

# ERICA SMYTH 'WOMAN IN RESOURCES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT' AWARD



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Erica Smyth has been awarded the 2010 Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia (CME) Women in Resources Lifetime Achievement Award.

With more than 30 years experience in the mineral and petroleum industries, Erica has made significant achievements and milestones for women in the resources sector.

Erica was the first female accepted into the McGill University to undertake an Applied Masters Degree after operating for 25 years; the first woman to be appointed a principal geologist with BHP Minerals 1982, and the first woman to be appointed Chair of the Pilbara Development Commission in 2003.

Erica co-produced the "Red Dust in Her Veins- Women of the Pilbara" book. The book was very well received around Australia and internationally, endorsing women in and around the resources industry.

CME Chief Executive Reg Howard-Smith said the CME Women in Resources Awards judges identified Erica's efforts as exceptional.

"It was an easy decision to award Erica the Women in Resources Lifetime Achievement Award," Mr Howard-Smith said.

"Erica has made an extraordinary contribution to the resources sector during her extensive and varied career.

"We look forward to the year ahead and hope women in the field can look at Erica as a role model, and that women outside the resource industry will be enticed to explore employment opportunities."

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

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