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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN IN RESOURCES AWARDS UNEARTH EXCEPTIONAL FINALISTS

The South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME) and the Women in Resources South Australia Committee (WinRSA) is pleased to announce the finalists for the inaugural South Australian Women in Resources State Awards.

The South Australian Women in Resources Awards recognise and celebrate the contributions and achievements of women and those supporting women in South Australia.

The nomination process encouraged individuals and organisations to reflect on their achievements and the impact they have to encourage the attraction, retention and advancement of women in the Sector, in line with the Strategic Plan of WinRSA.

SACOME President, Terry Burgess, said “The judging panel were very impressed with the high quality of candidates.”

“With close to 40 nominations in the first year of these awards, it is a credit to the calibre of women we have in the South Australian resource sector,” said Mr Burgess.

The awards will be presented at an upcoming SACOME Lunch event on Friday 31 July which also features a keynote address on women in leadership from Dr Vanessa Guthrie, Managing Director and CEO of Toro Energy. Vanessa is the first female CEO of a uranium mining company in Australia and is working on the development of the Wiluna mine which is also timely in light of the State Government’s Royal Commission into South Australia’s role in the nuclear fuel cycle.

Jason Kuchel, Chief Executive of the South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME) said “The work of the WinRSA committee is crucial to growing the numbers of women in the South Australian resource sector, in particular those in senior positions.”

Aimee Chadwick, Chair of WinRSA said “The inaugural South Australian Women in Resources Awards highlights the valuable contribution that members of the Sector are making in this state. It is a great way to promote the resources sector and increase the participation rates of women.”

Winners of each category will be automatically nominated as the South Australian nominee for the National Women in Resources Awards to be held in Perth in September 2015.

2015 South Australian Women in Resources Awards finalists:

Gender Diversity Champion in South Australian resources (sponsored by Thiess)

Jo Barron-Perry

Kate Hobbs

Rebecca Holland-Kennedy

Lucy McEwen

Excellence in Diversity Programs and Performance (sponsored by OZ Minerals)

Fyfe Pty Ltd
OZ Minerals
Santos Limited

Outstanding South Australian tradeswoman, operator or technician (sponsored by Australian Training Alliance)

Paula Hunter
Sabrina McKenzie
Donna McLoughlin

Exceptional young woman in South Australian resources (sponsored by Department of State Development)

Ying Luo
Nikhat Nagin
Jasmine Richards
Helena Wu

Exceptional woman in South Australian resources (sponsored by Finlaysons)

Jo Barron-Perry
Bronwyn Camac
Jane Norman
Carrie Trembath
Erin Woolford

The Women in Resources South Australia (WinRSA) Committee commenced its establishment as a formal committee of SACOME in late 2013. The WinRSA Strategic Plan is grounded on ***Shaping the future for the SA resources sector, by realising the benefits of increased participation, retention and advancement of women*** to deliver on the primary objective of promoting the involvement and contribution of women in the Sector and to provide opportunities for meaningful engagement.

Visit the WinRSA website for more information about us www.sacome.org.au/winrsa.

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