



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Mines and Petroleum**



Community Partnership

Resources Sector Award



*Recognising outstanding leadership in
building community partnerships*

The Community Partnership Award promotes strong guiding behaviour within the resource sector by providing a platform for innovative and meaningful partnerships to be showcased and celebrated.

The award publicly recognises Western Australian resources industry organisations that show outstanding achievement and leadership in building community partnerships, creating mutually beneficial relationships, and achieving positive outcomes that extend well beyond gaining a social licence to operate.

The inaugural Community Partnership Award was presented to the Midwest Economic and Employment Development Aboriginal Corporation (MEEDAC) and the magnetite miner Karara Mining Limited by the Minister for Mines and Petroleum at the annual Awards for Excellence event on 27 October 2016.

2016 recipients

The 2016 selection committee commented that the company had far exceeded its social responsibility by forming a partnership with MEEDAC to create and run a sustainable commercial 2000-hectare farm called Innovation Park about 200km east of Geraldton.

The farm produces eggs, fruit and vegetables which are sold locally, back to the Karara mine site, and donated to the local food bank. The Innovation Park partnership also provides training and employment opportunities locally, and to the broader community.

Three other awards were presented:

- **Enduring Partnership Award:** Rio Tinto Iron Ore and Scitech Discovery Centre.
- **Community Partnership Merit Award:** Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore and Esperance Senior High School, Esperance Anglican Community School, Merredin College and Southern Cross District High School.

- **Community Partnership Merit Award:** Newmont Boddington Gold and Gnaala Karla Booja Native Title Claimants.

Presentations from the 2016 finalists can be viewed at www.dmp.wa.gov.au/abouttheawards

Who is eligible to nominate?

Any company or individual operating within Western Australia's minerals, energy resources or extractive industries can nominate a project. Resources companies can submit joint nominations with a Western Australian community organisation, or an individual nomination can be submitted that clearly demonstrates collaboration with a Western Australian community organisation. Any company that provides services to those sectors is also eligible to nominate a project.


Nominations are encouraged from resources or extractive industries companies of any size, and individual operators. Submissions can be for a local activity or company-wide initiative within Western Australia.

All nominations must clearly define the community that has benefited from the project and how this project is creating a sustainable future. All projects being nominated for the awards must have the support of the community in which they operate.

How will the awards be judged?

Eligible nominations will be judged against the Community Partnership Award criteria, not each other. This means more than one Community Partnership Award can be presented each year.

Each nomination will be reviewed by an assessment panel made up of representatives with specialist knowledge and experience in community engagement, and mineral and petroleum resources management. Award recipients will then be decided by a selection committee chaired by the Department of Mines and Petroleum Director General.



Where can I get further information?

Information about the new Community Partnership Award is available on the DMP website at www.dmp.wa.gov.au/communitypartnershipaward

Any questions can be directed to the Community Partnership Award coordinator on 9222 3373 or communitypartnerships@dmp.wa.gov.au

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