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AWARDS 2026

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Nominate excellence in Australia's mining and exploration industry

Every year, people, teams and organisations across Australia's mining and exploration sector deliver work that deserves to be recognised.

The AMEC Awards celebrate outstanding achievement across discovery, environmental leadership, community partnership, workplace inclusion, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander empowerment, and industry journalism.

Whether it is a major discovery, a practical improvement, a long-term partnership or an initiative that has made a meaningful difference, the Awards provide a national platform to recognise the people and organisations helping strengthen our industry.

Self-nominations are welcome, and entries are encouraged from companies and projects of all sizes.

WHO SHOULD NOMINATE?

Consider the people, teams, companies and partners who have delivered work worth celebrating.

Who has made a significant contribution over the past year?

Who has gone beyond standard practice?

Who has created meaningful outcomes for industry, community, employees or the environment?

Who deserves recognition from their peers?

WHY ENTER?

Entering the AMEC Awards gives your organisation the opportunity to:

- Receive recognition from respected industry peers
- Showcase meaningful work, innovation and leadership
- Acknowledge the contribution of employees, partners and project teams
- Strengthen credibility with industry stakeholders
- Create valuable communications and promotional opportunities
- Celebrate achievements that may otherwise go unrecognised

Finalists and winners will be recognised through AMEC's Awards promotion, digital channels and post-event coverage.





TESTIMONIAL

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Winning the prestigious AMEC Prospector Award is an incredible honour and is in recognition of over two decades of conviction, geological insight, and hard work by our exploration team.

The Aileron discovery champions the role of frontier exploration that is opening up an entirely new mineral province in the West Arunta region of Western Australia.

Encounter Resources Limited
Will Robinson | Executive Chairman

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ENTRIES CLOSE:

5:00pm AWST

Friday 18 September 2026

KEY DATES

NOMINATIONS OPEN

Thursday 23 July 2026

AWARDS DINNER TICKETS ON SALE

Thursday 23 July 2026

NOMINATIONS CLOSE

5:00pm (AWST) Friday 18 September 2026

FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Wednesday 21 October 2026

GALA AWARDS DINNER

Friday 11 December 2026
Crown Towers Perth



HOW TO ENTER

Entries must be submitted online through the AMEC Awards nomination platform.

To begin, visit the AMEC Awards page and select **Nominate Now**. Choose your award category and complete the relevant nomination form.

You can save your entry and return to it before submitting, so you do not need to complete your nomination in one sitting.

A separate nomination form must be completed for each entry.

Need help choosing the right category?

Contact AMEC for clarification before submitting your nomination.

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RECOGNITION AND BENEFITS

All eligible entrants, finalists and winners receive recognition through the AMEC Awards, with additional promotional opportunities as entries progress.

ELIGIBLE ENTRANTS

Eligible entrants may receive:

- Recognition through the AMEC Awards nomination process
- Consideration by an independent judging panel of industry representatives
- The opportunity to showcase meaningful work, projects, people and partnerships
- Use of approved AMEC Awards entrant recognition assets, where provided

FINALISTS

Finalists receive:

- Notification of short-listing before the Gala Awards Presentation Dinner
- Recognition through AMEC's website, email and social media channels
- Finalist video collateral for their own use
- A Finalist certificate
- Use of the AMEC Awards Finalist badge for 12 months
- Approved Finalist recognition assets provided by AMEC

WINNERS

Winners receive:

- Presentation of the award at the Gala Awards Presentation Dinner
- A trophy and certificate
- Post-event recognition through AMEC's social media channels
- Use of the AMEC Awards Winner badge for 12 months
- Approved Winner recognition assets provided by AMEC
- Recognition on the AMEC Awards webpage

2026 AWARD CATEGORIES

PROSPECTOR AWARD

Recognises the individual or geoscientific team responsible for an outstanding mineral discovery in Australia. The award considers the significance of the discovery and the technical excellence, leadership, innovation and persistence behind it.

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COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARD

Recognises a company and community partner that have worked together to deliver meaningful, sustainable and enduring benefits for an external community connected to the minerals industry.

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ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EMPOWERMENT AWARD

Recognises an organisation that has created culturally informed and sustainable opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through employment, development, leadership, cultural safety or contracting initiatives.

