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## 2019 AMEC awards show industry's commitment to improve and advance

AMEC awards recognising the increasingly high calibre of the industry were presented at the annual AMEC Awards Dinner held on Thursday 5 December in Perth.

“Every year, the standard and commitment behind the entries gets more impressive so choosing a winner for each category is never an easy task,” says the Association of Mining and Exploration Companies’ (AMEC) Chief executive Officer Warren Pearce.

The Prospector award was presented to Rob Tyson, Michael Oates, Angus Hornabrook & the Peel Mining team for the Mallee Bull, Wirlong, Southern Nights discoveries.

“Most exciting for our industry was the presentation of the Prospector award three years after it was last awarded. This is not only a clear signal that our industry is recovering, but also shows the length of time and effort required to progress exploration.”

AMEC also presented newest award, the Community Contribution award. This Award recognises companies who are collaborating with the community in emerging and established partnerships to provide enduring benefits to communities.

“This new award reflects the importance of partnerships between mineral exploration and mining companies and the communities they operate in, and joint project between Sandfire Resources, Australian Vanadium, Westgold Resources, and the Stephen Michael Foundation was a wonderful example of partnerships operating in a true sense.”

The AMEC Environment Award is made to a company that goes above and beyond in their environmental management or is developing innovative methods to achieve better long-term environmental outcomes. This year the award was given to Atlas Iron for its artificial bat roost project.

The AMEC Media Awards were also presented at the dinner. These awards recognise excellence in journalism covering the Australian mineral exploration and mining industry. The entries for the two Media Award categories – Electronic/Online and Print - are judged on clarity, relevance, quality of research, and level of impact on industry stakeholders.

The winner of the AMEC Electronic/Online Award was Jarrod Lucas from the ABC for his article ‘Golden girls of Kalgoorlie Super Pit represent changing face of Australian mining’, and Stuart McKinnon, from The West Australian, won the print award for his article ‘Not a plaint and simple call’.

“We received a large number of entries in each category and the standard was extraordinarily high. Both these winning entries were exceptional stand outs. Their clear concise well written articles play an important part as we continue to better explain our industry to the public and wider community,” says Mr Pearce.

AMEC extends their congratulations to all winners for showcasing the best of the Australian mineral exploration and mining industry.

#### 2019 Winners

Prospector Award- Rob Tyson, Michael Oates, Angus Hornabrook & the Peel Mining team for the Mallee Bull, Wirlong, Southern Nights discoveries.

Environmental Award- Atlas Iron for the Mt Webber DSO Artificial Bat Roost

Community Contribution Award- Sandfire Resources, Westgold Resources, Australian Vanadium and the Stephen Michael Foundation.

Print Media Award- Stuart McKinnon 'Not a plaint and simple call'

Online Media Award – Jarrod Lucas 'Golden girls of Kalgoorlie Super Pit represent changing face of Australian mining'.

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