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2026 AMEC Awards Finalists Announced

The Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC) is proud to announce the finalists of the prestigious 2026 AMEC Awards, with winners to be revealed on Friday 11 December during a Gala Dinner at Crown Towers Perth.

The annual awards recognise the outstanding people, projects and initiatives that continue to make a positive difference across Australia's exploration and mining industry.

AMEC Chief Executive Officer, Mr Warren Pearce said, “Our industry never sleeps, so to take a moment to recognise these achievements, serves as an important reminder that the industry's contribution extends well beyond mineral production and economic growth.

“Exploration and mining are fundamental to Australia's prosperity, but our industry's achievements are measured by much more than tonnes produced or discoveries made.

“To all our finalists, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. You should be incredibly proud of your achievements and the contribution you are making to our industry.”

Never an easy task, judging panels faced the difficult task of selecting finalists from a highly competitive field, with nominations showcasing the breadth of achievements across the sector, from junior explorers to some of our strongest national and international producing companies.

The 2026 AMEC Awards celebrate excellence across six categories, recognising the industry's commitment to the Environment, Diversity and Inclusion, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Empowerment, Community Contribution and Media.

The awards also recognise outstanding mineral discoveries through the coveted Prospector Award, celebrating the exploration success that underpins the future of Australia's mining industry.

This year's 2026 AMEC Award finalists include:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Empowerment Award

- AMY Nominees – Building Sustainable Aboriginal Employment and Leadership
- Harmony – Eva Copper Kalkadoon Ranger Pathway Program

Community Contribution Award

- Alcoa & Foodbank Western Australia
- Boab Metals & Ord Valley Events
- Diatreme Resources & Country Universities Centre Cape York

- Northern Star Resources & West Australian All Abilities Football Association
- Topdrill, Royal Flying Doctor Service & Full Circle Therapies Kalgoorlie

Diversity and Inclusion Award

- Larvotto Resources – Diverse Workforce
- PLS – Inclusion and Wellbeing Group
- Thiess – Women in Maintenance and Assets

Environment Award

- Albermarle – Advancing Circular Economy Outcomes in Lithium Processing
- Renascor Resources – PSG Demonstration Facility
- Sandfire Resources – LAND-X and Rehabilitation App
- Verterra Ecological Engineering – Performance Ecosystem for Mine Rehabilitation and Closure

Media Award

- Aaliyah Rogan, *Mining.com.au* – Copper Mining 3-Part Series
- Jack McGinn, *Business News* – Gold Gains from Nickel Negativity
- Jamie Wade, *Australasian Drilling Magazine* – The Most Expensive Metres You Will Never Drill

Prospector Award

- Empire Metals – Pitsfield Titanium Discovery in Western Australia
- PTR Minerals – Rosewood Titanium Discovery in South Australia

AMEC extends its sincere thanks to all nominees and the independent judging panels who contributed their time and expertise to this year's awards.

Mr Pearce added, “Every year, the AMEC Awards remind us of the extraordinary people and organisations working across our industry, not only discovering and producing the minerals our economy relies on, but making meaningful contributions to the communities we operate in.

“These are the people and companies demonstrating innovation and a genuine commitment to making our industry better.”

Winners will be announced at the annual AMEC Awards Gala Dinner on Friday 11 December 2026 at Crown Towers Perth.

Tickets are available via: **AMEC 2026 Awards**

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