

Engineering success

BUSINESSES have now been named as finalists for the 2014 Telstra Business Awards, and Bowhill Engineering is on the list.

Bowhill Engineering managing director Jeremy Hawkes said the organisation had been selected for two of the five award categories: medium business award and regional award.

"We were interviewed earlier this month to see if we were the real deal; then we were notified shortly after (that we were a finalist)," Mr Hawkes said.

He said this year a mix of industries had been named as finalists in the State-based awards.

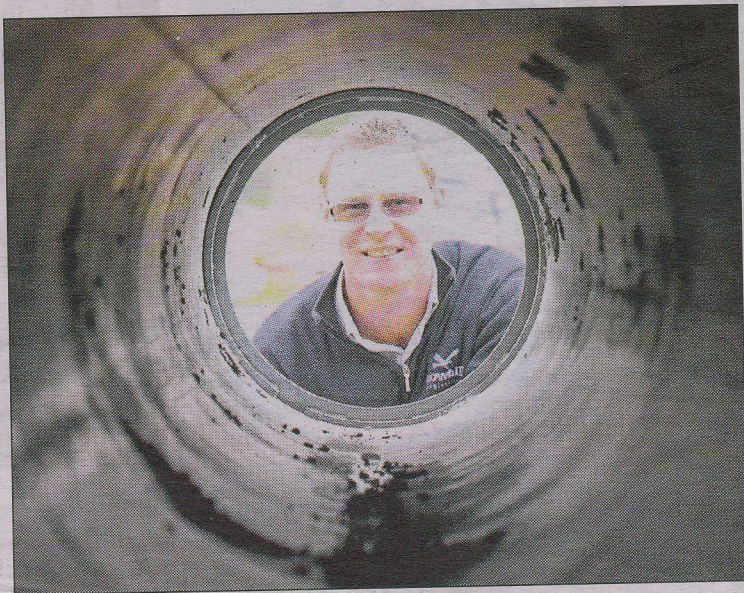
"Some of the other people we're up against we've met through our travels," he said.

"We're very proud to be associated with the regional side of it ... we are passionate about our region."

He said the winners, announced at a gala dinner on June 27, would progress to the national awards, and both State and national winners would share in about \$800,000 of prizes.

Mr Hawkes said the business had been nominated for the awards about 10 years ago, but was inspired to try again.

"The recognition of successful



Vision: Bowhill Engineering managing director Jeremy Hawkes is proud to see his business named as a finalist in the 2014 Telstra Business Awards.

companies is important to build pride in the local community," he said.

"It's a real honour to be a finalist, and if we're lucky enough to win one or even both, we'd be humbled, and proud of everybody's effort to get us where we are."

The second-generation business has evolved from a rural

machinery maintenance and repair workshop in the 1970s to a specialist fabricator of structural steel projects.

"We've been heavily involved with the Southern Expressway duplication ... we do have some pretty exciting jobs, and friendly people," he said.

"We want to be something special, and something world-class."