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### Final call for entries in Queensland Mining Contractor Awards 2016

Contractors and suppliers working in Queensland's mining industry have one week left to enter the Queensland Mining Contractor Awards and be recognised by their peers.

The Awards, now in their second year and the only Awards in Australia to specifically recognise contractors, have drawn praise and participation from all levels of the industry and government.

Margaret Davies, former regional supply chain manager for Anglo American and one of this year's QMCA judges, says that businesses should do whatever they can to enter.

*"The need for innovation is a theme that I see recurring throughout the industry, from the top down. If there are businesses of any size out there that are saving time and money for their clients, they deserve to be praised for their efforts,"* said Ms Davies.

Industry heavyweights Downer Group have thrown their support behind the Awards as the major sponsor, and COO Open Cut, Kurt Baumgart, says the contractors and suppliers adding value to the industry have earned their turn in the spotlight.

*"Many contract operators and suppliers are at the leading edge of the industry, driving innovation and setting new benchmarks in efficiency,"* he said.

*"As we enter a new phase of mining in Queensland, the businesses that can use innovation to drive value throughout the supply chain are the ones who will be successful, and the Awards are a great opportunity for the industry to acknowledge those businesses."*

The Awards have a judging panel hailing from the state's leading players, including Arrow Energy's Vice President Health, Safety and Environment Michelle Zaunbrecher, Jellinbah Mine's Production Manager Michael Jones, and former BMA Asset President Lucas Dow.

Bowen Basin Mining Club Director Jodie Currie says that the Awards are a practical demonstration of the value a business can bring to the mining industry.

*"The exposure and industry credibility that an Award finalist or winner would gain, particularly during an industry event such as QME, is an opportunity that should be fully recognised."* said Ms Currie.

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Help and hands-on support is also available for businesses who are daunted by the task of compiling an entry, thanks to the Department of State Development, Mackay.

Winners will be announced during a gala dinner on Wednesday 27 July, as part of QME in Mackay. Tickets for the gala dinner are currently available for \$175 per person or \$1700 for a table of 10.

To find out more about the Awards, support for businesses wishing to enter and to download an entry pack, visit [www.bbminingclub.com/awards](http://www.bbminingclub.com/awards).

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## **2016 QMCA Key Dates**

Friday 29 April  
**Nominations Close**

Friday 17 June  
**Finalists Announced**

Wednesday 27 July  
**Gala Presentation Dinner - Mackay**

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