

# CLIMBING TO NEW HEIGHTS

Safety was the name of the game in October, with both the National Safety Council of Australia Awards taking place in Sydney and October officially recognised as National Safe Work Month.

**B**ohmer's Tree Care, based in Wollongong on NSW's South Coast and who last year took out top gongs in the NSW Govt's SafeWork Awards, were up for an award for Best Solution of a WHS Risk at the NSCA Awards.

Bohmer's, a small family business based in regional Australia, are going from strength to strength in their approach to both safety and innovative operations disrupting the industry, including encouraging more females to enter the challenging yet rewarding world of arboriculture.

They recently took on their first female chainsaw operator and groundsperson Lauren, who is in her early 20s and studying Certificate III in Arboriculture. The company's Managing Director, Natasha Woodnutt – who entered the industry having had no previous experience and now manages all of its



operations – was also up for a prestigious 'AusMumpreneur' Award in Sydney. The company proudly provides a flexible, family-friendly work environment.

Bohmer's recently teamed up with SALT – an organisation which is rapidly

expanding in reputation and operations for all it does to support and link tradeswomen across the country, to be part of the conversation regarding encouraging more women to enter trades, whilst improving working conditions and recognising women of all ages who are highly skilled.

In an effort to educate students and families about the important role that trees play in their environment and why it makes sense to take care of them, Head Arborist and Director Clive Woodnutt (aka Bohmer) has also created the character 'The Tree Whisperer' and developed a range of Educational Experiences for schools and the community, aligned with the national curriculum. (Check out the video on their YouTube channel.)

*If you would like to know more about any of Bohmer's Tree Care initiatives or programs surrounding safety, women in trades and educational programs, see [bohmerstrecare.com.au](http://bohmerstrecare.com.au)*



Bohmer's Tree Care team has been joined by Lauren, their first female chainsaw operator.