



NSW MINING ANNUAL PARLIAMENTARY DINNER

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Our NSW coal is essential for making steel and providing energy for homes and businesses, while our metals and minerals are used in countless applications, from electric cars and renewables infrastructure to every single mobile phone.

We also have world-leading businesses that partner with our miners to deliver safe, efficient and sustainable mining.

The NSW Mining Annual Parliamentary Dinner is a celebration of our responsible mining industry and the good things mining brings to NSW.

We welcome The Hon. Courtney Houssos MLC, Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources as our very special guest. We'd also like to thank the many ministers and Members of Parliament joining us this evening.

This event wouldn't be possible without our sponsors.

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Peter Berner

Comedian, broadcaster, corporate host,
cartoonist and Archibald Prize finalist painter

Peter Berner is without a doubt one of Australia's most respected comics and broadcasters, having performed his unique brand of comedy across Australia for nearly three decades and hosted iconic television and radio programs.

His intelligent humour has always set him apart as a performer who can comfortably straddle comedy styles as disparate as satire, observational comedy and reactive comedy with ease.

Peter's major TV hosting roles have included Backberner (ABC), The Einstein Factor (ABC), The Loaded Brush (ABC), You Have Been Watching (The Comedy Channel) and The B Team with Peter Berner (Sky News).

On radio, Peter was co-host of The Cage breakfast show (Triple M) and The Peter Berner Experiment (Triple M).

Also a talented artist and cartoonist, Peter is a graduate of the National Art School who has exhibited his work in galleries across the world. In 2018, Peter was selected as a finalist for the prestigious Archibald Prize for his self portrait.

Peter released his first book in 2015 titled The Book of He, which was a collection of original, humorous illustrations about modern life from the perspective of a very ordinary man. This was soon followed by the release of a sequel, The Book of They, a satirical look at relationships and coupledom.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER



Congratulations to tonight's winners, and those who won throughout the year that are being celebrated at tonight's event.

The mining industry plays an important and positive role in NSW and addresses some of the key challenges facing our state.

Our coal mines relieve the cost-of-living crisis by providing a consistent supply of energy, while critical minerals and high-tech metals projects are mining the essential elements needed for our clean energy future.

Today the mining and minerals industry employs more than 29,000 people. 1-in-20 employees in NSW can tie their employment back in some way to the sector.

These jobs sustain and grow local communities right across the state. As someone who was born and raised in regional NSW, I understand how important well-paid mining jobs are in ensuring a vibrant and strong NSW.

With highly skilled workers and world-leading environmental and safety standards, NSW has one of the strongest mining industries in the world. Since taking office in March, the Minns Labor Government has shown our commitment to being a jurisdiction of certainty and stability for the mining sector.

As the first woman to be minister responsible for mining in NSW, I particularly want to pay tribute to the extraordinary women who are being recognised tonight. It's encouraging to see the significant progress the industry is making in promoting diversity and inclusion in its workforce.

Congratulations on your achievements and thank you for the ongoing contribution that you and the mining sector more broadly makes to NSW. It is a privilege to be your Minister, and I look forward to working with you to ensure the future success of the mining industry.



The Hon. Courtney Houssos MLC

Minister for Finance

Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement

Minister for Natural Resources

A MESSAGE FROM THE SHADOW MINISTER



As Shadow Minister for Natural Resources, I congratulate all of tonight's award winners, and in particular, those winners from across the NSW mining industry and its suppliers.

The awards highlighted tonight are a reminder of the significant role that the NSW mining industry plays in our rural and regional communities.

“As Shadow Minister for Regional NSW, I know all about the opportunities that mining jobs and the broader mining industry provide to our local regions and towns.”

Mining is a key industry in my own regional electorate of Dubbo, and is the lifeblood of many other regional communities across NSW.

Tonight's awards also recognise the depth of talent and diversity across the NSW mining industry, highlighting how people from all walks of life and backgrounds are now navigating very successful careers in mining.

On behalf of the NSW Liberals and Nationals, I congratulate each of the winners and look forward to supporting a prosperous and responsible mining industry in the years ahead.



Dugald Saunders MP
Leader of the NSW Nationals
Shadow Minister for Regional NSW
Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Natural Resources

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NATIONAL AWARDS WINNERS



The Women in Resources National Awards are the peak industry accolades for women in the resources industry and those responsible for diversity and inclusion policies and practices. Congratulations to Bianca Newcombe and Lucy McClean for winning two of the six national awards this year.



Bianca Newcombe
Owner and Principal Metallurgist
OptiFroth Solutions

Bianca Newcombe, owner and principal metallurgist of Orange-based business OptiFroth Solutions, won the Exceptional Woman in Australian Resources Award. After graduating with a Bachelor of Engineering in 1998, Bianca completed her PhD in Mineral Processing in 2014 before working on mine sites in production metallurgy for companies including Newcrest Mining and Evolution Mining.

She started her mining services business OptiFroth Solutions to specialise in mineral process engineering utilising a 'froth flotation' system for separating metals like copper, zinc, silver, nickel and gold from mined material. Clients has clients in Australia, Asia, Africa, Canada and South America. And she has been a major advocate for young women coming into the industry.