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DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARD

Recognises an organisation that has improved diversity, inclusion and equitable participation through meaningful changes to workplace culture, systems, policies or practices.

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ENVIRONMENT AWARD

Recognises a company or organisation that has delivered leading environmental practice or innovation across exploration, mining or mine closure, resulting in demonstrably better environmental outcomes.

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MEDIA AWARD

Recognises outstanding Australian journalism that improves understanding of the mineral exploration and mining industry through clarity, relevance, strong research and meaningful impact.

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IS YOUR WORK AWARD-WORTHY?

You do not need to be the largest company, project or program to submit a strong nomination. The AMEC Awards recognise work that can be clearly explained, supported by evidence and shown to have made a meaningful contribution.

THE FIVE-FACT CHALLENGE

If you can clearly answer these five questions, you likely have the foundation for a strong nomination:

1. What challenge or opportunity was addressed?
2. What was done differently?
3. What measurable result was achieved?
4. Who benefited from the work?
5. Why does the achievement matter?

Your answers do not need to be long, but they should be specific. Strong nominations are built on clear facts, credible outcomes and evidence, not marketing claims.

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1.	Opening and closing dates: Entries open on Thursday 23 July 2026 and must be submitted by 5.00 pm AWST on Friday 18 September 2026.
2.	Submission method: Entries must be submitted electronically through the AMEC Awards nomination platform here . A separate entry form must be completed for each nomination.
3.	Eligibility and completeness: Entrants are responsible for ensuring their nomination meets the relevant eligibility requirements and is complete at the time of submission. AMEC may deem incomplete, late or non-compliant entries ineligible.
4.	Multiple entries: There is no limit to the number of eligible nominations an individual or organisation may submit.
5.	Accuracy and verification: Entrants are responsible for the accuracy of all information provided. AMEC may verify information contained in an entry, contact referees or partners, and request further supporting information where required.
6.	Permissions and approvals: Entrants must obtain all necessary permissions to submit information, names, images, statements and supporting materials relating to other individuals or organisations.
7.	Confidential and sensitive information: Entrants should clearly identify any commercially sensitive, culturally restricted or confidential information included in their submission. Entrants remain responsible for determining whether such information is appropriate and authorised for submission.
8.	Judging: Eligible entries will be assessed by an independent judging panel against the published judging criteria. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the outcome.
9.	No obligation to present an award: AMEC and the judging panel reserve the right not to select a finalist or winner in any category where entries do not sufficiently meet the required standard.
10.	Disqualification: AMEC may disqualify an entry where information is found to be false, misleading, unauthorised or otherwise in breach of these Conditions of Entry.
11.	Use of submitted materials: By entering, entrants grant AMEC permission to use approved entry summaries, images, logos, videos and other promotional materials in connection with the 2026 AMEC Awards and future promotion of the Awards. AMEC will not knowingly publish material clearly identified as confidential or culturally restricted.
12.	Supporting materials: Entries and supporting materials will not be returned. Entrants should retain copies of all submitted information.
13.	Program changes: AMEC reserves the right to amend the Awards timetable, judging process, categories, presentation arrangements or Awards Dinner date where reasonably necessary.
14.	Liability: To the extent permitted by law, AMEC will not be liable for any loss or damage arising from participation in the Awards, reliance on information supplied by an entrant, or the cancellation, postponement or amendment of the Awards program.
15.	Acceptance of conditions: Submission of an entry constitutes acceptance of these Conditions of Entry.

JUDGING

Eligible entries will be assessed by independent judging panels comprising experienced representatives from across the Australian resources sector.

Entries will be considered against the published eligibility requirements and judging criteria for each award category. Entrants should address each criterion directly and support claims with clear examples, outcomes and evidence where available.

Referees, partners or other relevant parties may be contacted to verify information provided in an entry.

