

The 2003 AusIMM Award Winners

The AusIMM has pleasure in announcing and congratulating the following recipients of the 2003 Institute Awards. The awards recognise significant contributions by individuals to the industry and to The Institute.

The Institute Medal

This award is made in recognition of eminent services to Mineral, Mining, Metallurgical or Petroleum Industries.

Dr Robin Batterham

Citation: Dr Robin Batterham's distinguished academic credentials, high-level industry career and prominent public sector service present an unparalleled record of eminent achievement at the highest levels in academia, industry and the public sector at both the local and international level.

President's Award

Presented in recognition of notable achievement in the industry in some specific sphere of activity.

Professor Don McKee

Citation: Professor Don McKee has taken a leading role in the development of the Sustainable Minerals Institute which is a world class educational, research and training facility. Its standards are acknowledged as reflecting the highest aspirations in sustainable, economic, social and environmental development

Mineral Industry Operating Technique Award

This award shall be made to a person or team of people responsible for an innovative cost saving or effective mineral industry operating technique developed in Australia or other countries as prescribed in the mineral, mining, metallurgical or petroleum industries.

CRC (CMTE) Universal Dig and Dump

Citation: The Universal Dig and Dump (UDD) dragline rigging and control system will change the nature of open cut coal mining around the world. The enhanced flexibility afforded by UDD, together with an intuitive operator interface, is allowing operators to excavate areas faster and with greatly improved control. UDD won high praise from operators of Dragline 23 at BMA's Peak Downs mine with demonstrated productivity improvement in excess of 25 per cent with significantly improved equipment protection.

Beryl Jacka Award

Presented in recognition of extraordinary and sustained service to the Institute.

Rod Elvish

Citation: For extraordinary and sustained service to the Institute commencing with Rod's active participation as a student representative in 1968 through branch, council and board

representation and the many committees and taskforces and culminating in a dedicated and extended period as President and Immediate Past President from 2001 to 2003. Rod truly lived his motto " Ask not what The AusIMM can do for me, but rather what can I do the The Institute".

Branch Service Award

This award is to recognise long and meritorious service to the Branch.

Rick West

Citation: This Branch Service Award is presented to Rick West for his consistent and dedicated contributions to The AusIMM Sydney Branch over 30 years, as well as to Council, JORC, MICA, a number of sub-committees, conferences and various publications.

G B O'Malley Medal

Awarded to a Student Member of The Institute for the best preparation and presentation of a technical paper.

Helen O'Keefe

Citation: This medal is awarded to Helen O'Keefe for the work undertaken for her final year thesis (submitted in November 2002) that is summarised in a paper entitled "Implementation and feasibility of remote controlled blast hole drilling at KCGM's Fimiston open pits" presented at MPES 2003 in Kalgoorlie.

OH&S Award

The Award shall be made to a person, team of people or company responsible for an innovative mineral industry Occupational Health & Safety technique, activity or program developed in Australia or other countries as prescribed in the mineral, mining, metallurgical or petroleum industries.

Professor Jim Joy

Citation: For his leadership and influence on mine safety in Australia both as a respected consultant and for his outstanding contribution to mine safety as Professor of Mining Safety and Director of the Minerals Industry Safety and Health Centre at The University of Queensland.

Sir Willis Connolly Medal

Dr Ian Gould

Citation: The Sir Willis Connolly Memorial Medal and its accompanying lecture is awarded for 2003 to Dr Ian Gould, in memory of the contribution to science, engineering and technology in Australia by Sir Willis Connolly. Particularly, it commemorates his achievements as a communicator.

Dr Gould is therefore recognised for his communication ability which has advanced both professionalism and the industry. He is acknowledged as a "model" for others in his communication of the benefits of science, engineering and technology in his numerous roles both within the minerals industry and the community.

New Professional Award

The New Professional Award is a new award introduced in 2004. The AusIMM New Professional Award shall recognise the contribution by a New Professional to the Minerals Industry through operational, academic, service or other notable achievement.

The New Professional Award will be included in the list of Institute Awards, conducted under the 'Rules Governing Awards of The Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy' and administered by the Awards Committee. A New Professional shall be a Graduate member of the Institute who has graduated from an AusIMM recognised undergraduate degree within the past four years.