

# SABINA SHUGG 'WOMAN IN RESOURCES CHAMPION' AWARD



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Sabina Shugg has made her mark on Western Australia's mining industry promoting the role of women in the resources sector.

Sabina has today been named the Women in Resources Champion in the Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia (CME) Women in Resources Awards, for being an outstanding role model to people in the resources industry and the broader community.

CME Chief Executive Reg Howard-Smith said Sabina has made significant contributions to the industry, particularly through her establishment of the Women in Mining and Resources Network in WA (WIMWA).

"Through a lot of hard work and sourcing many sponsorship arrangements, Sabina has kept the network membership free, also maximising its impact across the resources industry," Mr Howard-Smith said.

"Currently 1050 females within the resources sector have joined WIMWA, designed to support women in the mining and energy sectors."

Mr Howard-Smith said one of the events organised by Sabina included the inaugural and highly-successful WIMWA conference, held in September last year.

More than 250 women attended where they were provided with support strategies and general education about the resources sector. Young women from several Perth high schools were also invited to attend the conference and several expressed interest in working in the mining industry as a consequence..

"Through the participation of individuals and companies in events such as the WIMWA conference and the CME Women in Resources Awards, we can encourage and support the attraction, selection, promotion and retention of women in the resources sector," Mr Howard-Smith said.

"With skills shortages highly likely in the future due to anticipated sustained growth it is people like Sabina who lead by example and encourage West Australian women to either take this as their career path or give encouragement to women currently within the mining and energy sectors".

Some of Western Australia's most outstanding women were recognised today as part of the inaugural CME Women in Resources Awards 2010.

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