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ELIGIBILITY & JUDGING CRITERIA



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PROSPECTOR AWARD

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AWARD ELIGIBILITY

1.	The discovery must be located in Australia.
2.	The nomination must recognise the individual or geoscientific team principally responsible for the discovery, rather than the company alone.
3.	At the time of the discovery, the nominee must have been working for, contracted to, or operating independently in connection with an Australian resident company.
4.	The discovery should generally be a new mineral discovery. Greenfield discoveries will be given particular consideration, although exceptional discoveries in brownfield or previously explored areas may also be eligible.
5.	The discovery must have a JORC-compliant Mineral Resource Estimate, or an equivalent resource estimate prepared under a recognised international reporting standard.
6.	The discovery must demonstrate strong commercial potential.
7.	The judging panel may give additional weight to discoveries made under cover, discoveries that open new exploration opportunities, or discoveries of broader industry significance.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Nominations will be judged on:

1.	Discovery significance: The scale, quality, geological importance and commercial potential of the discovery.
2.	Technical and scientific merit: The exploration model, methods, interpretation and technical decisions that led to the discovery.
3.	Innovation and originality: The use of new ideas, technology, data, geological thinking or unconventional approaches.
4.	Nominee contribution: The specific and material contribution made by the nominated individual or team.
5.	Leadership and judgement: The quality of leadership, decision-making and professional judgement demonstrated.
6.	Persistence and obstacles overcome: The persistence shown and the technical, operational, financial or organisational challenges overcome.
7.	Broader industry significance: The extent to which the discovery has advanced geological understanding, opened new exploration opportunities or influenced the Australian exploration industry.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARD

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AWARD ELIGIBILITY

1.	The award is open to Australian mining, mineral exploration, mining services and related research organisations working in partnership with an Australian community group.
2.	The nominated initiative must primarily benefit a broader external community rather than the company's employees, contractors or internal workforce.
3.	The initiative must involve meaningful participation or collaboration between the industry organisation and the community partner.
4.	The initiative must demonstrate more than a one-off donation, sponsorship or transactional funding arrangement.
5.	The project or partnership must operate in Australia and have a clear connection to mining, mineral exploration or a related industry activity.
6.	The community partner may be a formal or informal group established to advance a shared community interest, opportunity or cause.
7.	The community partner must agree to be jointly nominated and contribute directly to the nomination.
8.	Initiatives primarily focused on workplace diversity and inclusion, employee participation, Indigenous employment, workforce development or employee wellbeing are not eligible for this category unless the principal outcome is broader community benefit.
9.	Initiatives of all sizes are eligible. Judges will assess the significance of the outcomes relative to the organisation's size, available resources and operating context.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Nominations will be judged on:

1.	Community need and relevance: The extent to which the initiative responds to a community priority, opportunity or area of benefit.
2.	Quality of partnership: The extent to which the community partner influenced the design, delivery and review of the initiative.
3.	Community outcomes: The scale, significance and evidence of benefits delivered to the broader community.
4.	Community capability and lasting value: The extent to which the initiative strengthens local capability, resilience, independence or opportunity beyond the life of the project or funding.
5.	Distinctive approach: The extent to which the partnership goes beyond standard sponsorship, donation or community engagement.
6.	Broader industry value: The extent to which the partnership provides a useful model or lesson for the resources sector.

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EMPOWERMENT AWARD

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AWARD ELIGIBILITY

1.	Nominations are open to Australian mining and exploration companies and AMEC member companies that provide products or services to the minerals industry.
2.	The initiative must primarily benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees, prospective employees, contractors or Aboriginal-owned businesses participating in the Australian minerals industry.
3.	The initiative must focus on employment, retention, career development, leadership, cultural safety, workplace wellbeing, contracting opportunities or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business participation.
4.	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees, contractors, leaders, businesses or other relevant participants must have contributed to the initiative's design, delivery, leadership or review.
5.	The initiative must demonstrate outcomes beyond normal business practice or minimum legal and regulatory compliance.
6.	The initiative must have been implemented sufficiently to provide measurable or clearly demonstrated evidence of impact.
7.	Initiatives of all sizes are eligible. Judges will assess impact relative to the organisation's size, resources and operating context.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Nominations will be judged on:

1.	Need and purpose: The significance of the employment, workplace, career or contracting barrier or opportunity addressed.
2.	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander involvement: How Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees, contractors, leaders, businesses or other relevant participants shaped, led, delivered or reviewed the initiative.
3.	Quality of approach: The strength, cultural appropriateness, innovation and practical implementation of the initiative.
4.	Outcomes and impact: Measurable or clearly demonstrated improvements in employment, retention, advancement, leadership, cultural safety, wellbeing, contracting or business participation.
5.	Sustainability: How the initiative is resourced, embedded, governed and capable of delivering lasting benefits.
6.	Industry significance: The initiative's potential to influence practice, create transferable lessons or strengthen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation across the minerals industry.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARD

SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

AWARD ELIGIBILITY

1.	Nominations are open to Australian mining and mineral exploration companies and Australian organisations providing products or services to the industry.
2.	The nominated initiative must be substantially delivered in Australia and relate primarily to workplace diversity, equity or inclusion.
3.	Eligible entries may relate to a single initiative, program or coordinated body of work addressing areas such as recruitment, retention, career development, accessibility, workplace culture, flexible work, inclusive leadership or participation.
4.	The initiative must demonstrate practical action beyond general policy statements, legal compliance or one-off awareness activities.
5.	Entries should provide evidence of measurable, observable or sustained change in workplace participation, access, employee experience, behaviour or culture.
6.	Initiatives of all sizes are eligible. Judges will assess impact relative to the organisation's size, resources and operating context.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Nominations will be judged on:

1.	Need and relevance: The significance of the workplace diversity or inclusion barrier, gap or opportunity addressed.
2.	Actions and implementation: The quality, practicality and effectiveness of the initiative, including how it was designed and delivered.
3.	Leadership and participation: The involvement and commitment of leaders, employees, participants or relevant partners.
4.	Outcomes and impact: Measurable or clearly demonstrated improvements in participation, access, employee experience, workplace behaviour or culture.
5.	Sustainability: The extent to which the initiative is embedded, appropriately resourced and capable of delivering ongoing benefits.
6.	Broader industry relevance: What other minerals-industry organisations could learn from, adapt or apply from the initiative.

ENVIRONMENT AWARD

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AWARD ELIGIBILITY

1. Nominations are open to Australian companies and organisations, including:
 - o Mineral exploration companies
 - o Mining companies
 - o Industry service providers
 - o Research organisations
2. The nominated project, product, service, technology or research must relate primarily to an Australian mineral exploration or mining application.
3. Entries may relate to any stage of the mineral exploration and mining lifecycle, including exploration, development, operations, rehabilitation and closure.
4. Entries may include implemented initiatives, trials, pilot programs, products, technologies, services or research projects.
5. Greater weight will generally be given to demonstrated environmental outcomes. Credible early-stage initiatives may also be considered where they show strong evidence, innovation and industry relevance.
6. Where an initiative responds to a statutory approval, licence condition or regulatory obligation, the nomination must show how it exceeds minimum compliance requirements.
7. The initiative must demonstrate a meaningful environmental benefit. Judges may consider the organisation's size, resources, operating context and project footprint when assessing the significance of the achievement.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Nominations will be judged on:

1. **Environmental outcomes:**
The scale, quality and durability of actual or expected environmental benefits.
2. **Innovation:**
How the approach improves on previous practice, standard industry practice or minimum compliance.
3. **Evidence:**
The quality of data, results, verification and supporting material.
4. **Industry significance :**
The relevance, transferability, scalability and potential benefit to the mineral exploration and mining industry.
5. **Applicant contribution :**
The nominated organisation's role in developing and delivering the initiative.



AWARD ELIGIBILITY

1.	The entry must have been first published or broadcast between 19 September 2025 and 18 September 2026 .
2.	The entry must: • Have been published or broadcast by an Australian media outlet; or • Have been produced by an Australian-based journalist for an outlet distributed or accessible in Australia
3.	Eligible entries include: • Print or digital articles • News, feature or investigative reporting • Radio or television reports • Podcasts • Video reports • A clearly related series of items
4.	Sponsored, advertorial or paid promotional content is not eligible.
5.	The nominator must have permission to submit the entry and provide it to AMEC and the judging panel.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Nominations will be judged on:

1.	Clarity and accessibility: How clearly the entry explains its subject to the intended audience.
2.	Relevance: The importance of the subject to Australia's mineral exploration and mining industry or its stakeholders.
3.	Research and accuracy: The quality of research, verification, sourcing and factual accuracy demonstrated.
4.	Balance and independence: The fairness, context and editorial independence of the entry.
5.	Impact and contribution: The extent to which the entry informed understanding, prompted discussion or contributed meaningfully to industry or public awareness.