Lucy McClean
Chair of Women in Mining NSW

Lucy McClean, Chair of Women in Mining NSW, won the Inclusion and Diversity Champion award at the Women in Resources National Awards for her work as Chair of WIMnet NSW, the key network to support, nurture, connect, recognise and empower women in the NSW resources sector.

Lucy's tenure as Chair has seen a 43 percent increase in mentee/mentor participation in the program as well as an increase in industry sponsorship. Lucy has volunteered as a WIMnet NSW mentor since 2017.



LEADING PRACTICE

NSW has some of the world's leading mining operations and some of the best practitioners in health and safety, environmental management and community engagement.

The winners of the NSW Minerals Council's Health, Safety, Environment and Community (HSEC) Awards were announced in August.

We recognised the most outstanding innovations and contributions to a responsible mining industry across four categories. Here are the winners:

Health Excellence

[Amcontrol, DRIFTEX Battery Electric Vehicle for Underground Mining Operations](#)

Safety Excellence

[Newcrest Mining, Cadia's Stringer Chain Telehandler](#)

Environmental Excellence

[Aurelia Metals, Recordable Environmental Incident Frequency Rate \(REIFR\) Reporting](#)

Community Excellence

[Evolution Mining & Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation, Galari Agricultural Company](#)

The HSEC People's Choice Award was chosen from these four category winners.

We polled 500 industry colleagues at the NSW Mining HSEC Conference.

The winner will be announced at tonight's Annual Parliamentary Dinner.

FINALISTS - HSEC PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD



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Health Excellence

Ampcontrol, DRIFTEX Battery Electric Vehicle for Underground Mining Operations

Mining supply business Ampcontrol won the Health Excellence Award for the development of their new DRIFTEX vehicles. The DRIFTEX vehicles are a new generation of Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV) specifically designed for underground mining.

The health benefits of the DRIFTEX system are the reduction in diesel fuel emissions within an underground mining environment, with the added benefit of reduced greenhouse gas emissions.



Safety Excellence

Newcrest Mining, Cadia's Stringer Chain Telehandler

The Safety Excellence Award was presented to Newcrest Mining's Cadia Valley Operations for successfully tackling a challenging maintenance task related to replacing failing Stringer Chains on an underground conveyor belt system.

The team constructed a new Stringer Chain Telehandler with essential safety features such as electronic crush protection, stability safety interlocks and a modified safety cage.

NSW MINING HSEC PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD



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Environmental Excellence

Aurelia Metals, Recordable Environmental Incident Frequency Rate Reporting

The Environmental Excellence Award was presented to Aurelia for the company's landmark Recordable Environmental Incident Frequency Rate (REIFR) measure.

The REIFR measure goes above and beyond regular data collection and enhances the mine's environmental performance. The incorporation of REIFR measure, has resulted in year-on-year improvements in environmental performance.



Community Excellence

Evolution Mining & Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation, Galari Agricultural Company

Evolution Mining won the Community Excellence Award for its terrific work in partnership with the local indigenous community and the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation.

Together, they've developed and launched the Galari Agricultural Company, which helps develop skills in indigenous youth in agricultural practices and commerce.

Since its inception, Galari has achieved significant milestones, including leasing 1,500 acres of land for livestock production, renovating a farmhouse as a cultural hub, and successfully training and employing Indigenous young people.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO NSW MINING



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This award recognises the contribution made to mining by an individual that has demonstrated outstanding leadership, innovation or performance over a sustained period. Previous winners have included:

Mick Buffier

Group Executive, Glencore

Ian Cribb

Chief Operating Officer, Glencore

Tony McPaul

General Manager - Cadia Valley Operations, Newcrest Mining

David Moul

Managing Director and CEO, Centennial

Rob Cunningham

Manager of Mining Operations, CMOC-Northparkes Mines

Fiona Robertson

Non-Executive Director

John Richards

Managing Director and CEO, The Bloomfield Group

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Chris Lauritzen
General Manager – Resource Development
MACH Energy Australia

Chris commenced with MACH Energy in 2016, where he was appointed the General Manager role following the acquisition of the Mount Pleasant Project from Rio Tinto.

Prior to that, he had a long history of achievement and experience over 30 years in mining operations, mineral exploration, resource assessment, mine planning, and more.

With humble roots starting as an exploration geologist in the Gunnedah Basin in 1980, Chris has developed a stellar career helping to develop a range of projects and work in operations that have gone on to be significant contributors to the state and national economies, including Maules Creek, Coal Cliff, Western Main, Howick (now part of Hunter Valley Operations), and more.

In 2000, Chris worked in Indonesia for seven years and then returned to Rio Tinto before joining BHP as its Global Coal Commodity Expert in Singapore.

Chris is now part of the executive leadership team at MACH Energy Australia and looks after major approvals and government relations. He is known by colleagues as a steady hand, a thoughtful professional and a calm and experienced leader.

Chris is a strong contributor to the wider mining industry through his work as a valued member of the NSW Minerals Council's Executive Committee.

He is also a fellow of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

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