corporate supporters:

2007 Taxi Driver of the Year

Winner: Waseim Eid, Legion Cabs - \$10,000 prize (four days holiday with the family at the Travelodge Mirambeena Resort Darwin, \$5,000 cash and \$1,000 worth of UNIGAS)

1st Runner Up: Narfez Darjani, Legion Cabs - \$1,500 cash

2nd Runner Up: Terry Karamallis, Legion Cabs - \$500 cash

Best Passenger Nomination

Mrs Trish Kerbel who nominated an ABC taxi driver finalist. *"When I told the driver I had fallen that day, he rang me the next day to find out how I was. Such care and kindness. He surely is Taxi Driver of the Year."*

Country Taxi Driver of the Year

WINNER: Lionel Riley, Gilgandra Cabs - \$1,500 cash

1st Runner Up: Kerri Robinson, Kiama Cabs - \$750 cash

2nd Runner Up: Michael Miller, Dubbo Cabs - \$500 cash

Taxi Operators' Taxi Driver of the Year

Winner – Garry Tutty, Taxis Combined Services - \$1,000 cash

Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Service Taxi Driver of the Year

Winner - Ernie Fennell, Maitland Taxi Service

Winners are available for interviews and photo opportunities – call Tracey Cain on 0411 644 999.