OUTSTANDING TRADESWOMAN / OPERATOR / TECHNICIAN

Samantha Seib — McArthur River Mine

Samantha is a local Borrooloola woman who loves working at McArthur River Mine, which allows her to advance her career while living in the Gulf region. She is a supervisor on the Mine Services Team who looks after a team of seven and has worked at McArthur River Mine for 19 years. She loves her job, her community and the satisfaction she gets from helping others. Samantha leads by example, breaking down stereotypes about female capabilities in the workforce.

Her overall knowledge keeps the mine running.

GENDER DIVERSITY CHAMPION

Leigh Richardson — GEMCO South 32

Leigh has a Bachelor of Business majoring in Human Resource Management. She has worked in the sector in both operational and corporate roles across Australia and the UK.

Leigh advocates for gender diversity and has demonstrated her commitment to the cause through supporting and initiating programs within her workplace, GEMCO, and in her Groote Eylandt community.

She is passionate about gender diversity and the economic and social benefits that can be gained by developing a diverse and inclusive workforce.

EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG WOMAN IN RESOURCES

Katie Manns — Newmont Tanami Operations

Katie holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Mining Engineering) with Honours and works as a Scheduling Engineer at Newmont Tanami.

She is passionate about equality and volunteers for Direct Reach Ethiopia and as a St John’s Event Health Officer.

She mentors young engineers on and off site, is a part of the CSIRO Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools program and is an active member of the Newmont Tanami Emergency Response Team.

She believes in increasing the visibility of women in the resources sector as well as improving the support provided for all staff.

EXCEPTIONAL WOMAN IN RESOURCES

Andrea Sutton — Energy Resources Australia

Andrea has a Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical) with First Class Honours, a Graduate Diploma in Economics and is the Chief Executive and Managing Director of Energy Resources Australia.

As well as holding a key leadership role, she actively engages with others to promote diversity in the resources sector at industry events, conferences and through the media.

Andrea is passionate about ERA’s support programs and challenges any status quo on limitations to diversity.

EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY PROGRAMS AND PERFORMANCE

Sparkettes

The Sparkettes is a group of female electricians who have come together to support and mentor one another, while also encouraging other women to consider a trade for a career path.

They are a non-profiting informal group.

The group operates within the Northern Territory community and provides support to each member through regular catch-ups.

The Sparkettes have talked to students at Darwin High School for the last three years, encouraging them to go into a trade.

Last year they also attended the Career and Training expo with a practical demonstration to encourage young women (and men) to consider a trade.

While they are spread across several organisations, the Sparkettes have been endorsed by PowerWater. The company supports the Sparkettes and allows staff to attend talks and expos.

Sparkettes members are passionate about promoting opportunities for women in the non-traditional trades and providing support and mentoring others.